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## **** DX INFORMATION ****

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A7 - Three operators from the Lufthansa ARC Hamburg (namely DF4HR, DK2DO and DL1BDF) have been active again as A71DLH from Qatar since 11 January, and will remain QRV on all bands CW, SSB and digital modes until 17 January. QSL via DL0LH.

C9 - Johannes, PA5X (C93PA) and Gerben, PG5M (http://dx.to/) will be active as C8X and C81G respectively from Ibo Island (AF-061) from 28 January to 5 February. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home calls. [TNX PG5M]

DU - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU1/SP5APW from Palawan Island (OC-128) on 13-18 March. He will operate mainly SSB on 17 and 20 metres. QSL via home call (direct or bureau) or LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active again as FG/F6ITD and TO7D from La Desirade, Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 29 January to 15 March. Plans are to focus on the low bands SSB and on FT8. QSLs via LoTW (preferred) or F6ITD; logsearch on Club Log.

H40 - There have been some changes in VE3LYC's original time schedule of his Duff Islands project [425DXN 1389]. Cezar has decided to start earlier and lengthen the DXpedition by a week, in order to include some contingency in case weather and sea conditions delay the voyage to Taumako (OC-179). "If everything works well", he says, "I should be finished with OC-179 before the end of April, and hopefully have time to operate from a second or perhaps even a third IOTA group in the area". His second target can be the Vanikolo and Utupua Islands group (OC-163, H40), and the third the Florida Islands (OC-158, H44). Bookmark http://oc-179.weebly.com for updates.

J5 - Livio, IZ3BUR will be active in his spare time as J52EC from Father Gianfranco's (J52OFM) mission at Cumura, Guinea-Bissau between 24 January and 21 February. QSL via IZ3BUR.

J8 - Brian, GW4DVB will be active again as J88PI from Palm Island (NA-025) on 21-27 January. QSL via home call, direct only (PayPal information on http://www.g4dvb.co.uk); logsearch on Club Log.

LA - Special callsigns LM90C, LM90HQ and LM90NRRL will be used throughout 2018 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Norsk Radio Relae Liga (NRRL), the Norwegian IARU Society. QSL via the bureau.

OA - Special callsign OC4MS will be active on 27-28 January from the archeological site of Mateo Salado in Lima, Peru. Two stations will operate CW, SSB and various digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via OA4O.

P4 - Mathias, DL4MM, will be active as P4/DL4MM from Aruba (SA-036) on

24-31 January. He will participate in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest as P40AA. Outside the contest he will focus on the low bands, with "special attention to JA and Asia on 80/160m". [TNX NG3K]

SP - Special stations 3Z26FIN (12 January), HF26FIN (14 January), SP26FIN (15 January), SP26WOSP (14 January) and SQ26FIN (13 January) will be active around the 26th Grand Finale fundraiser of the Wielka Orkiestra Swiatecznej Pomocy (WOSP), Poland's biggest charity organization. An award for working 3 different callsigns will be available at https://wosp.hamlog.ru/. [TNX SP2FAP]

TY - A multi-national team (DJ3CQ, DL1CW, DL3GA, F1HRE, F1ULQ, F4AZF, F5MFV, F5NTZ, OE7PGI and possibly other two operators) will be active from Benin on 7-18 March (callsign TBA). They will have four stations running on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes (FT8 included). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW, or via F5GSJ (direct or bureau). Bookmark https://ty2018dx.wordpress.com/ for more information and updates. [TNX F5NQL]

V3 - Paul, VE3AXT is active again as V31AX from Consejo Shores, mainland Belize until 4 April. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (http://m0urx.com/oqrs) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

V3 - Art, NN7A will be active again as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 8-14 February. He will operate mainly CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via NN7A (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]

V4 - Bernie, W3UR will be active holiday style as V47UR from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 29 January to 12 February. He will operate CW, SSB and some FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via NR6M. [TNX The Daily DX]

V6 - Sumio, JI1MDM will be active from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 15-18 January. He will operate SSB as V63AKB48 (correct call) and FT8 as V63AKB on 20, 17, 15 and 12 metres. QSL via the bureau to JI1MDM.

VK - Andy, VK5MAV plans to be active as VK5MAV/9 from Cato Reef (OC-265) for six days in April or May. "I'm ready for such expedition technically", he says, "but not financially". Any support will be much appreciated. Apparently this "group of rare Australian islands is in a process of management plan change", which will include "more strict control of access" and "total ban on camping". See https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5MAV/9 for more information. [TNX VK5MAV]

VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/6 from three IOTA groups in Western Australia in June. Plans are to be QRV from Woody Island (OC-170) for 2-3 days, from East Lewis Island (OC-199) for 3-4 days and from Direction Island (OC-140) for 3-4 days. Details will be published on https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/ in due course. [TNX VK5CE]

W - Howie, K1VSJ will be active from Key Colony Beach (NA-062) from 15 January to 15 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - KM1CC, the Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club, will be active from 13 UTC on 18 January through 21 UTC on 19 January from rare grid FN51 to honour "Marconi's vision and achievements in wireless communications on the 115th anniversary of the first transatlantic transmission from his South Wellfleet, USA wireless to his Poldhu,

UK station". Look for activity on 80-15 metres SSB (3660-3860, 7130-7260, 14260, 18160, 21360 kHz) and CW (3535, 7035, 10110, 14035, 18080, 21035 kHz). QSL to KM1CC or via LoTW.

YB - Emmanuel, F5LIT will be active again as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island (OC-022) from 30 January to 10 February. He will operate SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

YJ - Grant, VK5GR will be active holiday style as YJ0AG (requested callsign) from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 17-29 April. He will operate digital modes (RTTY, FT8, PSK, Olivia) on 80-10 metres, with some SSB and maybe some CW. He also plans "an SSTV activity day". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX VK5GR]

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3Y0Z: BOUVET 2018 ---> The 3Y0Z team will be active as 3G9A/mm during their voyage aboard the MV Betanzos from King George Island (South Shetlands) to Bouvet. QSL via N2OO. The team will be using a satellite tracking device that will enable you to follow their progress on a near-real time map: https://share.garmin.com/bouvet.

IDXC 2018 ---> Registration for the 69th Annual International DX Convention, to be held on 20-22 April at the Visalia Convention Center in Visalia (CA), will begin on 15 January at 17 UTC: http://www.dxconvention.org/.

IOTA NEWS ---> "The last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2018 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2018", G3KMA posted to https://iota-world.org/. "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 2013 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2018. Of interest this year is that in addition to the 2017 IOTA Contest logs a much larger number of logs of IOTA operations on Club Log have recently been made available for QSO matching". It is possible to get IOTA credits through QSO matching for irregular log names. To facilitate this, the log names are now listed on the accepted activations tab. In order to get a match for AA1AA/P on XX-yyy with the log name AA1AA/P_XX-yyy, the chaser must upload to Club Log a QSO with the callsign AA1AA/P_XX-yyy. Once the match is obtained, the system will automatically use the proper callsign in the subsequent credit application. For any questions contact info@iota-world.org

SWODXA DX DINNER ---> The 33rd DX Dinner, sponsored again by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) and held in conjunction with the 2018 Dayton Hamvention, will be on Friday, 18 May at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton.

Dinner tickets can be ordered by going to www.swodxaevents.org; programme details and a list of the prizes will be on the website as they become available. [TNX W8GEX]

VOACAP ---> Jari, OH6BG is "happy to introduce a new functionality at the VOACAP Online P2P (poit-to-point) HF propagation prediction service (http://www.voacap.com/p2p), namely assessment of the Best Operating Frequencies for every hour of the day for the circuit chosen. This means That all ham radio bands are being considered and, after a careful evaluation, the three best bands will be displayed, together with some VOACAP prediction data. To use the new service, just click on the new button labeled 'Best FREQ', located just below the graphs on the front page". More information can be found on https://voacap.blogspot.com.

ZS8Z QRT ---> David, ZS8Z (ZS1BCE) uploaded his last QSO to Club Log on 19 November 2017, and has been off the air from Marion Island since then. According to the South African Sunday Times, the 20-people science mission on the island "is stranded with an 'unstable' team member, a faulty generator and a critical food shortage". Reportedly an Indian relief ship is on the way with food and fuel, but David is unlikely to get back on the air before departing Marion in May.

+ SILENT KEYS + We mourn the tragic loss of David Collingham, K3LP, who died on 5 January after falling through the ice on a pond while attempting to rescue his stranded dog. He was 59 years old. First licensed in 1975, he was very active in DXpeditions, contesting, youth development and charity projects. He visited over 100 different DXCC Entities, operated from 63 of them and participated in over 75 DXpeditions - 3D2DC (Fiji 2004 and 2011), T33C (Banaba 2004), T30LP (West Kiribati 2004), K3LP/KP5 (Desecheo 2005), VU4AN/VU3RWO (Andaman Islands 2006), 5A7A (Libya 2006), N8S (Swains Island 2007), 5W3LP (Samoa 2007), YI9PSE (Iraq 2010), ST0R (South Sudan 2011), 3D2R (Rotuma 2011), ET3AA (Ethiopia Youth Project 2011), 7O6T (Socotra Island, Yemen 2012), XZ1J (Myanmar 2013), VP8STI (South Sandwich 2016), VP8SGI (South Georgia 2016) and 5U5R (Niger 2017), just to name a few. In 2014 he was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Read N6PSE's touching Tribute on https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2018/01/09/tribute-to-david-collingham-k3lp/

Hans-Rudolf "Rudi" Lauber, HB9RG passed away on 26 December at 92 years of age. "Rudi was a multi-faceted ham and active in many different disciplines of our hobby", Pete, HB9PL says. "He not only held an astonishing score of first VHF/UHF contacts between Switzerland and the rest of Europe as well as beyond, but was initiator, sponsor and driving wheel of a group of enthusiast who in the second half of the fifties realised the first EME QSOs out of Switzerland. During the last few decades he shifted his activities towards DX and achieved DXCC Honor Roll No.1 status (339/358 Mixed) in remarkably short time. His sincere, eloquent, competent and helpful manners will be widely missed".

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 5A1AL, 5Z4/DL2RMC, 9J2BO, B90IARU, CT9/DL5AXX, E51WL, EP2LMA, FK/JR3RIU (OC-032), H40GC, HC8LUT, J5T (AF-020), J68GD, JT5DX, JY5IB, PY0F/PP1CZ, RI0ZF (AS-039), S21ED, S21ZAS (AS-127), S21ZDC (AS-140), SU9JG, TI7W, TU2C, VK5CE/7 (OC-233), VK5CE/8 (OC-198),

VK9AR (OC-216), VK9AR/6 (OC-234), VK9CI, VK9CZ, VK9XI, VP2MDL, VP9/DL7LX.

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