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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4X - Special callsigns 4X70I, 4X70S, 4X70R, 4X70A, 4X70E, 4X70L and 4Z70IARC will be active from 19 April until 27 June to celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary. Logsearch and electronic certificate on http://israel70.iarc.org/.

9A - Dusan, S52DG will be active holiday style as 9A/S52DG/p from Krk Island (EU-136) on 12-15 April. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX ODPX Bulletin]

9A - A team of eight (9A1MB, 9A2SC, 9A3DF, 9A3ST, 9A4WY, 9A5VS, 9A5YY and 9A6AA) will be active as 9A90P from Vela Palagruza (EU-090) on 16-23 June. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL 9A90P via 9A2MF. They might also be active under their home callsigns from the neighbouring islands of Mala Palagruza and Galijula (both count for EU-090).

C5 - Pedro, ON7WP is active again as C5WP from The Gambia until 13 April. He plans to focus on FT8 in his spare time. QSL via ON7WP, direct only. [TNX DX World]

CY9 - "After considerable analysis and discussions as to expected band conditions", the 1-9 August CY9C DXpedition to St. Paul Island [425DXN 1377] has been cancelled. The team looks foward to a future effort "when conditions significantly improve". [TNX DX World]

E5 - Oleh, KD7WPJ (UR5BCP) will be active as E51BCP from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 15-20 April. He will operate CW, SSB, digital modes and FM on 40-6 metres. He also plans some SOTA activity. QSL via KD7WPJ. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA8 - Mike, DG5LAC will be active as EA8/DG5LAC from Fuerteventura, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 14-28 April. He will operate SSB, FT8 and CW. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (bureau). [TNX NG3K]

FP - Once again Eric, KV1J will be active as FP/KV1J from Miquelon Island (NA-032) on 3-17 July, including activity during the DL-DX RTTY Contest and the IARU HF World Championship. Plans are to operate mainly SSB and RTTY with some CW and FT8 on 80-10 metres, "generally on the highest frequency band open". He will also "be checking 6m for indications of openings". Activity on 160 metres will depend on antenna layout. QSL via home call, LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch on Club Log. See http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July18.html for more information.

HB0 - The PI4RAZ Radio Club will conduct their annual expedition to Liechtenstein on 7-14 April. Look for HB0/PA2HGJ, HB0/PA2RDK, HB0/PA3CNO, HB0/PA3DFR, HB0/PE0MGB and HB0/PE1FLO to be active on 160-10 metres mainly CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via PE1FLO. [TNX DX Newsletter]

I - Italian stations participating in this year's International Marconi

Day (21 April) include IY0GA (from Sardinia), IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY0TC, IY1MR, IY1SM, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX IS0JMA]

I - Look for Alessandro IB0/IK4ALM, Roberto IB0/IK4JPN, Augusto IB0/IK4RQJ, Vanni IB0/IK4RUX and Carlo IB0/IZ4WJA to be active from Ponza Island (EU-045) on 23-28 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4RUX]

I - Vincenzo, IK7IMO will be active as IJ7V from San Pietro Island (EU-073) on 28-29 July for the IOTA Contest. QSL via IK7IMO, direct or bureau.

JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 29 April to 4 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-10m. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). See http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ for logsearch and other information. He does not use LoTW.

OE - Austrian special event station OE18M will be active on 20-22 April. This is an official International Marconi Day station and contacts made on 21 April will count for the IMD Award. QSL via OE1WHC (bureau) or direct to DokuFunk, OE18M, An den Steinfeldern 4A, 1230 Wien, Austria.

OZ - Special callsign 5P0WARD will be active on 18 April in celebration of the 93rd World Amateur Radio Day. A special award will be available for working 5P0WARD/xx stations with different suffix extensions). See https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward for details. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL.

PY - Look for PY2LCD/p (SSB and FT8) and PY2DX/p (CW) to be active from Ilha Comprida (SA-024) on 7-8 April. They will be QRV on 80-10 metres. See qrz.com for QSL information. [TNX The Daily DX]

PY - PU4ALZ, PY2VTC and PY2ZA will be active as PS1S from Ilha de Santana (SA-077) on 26-30 July, including an entry in the IOTA Contest. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, PSK31 and FT8) on 80-10 metres. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; logsearch on Club Log.

S9 - David, EB7DX will be active holiday style as S9ZZ from Sao Tome Island (AF-023) on 1-9 June. He will operate SSB, RTTY, FT8 and some CW on 40-6 metres. QSL direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log and OQRS on http://eb7dx.com/oqrs/.

SM - Look for SA6G/7 to be active from Ven Island (EU-137) on 5-12 June. He will operate mainly CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via SM6CUK, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

SV - Once again Laci, HA0HW will be active as SW8WW from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 24 May to 5 June, possibly including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY/PSK, on 40-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via HA0HW (direct or bureau). [TNX HA0HW]

T2 - 14-21 April are the new tentative dates for T2AR's activity from Tuvalu (OC-015) [425DXN 1402]. In his spare time Tony will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, JT65 and FT8 on 160-6 metres. QSL direct to 3D2AG; PayPal instructions on https://www.qrz.com/db/3d2ag. He does not use LoTW or Club Log.

T32 - Ken, KH6QJ will be active again as T32AZ from Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024), East Kiribati on 17-24 April. QSL via KH6QJ,

direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

T8 - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active again as T88UW from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 13-19 April. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, JT9, JT65) on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau).

V6 - Sho, JA7HMZ will be active again as V63DX from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 18-24 April. He will focus on working Europe on 160 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW or direct to JA7HMZ. [TNX NG3K]

VK9 - Michael, DF8AN will be active as VK9XQ from Christmas Island (OC-002) on 3-6 November and again 10-17 November, and as VK9CH from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 6-10 November. From both locations he will operate mainly CW, RTTY and other digital modes on 160-6 metres. QSL via DF8AN, direct or bureau, or eQSL. He does not use LoTW.

W - Members of the Thomasville Amateur Radio Club (W4UCJ) will be active as W4P from St. George Island (NA-085) between 12 UTC on 14 April until 2 UTC on 15 April. They will be running at least two stations "and swapping between bands and modes as needed". QSL via operator's instructions.

YB - Adhi YB3MM, Hen YB3LZ and maybe others will be active as YB3MM/8 and YB3LZ/8 from Tinabo, one of the Taka Bonerate Islands (OC-242) between 28 April and 1 May, and from Salayar Island (OC-236) on 1-2 May. They will be QRV on 15-40 metres with two low power stations; their time on the air will depend on the permit from the Taka Bonerate National Park officers. The operations will be available for Club Log Matching on the IOTA website; if needed, paper QSLs should be requested via Club Log's OQRS. [TNX YB3MM]

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DXCC YEARBOOK ---> The 2017 ARRL DXCC Yearbook, which includes the Clinton B. DeSoto Challenge top scorers and the Annual Listing, can be found at http://www.arrl.org/files/file/DXCC/DXCCYearbook/DXCC%20YEARBOOK%202017.pdf. The Annual Listing of DXCC membership contains the call signs and credited totals for new awards and endorsements during the calendar year period from 1 January through 31 December 2017. The DXCC Honor Roll includes those who are within 9 entities of the "current" Entity count for Mixed, Phone, CW, and Digital modes. As of 31 December 2017, there were 339 Entities on the DXCC List, and entry level DXCC Honor Roll was achieved at level 330.

FT8 DXPEDITION MODE: SECOND PUBLIC TEST ---> The second public test of FT8 DXpedition mode will be conducted on 7 April (14-16 UTC), and all radio amateurs are invited to participate. The goal is to simulate a rare-DXpedition pileup by having many stations ("Hounds") calling and trying to work a designated pseudo-DXpedition station ("Fox").

Everyone participating in the test MUST USE the latest "release candidate" version of WSJT-X (v1.9.0-rc3). Installation packages for Windows, Linux, Macintosh and Raspian Jessie are available on http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.
In addition, participants in the test MUST READ the latest revision of the "FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide" (dated 28 March), which includes changes and updates from previous editions:
http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/FT8_DXpedition_Mode.pdf
The scheduled test will take place as follows:

Date	UTC	MHz	Fox call	
7 April	1400	14.105	W1/KH7Z	(operated by N1DG)
7 April	1500	14.105	W7/KH7Z	(operated by AA7A)

If last-minute instructions are necessary, they will be announced on the "Ping Jockey Relief" chat page: http://www.pingjockey.net/cgi-bin/pingtalkB.

HST ---> The 15th IARU HST (High Speed Telegraphy) World Championship will be held in Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan, on 25-29 August. See https://hst2018.kz/ for more information.

INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY ---> Organized by the Cornish Radio Amateur Club, the International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi (25 April 1874). It is not a contest, but an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make contacts with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques. This year's event will be held on 21 April, from 00.00 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Details, including information on the Award Certificates and the listing of participating stations, can be found at http://gx4crc.com/.

LOTW & WAZ AWARD ---> Logbook of The World support for CQ Worked All Zones (WAZ) Award programme went live on 2 April at 14 UTC. Participants in the WAZ award will now be able to use their LoTW confirmations for WAZ credit. Standard LoTW credit fees and separate CQ award fees will apply.

NCDXF NEWSLETTER ---> The Northern California DX Foundation's Spring 2018 Newsletter is now available at http://www.ncdxf.org/pages/newsletter.html. It contains articles on VK9MA (Mellish Reef, November 2017), 3C1L and 3C0L (Equatorial Guinea and Annobon, October 2017), 9U4M (Burundi, November 2017) and S21ZZE & S21ZED (Bangladesh, March 2017).

QSL VP5P ---> Bob, N2OO is the new QSL Manager for the March 2017 and March 2018 CQ WPX SSB Contest activities of VP5P. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via N2OO (direct or bureau). Bob is also handling the QSL duties for VP5/W2TT and VP5/AF3K. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2JS, 4S7KKG, 5R8UI, 6O6O, 9Q6BB, 9X0TA, 9X9PJ, A45XR, A70X (AS-088), C81G (AF-061), E31A, EA9LZ, GU4YOX HH2MK, HR5/F2JD, JD1BMH, LX1TI, OH8X, P29VXG (OC-008), PJ7/UT6UD, TC0M (AS-159), TR8CA, TZ5XR, UK9AA, UN9L, VP2EGO, Z61DX, ZD7FT, ZX8NO.

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