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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 4X - Look for 4X0B to be active from the baptism site of Qasr al-Yahud on the banks of the Jordan River (Holyland square M17YN) on 28 January. QSL via 4X6ZM. [TNX 4Z4DX]
- 5T - Jean, 5T0JL (ON8RA) will be active again (CW only) as 5T0ITU on 1 February. The special callsign will be used during ITU events, in this case the 7th meeting of CWG-LANG (the ITU Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages of the Union). 5T0ITU will be QRV on several other occasions during 2017. See www.qrz.com/db/5T0ITU for Jean's activity calendar, and make sure to comply with his operating habits. QSL direct to ON8RA.
- 9M2 - A team will be active as 9M4LI from Lalang Island (AS-072), West Malaysia on 3-5 February. QSL direct to 9W2NDQ.
- FO/A - Neil VA7DX, Keith VE7KW, Madison W5MJ and Bob W5RF will be active as TX5T (www.australs2017.com) from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands from 20 February to 3 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10m. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (www.m0urx.com). [TNX M0URX]
- HA - Special callsign HG14HST is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on 8-12 September (see www.hst2017.org/en/ for complete details). QSL via HA2NA and LoTW.
- HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again from Ecuador from 21 January to 9 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-6 metres as HC1MD from Tumbaco (Pichincha Province) and as HC1MD/HC2 from Ballenita (Santa Elena Province). QSL via K8LJG (direct) and LoTW.
- J7 - David, KK4WW and Gaynell, KK4WWW will be active as J79WW, J79WWW and J79USA from Dominica (NA-101) from 20 January to 1 February. QSLs via N4USA. [TNX DX World]
- PY - Murilo, PY2DS will be active as PR2GU from Ilha do Guarau (SA-071) on 20-21 January for "just a few hours". Expect him to operate CW and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via PY2DS, direct or bureau.
- UA2 - Special callsigns R1336FO and R680FBO will be active from 20 January to 20 April for the 680th anniversary of the the city of Chernyakhovsk (formerly known as Insterburg), Kaliningrad. QSL via R2FBO. [TNX qrz.ru]
- UN - UP28UA and other twelve special callsigns representing the various sports (UP28UAS, UP28UBA, UP28UCL, UP28UCS, UP28UFS, UP28UIH, UP28UNC, UP28USB, UP28USJ, UP28USK, UP28USS and UP28UST) will be active from 28 January to 8 February for the XXVIII Winter Universiade (the World University Games organized by the International University Sports Federation) to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. See <http://aarsk.kz/> for information on the award

programme. Paper QSLs via DL8KAC (direct); electronic QSLs will be available on <http://almaty2017.hamlog.ru/>.

- V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from Belize on 9-14 February. He will operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]
- VE - VY0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located in the environs of the weather station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008), will be active again from 22 January until early April. "QRV time will be as and when conditions allow". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX M0OXO]
- VQ9 - Steve, W3HF will be active as VQ9HF from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands on 20-27 January. He plans to operate PSK31 on 40-10 metres in his spare time. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]
- W - Look for W2IQW and AC0QG to be active as N5A from South Padre Island (NA-092) between 18 January and 1 February. This special callsign for promoting and participating in the Winter Field Day (www.winterfieldday.com, 28-29 January). QSL direct to AC0QG. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- W - The "KB7QPS Air, Space, and Technology Operating Event" will "commemorate man's historical milestones in air, space, and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve 1x1 callsigns during 2017. The first one is N7R (19-23 January), celebrating "Three Generations of Mars Rovers"; it will be followed by W7J (2-6 February) for the "Discovery of Jupiter's Galilean Moons". See <http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/> for complete information. QSL direct to KB7QPS.
- YB - Leo, YC9MLL will be active from Flores Island (OC-151) [425DXN 1339] between 18 and 25 January, and again between 21 and 24 July. He will operate mainly SSB on 15 metres, but he might also give 20 and 40 metres a try. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (www.m0oxo.com) or direct only (for traditional cards) to Charles Wilmott, 60 Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4NG, United Kingdom. [TNX M0OXO]
- YB - Emmanuel, F5LIT will be active as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island (OC-022) from 27 January to 7 February. He will operate SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- YJ - Rod, YJ8RN departed for Gaua (formerly known as Santa Maria Island, OC-104) on 18 January and will be working there for a while. He hopes to be QRV on 40 and 20 metres between 6 and 9 UTC. QSL via NZ4DX. [TNX The Daily DX]

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3Y0Z: BOUVET 2018 ---> The "Team Statement of Commitment" that can be found on the DXpedition's website (www.bouvetdx.org) reads as follows:

A DXpedition to Bouvet is not to be taken lightly. Bouvet is a serious and dangerous place that demands attention to safety, serious planning,

physical and mental endurance, time to allow for storms and rough seas and a team with the right balance of size, experience, talent, emotional stability and sense of purpose. We feel we have met these criteria, but when we arrive at Bouvet, we also need to attend to our obligations to you, our financial supporters and DX audience. How we meet those obligations and expectations will define us as a team.

It is our belief that, given the rarity of this entity, we must pull out all the stops. We must utilize maximum legal power, the best antennas, world class transceivers, propagation studies, the best location on the island, a safe vessel and crew, highly qualified helicopter pilots and the complementary resources of our team. We will need near real-time information flowing to us through our extensive pilot system, so that we can maximize our primary purpose - providing QSOs.

We have a conscience. We will not do this just for the sake of doing it and end up using a compromised location, less than 24/7 coverage of all open bands, limited power, inefficient antennas and insufficient time at the island. We want to do this right, and give everyone the best possible chance of making the QSOs they desire, be they on 160, the WARC bands, SSB, CW, RTTY or 6 and 2 meter EME.

Rest assured that we will do our very best for you! No shortcuts or compromises!

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2016 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

IOTA NEWS ---> "A final reminder that the last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2017 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2017", Roger Balister (G3KMA) posted to www.rsgbiota.org on 19 January. "If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. It is important that participants who have not updated since the 2012 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2017. Chasers with a pending score of more than 100 IOTAs valid for the basic award who have never submitted an application should consider entering the programme now. The IOTA Board has before it a proposal to withdraw chasers' access to records that are being used for essentially private benefit without any apparent intention to enter the programme".

+ SILENT KEY + Kurt Bindschedler, HB9MX passed away on 17 January. Born in 1926, he was the doyen of Swiss DXers and the first President of the Swiss DX Foundation. Over a 15-year span he operated multiple times as S79MX from the Seychelles, including activity from at that time rare IOTA groups such as the Aldabra, Cosmoledo, Amirante and Farquhar Islands.

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| 3B9FR | M0OXO | EM500L | UR6LLC | T88HS | JA6KYU |
| 3D2JS | WB2TJO | EN1UCF | UR7UT | T88TK | JI6BFF |
| 3V8CB | LX1NO | FS4WBS | IZ1MHY | T88UW | JH7IPR |
| 4K9W | DL6KVA | GB2GM | G3UCQ | T88WM | JQ6FQI |
| 4L9M | R3XA | GB8KW | G0UKN | TM57A | F-11734 |
| 4M1K | OH0XX | HC1WDT | W0OR | TM57D | F-11734 |
| 4M4C | YV4YC | HF6ESK | SP6PWW | TM57H | F-11734 |
| 4S7KKG | DC0KK | HG14HST | HA2NA | TM57N | F-11734 |
| 7Q7BP | G3MRC | HH2AA | NR6M | UE74M | RQ7L |
| 7U9C | SM4VPZ | HH8/N3BNA | KA2AEV | V31AX | M0URX |
| 7X5KBS | 2E0SDV | HK1MW | N2OO | V31RF | K8NDS |
| 8Q7RB | GM4DLG | HP2/IZ2ZTQ | IZ2LSP | [d] V31VC | SP7VC |
| 9A1957AA | 9A2AA | HP2/IZ2ZTQ | IZ2ZTQ | [b] V31WO | WO9K |
| 9H2017EU | 9H1SP | HV0A | IK0FVC | V31YN | DJ4KW |
| 9M6XRO | M0URX | J79WTA | HB9MFM | V51RJ | EA7FTR |
| 9Q6AL | DF9TA | KC4AAA | K1IED | V51WH | DK2WH |
| A45WH | NI5DX | KL7SB/VP9 | NI5DX | V63ARJ | JA3ARJ |
| A62A | A61BK | LZ114RF | LZ1YE | V63LSS | JH3LSS |
| A65BG | PA5M | NH0DX/NH2 | JL3RDC | VE100VIMY/VE2 | N7RO |
| A65DR | N4GNR | OF0TA | OH2TA | VE100VIMY/VE3 | N7RO |
| A71TA | IZ8CLM | OH100FIN | OH2AP | VK3FY/DU8 | M0OXO |
| A71YY | M0OXO | OK2RRR | OK2RZ | VP2VAW | W4KZK |
| A75GT | N4GNR | OM42KYSUCE | OM3CND | VP8DMH | M0PRL |
| AP2TN | DJ9ZB | OX90EDR | OZ1ACB | VR2USJ | JF1RCY |
| AU2WBR | VU2NRO | P29LL | EA7FTR | VU2RBQ | DJ9RB |
| CN2VB | UA4WHX | R1238M | RK3AW | W2T | KC2SWB |
| CO6HLP | IZ1DSH | R170VN | RW3VA | W3T | W4AAW |
| CX2AQ | EA5KB | R17TCNY | RN3RQ | [b] XR7T | CE7PGO |
| D2XX | CT1CRS | R17TCNY | UA3RU | [d] XT2HB | F5MVB |
| DC500LS | DM2AJK | R1CA/P | R1CX | XW4ZW | K1SE |
| DM5LUTHER | DJ6SI | R1QAP | RA1QV | [b] YJ0WW | JA2NQG |
| DP0GVN | DL5EBE | R1QAP | UA1QV | [d] ZD8KFC | N4GNR |
| DU1/JA3FJE | JN3VQM | R90DOSAAF | RN3RQ | ZD8SC | WB4GHY |
| DU1KA | NR6M | RI1ANA | ZS10IN | ZF2LC | W2SM |
| E51ADD | K7ADD | RZ1CWC | RW6HS | ZF2PG | K8PGJ |
| E51AMF | K7ADD | SN0GKR | SP3PGR | ZS8Z | ZS1LS |
| E51WWA | AD7AF | SN25BWOSP | SQ40 | ZV2CV | PY2XIZ |
| EI55WAW | EI6AL | T88AQ | JH6WDG | ZZ8P | PT2GTI |

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