9A - Eddy, DM5JBN will be active as 9A/DM5JBN from the islands of Hvar (EU-016) from 28 June to 2 July, and Brac (EU-016) on 4-9 July. He operates mainly CW and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

9A - Giovanni, IK1WEG will be active as 9A/IK1WEG from Rab Island (EU-136) on 7-19 August. He will operate mainly CW on the HF and VHF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IK1WEG]

9M2 - Tak, JE1SCJ and Tex, 9M2TO will be active as 9M4DXX/p from Pulau Perhentian Kecil (AS-073), West Malaysia on 24-26 June. They will operate CW and JT65 on 40-10 metres. [TNX DX World]

A2 - Theo, ZS6TVB will be active as A25TVB on 16-19 June. Several other short trips to Botswana are planned over the next year. He will operate SSB mostly on 20 metres, with 40, 17, 12 and 10m as other possible bands. QSL via N4GNR and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

BY - A team from the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC) will be active as B7CRA from Yongxing Island (AS-143) from 26 June to 2 July (dates might be subject to change). They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes with 2-3 stations on 80-6 metres (30m excluded). QSL via BA4TB (OQRS). [TNX BA4TB]

CT8 - Thomas, DC8TM and Martina, DF3TS will be active as CT8/DC8TM/p and CT8/DF3TS/p from the Azores from 19 June to 10 July. They will operate SSB on 20 and 17 metres (14244, 14280, 18144, 18130 kHz) and be QRV for 2-3 hours at a time from various nature reserves, mountains and lighthouses located on six islands and three IOTA groups: Terceira (EU-175, 19-21 June), Flores (EU-089, 22-24 June), Faial (EU-175, 25-27 June), Sao Jorge (EU-175, 28-30 June), Pico (EU-175, 1-5 July) and Sao Miguel (EU-003, 6-10 July). See https://www.qrz.com/db/DC8TM for more information.

DU - Sadao, JA1PBV has been active as DU6/JA1PBV from the Semirara Islands (OC-125) since 14 June, and will remain there until the 18th. QSL via home call. Earlier this month he operated as DU2/JA1PBV from IOTA group OC-092, and in February he used the same callsign from OC-093. [TNX The Daily DX]

DU - Gil, 4F2KWT will be active as 4G1L from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 7-9 July. He will operate CW and RTTY on 30 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

GD - John, GW4SKA will be active again as GD4SKA from the Isle of Man (EU-116) from 29 June to 9 July. He will operate only RTTY and JT65 on the HF bands. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (http://www.m0oxo.com/) or direct only to M0OXO. [TNX M0OXO]

GM - Keith, G3TTC plans to operate holiday style as GM3TTC/p from "several islands" in IOTA groups EU-123 and EU-008 from 19 June until 1 August. "Please no paper QSLs", he says, as IOTA credit will be given through Club Log's matching. [TNX G3TTC]
GM - A large team from the Cockenzie and Port Seton ARC will be active from the Isle of Tiree (EU-008) on 28-30 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as GM2T, and might be QRV as MM0CPS before the contest. QSL via GM4UYZ (direct or bureau), Club Log, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GM - Iain, G4SGX will be active as GM4U/p from the Isle of Jura (EU-008) from 28 July to 1 August. QSL via home call. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

I - ARI Sondrio will be active as II2VALT between 1 and 31 July in remembrance of the 30th anniversary of the landslide and flood emergency in Valtellina (Northern Italian Alps). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX IZ2ZPH]

JW - Peter, LA7QIA will be active again as JW7QIA from Spitsbergen (EU-026), Svalbard from 24 June to 1 July. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes, with a focus on 6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

RI1F - The RI1F DXpedition team expects to leave Murmansk on 27 September [425DXN 1357], and to be QRV from Victoriya Island on 1-7 October. This island is a "new one" for IOTA (EU-190), but DXCC wise is part of Franz Josef Land. Bookmark https://www.qrz.com/db/ri1f and http://legendsarctic.com for updates.

SV9 - SV0XBF (VK2IR), SV1AJO, SV1GE, SV1JG and SV1ME will be active as SX9VK from Gavdos Island (EU-187) on 1-9 July. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via SV1JG (direct or bureau), Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX SV1JG]

T32 - Ken, KH6QJ will be active again as T32AZ from Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024), East Kiribati from 28 June to 4 July. He will be QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via KH6QJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - JR1FKR will be active as T88TJ from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 28 June to 2 July. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL via JR1FKR, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW.

UA - A quadrennial international men's football (soccer) tournament organised by FIFA, the 2017 Confederations Cup will be held in Russia as a prelude to the 2018 FIFA World Cup. R17CUP and other eight special callsigns representing the teams participating in the tournament (namely R17AUS for Australia, R17CHL for Chile, R17CMR for Cameroon, R17DEU for Germany, R17MEX for Mexico, R17NZL for New Zealand, R17PRT for Portugal and R17RUS for Russia) will be active from 17 June until 16 UTC on 2 July. See http://cup2017.hamlog.ru for the award programme. [TNX qrz.ru]

UA - R4CR, RA1ALA and RVICCC will be active as RJ75OS from Sukho Island (not IOTA) in Lake Ladoga on 23-26 June. QSL direct to RA1ALA.

V3 - David, KG5CCI will be active holiday style as V31CI from Ambergris Caye (NA-073) on 21-27 June. He will be QRV on satellites, 6 metres (digital and SSB) and possibly on the HF bands. QSL via LOTW, or direct to KG5CCI.

VE - Stanley, WS5K will be active as VY2/WS5K from Prince Edward Island (NA-029) from 28 June to 10 July. QSL via LoTW or M0URX's OQRS (http://www.m0urx.com/oqrs/).

VP2M - Tom/DJ6TF, Manfred/DK1BT, Wolf/DL4WK, Sigi/DL7DF, Frank/DL7UFR, Rolif/DL7VEE and Les/SP3DOI will be active as VP2MDL from Montserrat (NA-103) on 6-20 November. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and
PSK31 on 160-10 metres with two stations. QSLs via DL7DF, direct or bureau, and LoTW "within six months after the DXpedition". See http://www.dl7df.com/vp2m/ for logsearch and OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

W -- The following stations will be active during the 9th annual "13 Colonies Special Event", which will be held from 13 UTC on 1 July until 4 UTC on 7 July: K2A (New York), K2B (Virginia), K2C (Rhode Island), K2D (Connecticut), K2E (Delaware), K2F (Maryland), K2G (Georgia), K2H (Massachusetts), K2I (New Jersey), K2J (North Carolina), K2K (New Hampshire), K2L (South Carolina) and K2M (Pennsylvania). QSL routes and information on the award programme can be found on http://www.13colonies.net/.

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IMA ---> The Israel Mountains Award programme (IMA) is for activating and chasing amateur radio stations from Israeli mountains. Complete information can be found at http://4xima.blogspot.co.il/?m=1. [TNX 4X4-2238]

WORLD CASTLES WEEKEND ---> The 8th edition of this popular activity weekend will be held on 17-18 June. Information on the event and the World Castles Award can be found on http://wcagroup.org/.

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