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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4S7 - Dariusz, SP9DLM will be active as 4S7DMG from Kalkudah, Sri Lanka (AS-003) on 6-14 August. He will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call.

9M - A large number of special event stations located in various Malaysian states and federal territories will celebrate the 61st anniversary of Malaysia's independence (31 August 1957) from 1 August to 1 September. Active from West Malaysia will be 9M61MA, 9M61MB, 9M61MC, 9M61MD, 9M61MJ, 9M61MK, 9M61MM, 9M61MN, 9M61MP, 9M61MR, 9M61MT, 9M61MW and 9M61MY. Active from East Malaysia will be 9M61MQ (Sarawak) and 9M61MS (Sabah). QSL via operator's instructions. A certificate will be available from the Malaysian DX and Contest Group's website (http://www.9mdxc.com/cq9m).

A3 - Hardy, DL7JLL will be active as A35JLL (requested callsign) while island hopping in Tonga between early August and mid-September. He will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres, running 5-10 watts from "remote islands" and up to 50 watts "when sufficient energy can be supplied". He will start from Nuku'Alofa (Tongatapu, OC-049) on 8-15 August, followed by the Vava'u group (OC-064) until 30 August, then the Ha'apai group (OC-169) until 14 September, and again Tongatapu until 19 September. QSL via DL7JLL, bureau or direct. [TNX DX News]

BY - Lide Zhang, BI8CKU and Rui Li, BI8DJW will be active as B0/BI8CKU from Lhasa, Tibet on 6-14 August. They will operate FT8 only on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call.

CT8 - Serge, CT8/R7KW and Oleg, CT8/YL3JM will be active from Sao Miguel Island (EU-003), Azores on 26-29 July. Oleg will participate in the IOTA Contest as CR2S. After the contest Serge will be active as CT7/R7KW for a few days from Portugal. QSL for all calls via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), or direct to K2PF. [TNX qrz.ru]

E5_sc - Dave, G4BUO will be active holiday style as E51BUO from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks from 30 July to 6 August. He will operate CW only. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

EI - The EIDX Group will hold their second "DX Feile" (DX Festival) on 14-15 September at the Aran Islands Hotel on Inis Mor (EU-006). Complete information can be found at https://www.dxfeile.ie/. Look for EJ0DXG on 13-16 September and during the event. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX DX World]

G - Commemorating five decades of offshore radio broadcasting, the Martello Tower Group (http://www.martellotowergroup.com/gb5rc.html) will be QRV again as GB5RC on 2-6 August. Activity will take place from the MV Ross Revenge, home of Radio Caroline, moored in the Blackwater estuary near Bradwell-on-Sea (Essex). QSL via GB5RC (bureau) or G6NHU (direct).

GU - Mek, SP7VC will be active as MU/SP7VC from Guernsey (EU-114) on 5-11 August, followed by a short activity as MJ/SP7VC from Jersey (EU-013) on 11-14 August. He plans to be QRV on the HF bands, plus 2, 4 and 6 metres SSB and digital modes (FT8, MSK144, JT65A). QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

HC8 - Alfredo, HC1HC will be active as HC1HC/8 from the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) on 7-10 August. He will operate mainly FT8 in DXpedition mode, on 30, 17, 12 and possibly 6 metres. QSL direct to NE8Z. [TNX The Daily DX]

LA - Nick LB9LG, Anatoly UA1OIW and the Kirkenes Radio Amateur Group (LA2K) will be active as LM0POMOR on 25-29 July during the Pomor Festival on Vardo Island (EU-141). QSL via the bureau.

UA - Victor, R6AF and Valery, RU6DX have been active again as R6AF/p and RU6DX/p from Sudzhuk Island (EU-185) since 22 July. Usually their stay on the island includes participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via home calls.

UA9 - Yuri UA0KBG, Vicotr UA3AKO and Alexandr RA3AV plan to be active as RT65KI from Idlidlya Island (AS-065) on 18-26 August. Dates are Approximate, and will depend on their travel arrangements from Lavrentija to the village of Neshkan, as well as on weather and local conditions. Plans are to operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via UA3AKO. Bookmark http://rt65ki.ru/ for updates.

UA_ant - RI1ANF contacts in 2018 were made with Sergey, R3IW operating from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica (not from Bellinghausen Base on King George Island, South Shetlands). The QSL manager is RN1ON (not RK1PWA, who "has nothing to share with this activity"). He says that Sergey made only "30-40 QSOs" using the same equipment of RI1ANL (operated by RW6ACM). On 23 July a new callsign (RI1ANW) was issued to Sergey, who will operate mainly digital modes on the HF bands. RI1ANL and RI1ANW will remain at Novolazarevskaya until March 2019. QSL both callsigns via Club Log's OQRS, or via RN1ON.

W - Jeff, KU8E will be active during the IOTA from two different island groups. He will use the South East Contest Club's callsign (W4AN) from Amelia Island (NA-138) for the first five hours (QSL via K4BAI). Then he will move to Jekyll Island (NA-058) and be QRV as KU8E (QSL direct to home call). [TNX NG3K]

ZA - Waldi, SP7IDX will be active as ZA/SP7IDX from Albania on 5-12 August. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or via home call (bureau preferred), logsearch on Club Log. [TNX OPDX BUlletin]

RSGB IOTA CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (from 12 UTC on 28 July through 12 UTC on the 29th) from qualifying islands. For lastest additions please give a look at the announced operation list maintained by Bill, NG3K: https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/iota2018.html.
Complete details on the IOTA Contest can be found on the RSGB Contest Committee's website: https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/riota.shtml.

Ref.No.	Call/Ops	Island	QSL VIA
AF-014	CR3DX	Madeira	OM2VL

AS-008	JI3DST/1	Shikine	JI3DST
AS-020	BV2A/3	Taiwan	BV2A
AS-036	JE6HCL/6	Iki	JE6HCL
AS-073	9M2/IK2PFL	Perhentian Kecil	IK2PFL
AS-074	9M2SDX	Indah	9M2SDX
AS-078	JA8COE	Hokkaido	JA8COE
AS-094	BD7YK	Hainan	
AS-107	E2X	Si Chang	E20GMY
AS-135	BD4SDX	Kaishan	BD4SDX
AS-146	B4/BY1AA	Chang	BY1AA
AS-150	BY4JN	Lingshan	BI4IIZ
AS-155	BV0WPX	P'engchia Yu	BV2KI
AS-155	BW9W	P'engchia Yu	BV2KI
EU-001	SV5/OM6NM	Kos	OM2FY
EU-003	CR2S	Sao Miguel	K2PF
EU-005	G8X	Great Britain	G4FJK
EU-008	GM2T	Tiree	GM4UYZ
EU-008	GM7A	Coll	GM7WCO
EU-010	GM4AGG/p	Lewis	GM4AGG
EU-010	GM7V	Benbecula	N3SL
EU-010	MM0JTV	Barra	MM0JTV
EU-011	M1K	St Agnes	M1KTA
EU-011	MX5A	St Mary	Club Log
EU-015	SV9/I3MDU	Crete	I3MDU
EU-016	9A8DV	Drvenik Veli	IK6VXO
EU-018	OY1CT	Faroe	OY1CT
EU-020	SD1A	Gotland	SM1TDE
EU-020	SM/G3VYI	Faro	G3VYI
EU-023	9H3HZ	Malta	TA1HZ
EU-023	9H6YB	Malta	G3SWH
EU-029	OZ2PBS	Sjaelland	OZ2PBS
EU-029	OZ8SW	Sjaelland	OZ8SW
EU-032	F/OO4O	Oleron	ON4APU
EU-034	ES0IA	Kassari	
EU-034	ES3V	Vormsi	ES3VI
EU-038	PA/ON6QR	Texel	ON6QR
EU-038	PA6IOT	Texel	ON3UN
EU-047	DL7X/p	Borkum	bureau
EU-052	SV8/OM2FY	Kefallonia	OM2FY
EU-054	IF9A	Favignana	bureau
EU-055	LA4C	Bokn	LotW
EU-057	DK3R	Ruegen	DL1KZA
EU-057	DL5KUD	Ruegen	DL5KUD
EU-064	TM6N	Noirmoutier	F4GYM
EU-073	IJ7V	San Pietro	IK7IMO
EU-083	IP1T	Tino	I1ANP
EU-088	5P5X	Laesoe	DD5ZZ
EU-088	OZ9V/p	Laesoe	OZ9V
EU-091	II7P	Pedagna Grande	IK7LMX
EU-093	EA5EL/p	Tabarca	EA5EL
EU-095	TM5F	Ratonneau	F5SDD
EU-096	OH1TD	Korpo	OH1TD
EU-099	MJ8C	Les Minquiers	G4DFI

EU-110	9A/DL3NCI	Porer	DL3NCI
EU-114	GP6UW	Guernsey	G6UW
EU-116	GD6NX	Isle of Man	LoTW
EU-116	MD2C	Isle of Man	MD0CCE
EU-116	MD7C	Isle of Man	M0OXO
EU-120	G0LKS	Holy/Lindisfarne	GM0LKS
EU-120	G5XV	Wight	M0OXO
EU-120	G5XW	Wight	G5XW
EU-120	G6LD	Holy/Lindisfarne	qrz.com
EU-120	G7O	Wight	G3SQX
EU-120	M0VPY	Holy/Lindisfarne	MM0VPY
EU-121	EJ6KP	Aranmore	bureau
EU-123	MM1E	Great Cumbrae	MM0GOR
EU-123	MM2M	Arran	
EU-123	MM3T	Bute	-
EU-124	GW3TTC/p	Holy	G3TTC
EU-124	MW0DHF/p	Holy	MW0DHF
EU-126	OH8AA	Selkasarvi	OH8AA
EU-128	DG5LAC/p	Fehmarn	DG5LAC
EU-129	DL0KWH/p	Usedom	DL0KWH
EU-129	DL5KVV/p	Usedom	DL5KVV
EU-130	II3Y	S. Maria di Barbana	IV3OSC
EU-131	IQ3ME/p	Pellestrina	IQ3ME
EU-132	SN0RX	Wolin	SP8BXL
EU-132	SP7VC/1	Wolin	SP7VC
EU-135	SK2T	Norrbyskar	SK2AT
EU-136	9A/OM5AW	Losinj	OM2FY
EU-136	9A4KJ	Rab	9A2EU
EU-136	9A8CV	Krk	eQSL
EU-140	OH3D/5	Kirkonmaa	OH3AD
EU-140	OH5TS	Kuorsalo	OH5TS
EU-145	CR5CW	Culatra	CT7ACG
EU-146	PA/F4FET	Schouwen Duiveland	F4FET
EU-146	PA/ON4IBM	Schouwen Duiveland	ON4IBM
EU-146	PA5TT	Schouwen Duiveland	PA5TT
EU-146	PI4AMF/p	Schouwen Duiveland	PA3EYC
EU-147	R1KRG/p	Bol'shoy Kimalishche	R1NU
EU-165	IM0/I0PNM	San Pietro	I0PNM
EU-170	9A/OM2ZZ	Vir	OM2FY
EU-172	5P5CW	Aro	DL5SE
EU-172	OZ/DL5CW	Hjarno	DL5CW
EU-172	OZ/PD7RB	Fyn	PD7RB
EU-178	ES8DJ	Ruhnu	ES2DJ
EU-181	LZ0I	Sveti Ivan	bureau
EU-185	R6AF/p	Sudzhuk	R6AF
EU-185	RU6DX/p	Sudzhuk	RU6DX
EU-187	J49A	Dia	SV9GPV
NA-014	VE9AA	Deer	VE3IKV
NA-026	K2QMF	Long	K2QMF
NA-029	VY2TT	Prince Edward	VY2TT
NA-036	VE7NY/7	Denman	VE7NY
NA-055	N9EAJ/1	Deer	N9EAJ
NA-055	W2IY	Mount Desert	W2IY

NA-058	KU8E	Jekyll	KU8E
NA-062	K3Y	Key Vaca	WX4TV
NA-067	K4Z	Great	LoTW
NA-067	W4MY	Harkers	W4MY
NA-067	WB8YJF/4	Ocracoke	WB8YJF
NA-083	N3MK	Chincoteague	N3MK
NA-126	VB1M	Bon Portage	VA1YL
NA-128	CK2I	Grues	VE2EBK
NA-128	VE2VIA	Coudres	
NA-137	K1IMI	Bailey	N4CW
NA-138	W4AN	Amelia	K4BAI
NA-142	W4UC	Santa Rosa	W4UC
NA-143	K5KUA/5	Galveston	K5KUA
OC-042	DZ1PUP	Luzon	4F1PH
OC-130	DX9EVM	Mindanao	DX9EVM
OC-186	YB3MM/2	Karimunjawa	Club Log
OC-237	YE1R	Tunda	HA3JB
SA-012	YV7MAY	Margarita	EA8MU
SA-046	PW7I	Itamaraca	PY7RP
SA-047	ZV5O	Mel	PY5ZD
SA-071	PR2CI	Couves	PY2AE
SA-072	ZV8FF	Canarias	PS8RV
SA-077	PS1S	Santana	M0OXO

The IOTA SWL Contest has been picked up by the Radioascolto SWL Club, and it will run in parallel with the IOTA Contest. Complete details can be found at http://www.radioascolto.org/swl/ or from the IOTA SWL Contest Manager (iw1qla[@]tin.it). Good luck to you all!

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ARCTIC EXPEDITION ---> Simone, IU5KUH will be active as II0PN/mm during AISE 2018, the World Artic Fund's expedition in search of the wreckage of the airship "Italia" (http://www.worldarcticfund.org/aise2018). He will operate SSB, CW and PSK on 40, 30 and 20 metres. The expedition will take place between 1 August and 15 September. QSL direct to IT9MRM.

KH1/KH7Z ---> The QSL design has been finalized and cards are expected to be in the mail by the beginning of September. Club Log's OQRS is now open at https://clublog.org/charts/?c=KH1/KH7Z, and o ver 25,600 QSL records have been uploaded to LoTW already (as a result of OQRS orders and donations) with over 19,000 matches. A short video "to excite you about upcoming presentations at your local DX convention our team will be participating in" is available on https://vimeo.com/281933500. [TNX N1DG]

VP6D ---> "The Ducie Island 2018 project is on schedule", the team reported on 22 July, and "the fundraising campaign is underway" (see the progress on https://www.vp6d.com/). VP6D will use the same equipment as KH1/KH7Z. On 20 July the Baker Island radio equipment was returned to Elecraft for inspection, testing and refurbishing. The equipment will be shipped to New Zealand on about 15 August, then Z L3CW will transfer the shipment to the 'Braveheart'.
"There's no question that the Baker team had considerable success with FT8. However, a large percentage of the callers weren't prepared for the challenges of this new mode". One of VP6D's announced goals is an "extensive digital operation" using RTTY and FT8, so it is essential to read and understand the latest revision of the 'FT8 DXpedition Mode User Guide', which is now available in several different languages at http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.
"It will be in everyone's best interest if callers use the most recent software version, correctly configure their equipment, call VP6D above 1000 Hertz and in the correct sequence. If you are unsure of your configuration please seek assistance before calling".

+ SILENT KEY + Reginald J. Beck, VE7IG (VE1DXA) passed away on 27 July. First licensed as VE7ANI the day of his 18th birthday in June 1956, he was an accomplished DXer, a doyen of island chasing and former IOTA Checkpoint for Canada. Over the years he operated from several DXCC Entities and from a large number of Canadian islands. Your trulies had the pleasure of hosting Reg back in 1991, when he travelled to Italy in order to attend the first ever IOTA Convention.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B7A, 3B9RUN, 3C0W, 3C3W, 3V8CQ (AF-083), 4B4B (NA-030), 4X4NJ, 5A1AL, 6W/UA4WHX/p (AF-078), 7Q7EI, 9J2BO, 9M0W, 9M6NA (OC-133), AT7BK (AS-175), ET3AA, FO5QS, GB13COL, GB9OSA (EU-120), GU8FBO, KL7J, KL7RRC/p (NA-234), N1YC/VK9X, P29RR, PJ5/SP2GCJ, PJ6/AI5P, SN740BAR, TJ2TT,TN5R, TY7C, UN4L, XE1B, XR0YD, YB3TET/8 (OC-242), YB8HZ/p (OC-242), Z81D.

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