3D2 - Bill, VK4FW will be active holiday style as 3D2T from Viti Levu (OC-016), Fiji on 16-27 July. He will operate mainly CW on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX QRZ DX]

4L - Armen 4L6DL, Sergo 4L6QC, Antoine F5RAB, Luc F5RAV and Alexander UR5EAW will be active as 4L0GF from Zeda Tkhilnari, Georgia on 3-13 August. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands. QSL via F5RAV (direct), LoTW and eQSL; the log will be uploaded to Club Log. [TNX DX World]

9A - Active from Vis Island (EU-016) will be 9A0AA (25-31 July, IOTA Contest included, QSL via S59A) and 9A72DP (25 July-2 August, QSL via 9A6W, bureau preferred). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

CT7 - Special event station CR6D will be active on 17-23 July for the 36th International Motorcycle Rally in Faro, Portugal. Expect activity on 806 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via CT1EHX.

DU - Ger, PG5V will be active holiday style as DU1/PG5V from Muntinlupa, Metro Manila (OC-042) between 18 July and 16 August. He will operate JT modes, CW and some SSB on 40-6 meters. QSL via PG5V (bureau preferred) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

E5_sc - Alex, F4GHS will be active holiday style as E51GHS from Aitutaki (OC-083) on 7-16 August, and then from Rarotonga (OC-013) until 25 August. DXCC wise, both the islands count for the South Cook Islands. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA6 - Andy, DK5ON will be active as EA6/DK5ON from Mallorca, Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 17-31 July, including an entry in the IOTA Contest. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes (JT65, RTTY, PSK31) on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or DK5ON (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

ES - Juri, ES8GP will be active as ES0GP from Manilaid Island (EU-178) on 24-31 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via ES8GP, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

F - Christophe F4ELI, Andy F4ELK and Didier F6DXE will operate SSB and CW as TM5VI from ile Vierge (EU-105) during the IOTA Contest on 29-30 July. QSL via F4ELK, direct or bureau.

GW - A team from the Barry Amateur Radio Society will be active as GB4RME from The Royal Mint's headquarters in Llantrisant, Wales from 31 July to 5 August. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, JT65 and satellite. QSL via GW0ANA (direct or bureau), Club Log and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

I - ARI Acireale will be active as IQ9BF/P from Lachea Island (EU-166) for a few hours on 22 July. Activity will be on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via the bureau. [TNX IT9AAK]

JA - Take, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/1 from Shikine Island (AS-008) on 27-31 July. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
KH9 - Randy, WW6RG will be active again as WW6RG/KH9 from Wake Island (OC-053) for a few hours on 20 July and 17 August. He will operate QRP SSB on 20 metres (14205 and 14235 kHz) approximately between 03.30 UTC and 07.30 UTC. QSL via home call (direct). [TNX The Daily DX]

LA - Uwe, DG1RUG will be active holiday style as LA/DG1RUG from Averoya (EU-036) from 24 July to 4 August. He will concentrate activity on 30 and 20 metres PSK31, MFSK16 and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

OE - The Moedlinger Amateurfunkclub will be active as OE17BEACH from 28 July to 6 August for the Beach Volleyball World Championships that will be held in Vienna. QSL via OE3KLU. [TNX OE3KLU]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ (http://geronne.dk/index.php/ox3lx/ox3lx-dxped) will be active again as OX3LX from Ilulissat (GP49KF), Greenland (NA-018) on 18-27 July. He will be QRV on 6 metres "and some HF too". This is not a DXpedition and Bo operates in his spare time, typically "around lunch and after dinner". QSL via OZ0J, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

OY - Marq, CT1BWW will be active as OY/CT1BWW from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) on 1-10 August. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via CT1BWW (direct) or via EA4URE (bureau). [TNX DX World]

OZ - 5P7HA (Holger DL1COP), 5P7KI (Peter DH2KI), 5P7MA (Monika DC7MO) and 5P7SI (Henry (DL2RSI) will be active from the Danish island of Mando (EU-125) on 21-28 July. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

SP - Special callsign HF6TWG will be active on 20-30 July during the 10th World Games to be held in Wroclaw, Poland. QSL via SP6PKO. The World Games are an international multi-sport event, meant for sports, or disciplines or events within a sport, that are not contested in the Olympic Games.

T8 - Ted, JA7XBG will be active again as T88GA from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 22-30 July. He will be QRV on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA7XBG. [TNX NG3K]

UA - The RI0C team has reached Nikolayevsk-on-Amur, their port of embarkation to Iony Island (AS-069). They expected to be QRV from Iony on 18-22 July [425DXN 1366], but the dates will have to be adjusted. Their yacht's departure from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky has been delayed for 3-4 days, so while waiting for the ship to arrive they will be active as R24RRC from nearby Baidukov Island (AS-114). Plans are to be QRV around 12 UTC on 15 July for 2-4 days. Check http://www.iony2017.com/plans for updates and realtime tracking.

V2 - IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH will be active again as V29SH from Antigua (NA-100) from 23 July to 5 August. He will be QRV holiday style with an emphasis on 30 and 17 metres. QSL via LoTW or VE6SH.

V7 - Randy, WW6RG will be active again as V73/WW6RG from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands for a few hours on 24 and 26 July, and again on 21 and 23 August. He will operate SSB on 20 metres (14205 and 14235 kHz) approximately between 03.30 UTC and 08.00 UTC. QSL via home call (direct). [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Mike, K11U will be active again as K11U/VE9 from Grand Manan Island (NA-014) on 23-30 July. He will operate CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via K11U and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]
VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/8 from North Island (OC-198) on 12-16 October [425DXN 1355]. While "planning and detailed preparations to ensure things run smoothly and safely continue", his website (https://oc198.wordpress.com/) "has been significantly updated" and now includes a propagation page with a direct link to K6TU's Propagation Service. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (search for VK5CE/8_OC198), or via VK5CE (direct or bureau).

W - Dave, W7UUU will be active as K1T from 23 July to 5 August. The special callsign is dedicated to Howard E. Anthony, who 70 years ago "introduced the first Heath product, soon to be called a Heathkit - and changed the world of kit building forever - creating a standard still referred to today". QSL via W7UUU (direct) and LoTW.

YB - The July operation planned by Leo, YC9MLL from Flores Island (OC-151) [425DXN 1342] has had to be cancelled "due to personal reasons". [TNX M0OXO]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The June 2017 issue is now available for download at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

5L3BI ---> Dickson, EL2DT will attend Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen this coming weekend, and will give a short presentation on the DXpedition to Baiyah Island (AF-111, new one for IOTA) [425DXN 1361] at the IOTA Forum on Saturday 15 July, between 10.00 and 11.45 hours in Halle A2 Raum 1.

"Since our first Press Release we have incurred additional costs which have been fully met by the team. We feel these recce trips are essential to identify the variables on this otherwise unknown piece of rock! To get there, we have decided to hire a 4x4 and to drive the 400 kilometer dirt track to where we will meet the boat that will take us to the island.

A further recce trip will be made by both Richmond EL2BG and Dickson EL2DT likely at the end of August - this time to land on the island and to find suitable position(s) to set up our stations and antennas. It's very important to maintain our relationship with the local elders and villagers who are giving us the necessary access to land on Baiyah.

Jeremy EI5GM, Dave EI9FBB and Col MM0NDX have now booked their flights to Monrovia. All going well and following our intended itinerary, we hope to be QRV from October 31st (slightly earlier than initially announced). We aim to have 3 stations active simultaneously from the island - no mean feat considering the island is not very inviting and landing areas are few. Our operation will be short (3 days) but very intense! Please respect our wishes as we will try to give out this new IOTA reference to as many uniques as possible.

The ever efficient Charles M0OXO will be our QSL manager. Expect the usual high standard from him.

A further news update will be issued once the final recce trip has been completed. In the meantime, we sincerely thank those clubs, organisations
and individual donors who have donated to the 5L3BI project so far. Please see https://af111new.com/support/ for full listings and on how you too can donate. [TNX MM0NDX]

A CHANGE IN THE DXCC RULES ---> "In July 2004, changes were made to the DXCC List Criteria that - as time would tell - rendered the criteria ineffective", Wayne, N7NG posted to The DX University on 12 July. "Of immediate importance now - after more than 13 years - is a change in the DXCC Rules that will restore the efficacy of the 1998 DXCC-2000 List Criteria, indeed the heart of the DXCC program itself. [...] We hope to see a change coming within the next ten days". See http://www.dxuniversity.com/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG/p (OC-060), 3W9D2, 4O6AH, 5N7ATI/4 (AF-076), 5U5R, 5V7P, 7Q7BP, 9H3XG, 9M4IOTA (AS-046), A25UK, A35JP/p (OC-123), AH0CO/KL7, C082Z, CT3BH, E31A, E73S, EL2BG, HB0/GM4UYE, HL5IVL, HP3SS, HS0ZLM, J70BH, OF9X, OY/MM0ZBH, P29VXG (OC-008), PH17ANT, RI1AND, RT9K/9 (AS-005), S01WS, TF3ML, TN5E, TU7C, VP2ETE.

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