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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3B9 - David, F8AAN will be active holiday style as 3B9AN from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 10-19 March. He will operate CW on 80-17 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

7Q - Pista, HA5AO will be active as 7Q7AO (requested callsign) from Malawi during the second half of September/early October. He plans to operate CW, RTTY, FT8 and some SSB on 80-10 metres. Logsearch and OQRS will be available at https://www.ha5ao.com/. [TNX HA5AO]

8P - Richard, G3RWL will be active again as 8P6DR from Barbados (NA-021) from 8 March to 9 April. He will operate CW and possibly some RTTY on 80-10m. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via home call (direct or bureau).

8Q - Noel, F6BGC will be active again as 8Q7NC from the Maldives (AS-013) on 12-21 March. He will be QRV holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call; logsearch on Club Log.

9K - 9K2HQ and other members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will be active as 9K2F from Faylakah Island (AS-118) on 11-15 March. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via 9K2RA and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

CP - Rudi, DK7PE will be active as CP6/DK7PE from Santa Cruz, Bolivia from 25 February to 6 March. He will operate CW with a focus on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

CY0 - 19-28 October are the dates for the DXpedition to Sable Island (see (http://cy0dxpedition.net/). Eleven operators (AA4NC, K4UEE, K4ZLE, K5DHY, K5YY, N2IEN, N2TU, N8AA, W4DKS, WA4DAN and WW2DX) will be active on all bands and modes.

EX - Yuri R2DY, Pavel R2DX and Eugene RW3FB will be active as EX0QR from the southern shore of Lake Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan on 6-17 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres . QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via R2DX (direct or bureau).

F - Thierry, F6CUK will be active as TM8C from the lighthouse on Cordouan Island (EU-159) on 13-15 March. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-20 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX F6CUK]

FM - Miguel, EA1BP will be active as FM/EA1BP from Martinique (NA-107) on 24-31 March. He will operate SSB and CW on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28-29 March) as TO7BP. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

FP - Six operators (VO1CH, VO1IDX, W0VTT, W4SJT, WB2REM and WW1WW) will be active as TO5T from Ile aux Marins, St Pierre & Miquelon (NA-032) on 10-17 August. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) on 160-6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (direct and bureau), LotW, or direct to WB2REM. See http://to5t.com/ for more information. [TNX VO1CH]

GJ - Hans DK8RE, Wolf DL1CC and Wies SP1EG will be active as MH0ESP from Jersey (EU-013) on 7-16 March. QSL via SP1EG. M(H)0ESP is the callsign of the British Section of the International League of Esperantist Radio Amateurs (ILERA).

HH - Paul G4PVM, Col MM0NDX and Jonathan MM0OKG will be active as 4V5H from Haiti on 9-15 May. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 80-15 metres, and they also plan activity from IOTA group NA-149. QSL via EB7DX. More information is expected in due course. [TNX DX World]

HP - HP1DAV, HP3AK, G4BVY, G4CLA and GD4XUM will be active as H33K from Volcan, Panama on 2-13 March. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on various HF bands, and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL direct to HP1DAV; the log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

J6 - Bill K9HZ (J68HZ), Dan W0CN (J68CN) and Kyle WA4PGM will be active from St. Lucia (NA-108) between 23 February and 16 March. Look for SSB activity during the ARRL DX SSB Contest as J68HZ, and CW and FT8 operations on all bands otherwise. QSL J68HZ via LoTW, or Direct to K9HZ; QSL J68CN via LoTW, or direct to W0CN. [TNX DX World]

JA - Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/6 from Amami O Island (AS-023) from 8 UTC on 9 May until 21 UTC on 11 May. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JA4GXS]

OA - A team from Radio Club Peruano will be active as OC1TU from the Tucume Archaeological Site in northern Peru on 28-29 February. They will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via OA4O (direct or bureau), and LoTW. [TNX OA4AI]

PJ2 - Andy, DK5ON will be active again as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099) on 15-31 March. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the Russian DX and CQ WW WPX SSB contests. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct or bureau).

PJ4 - Phil, N2HX will be active holiday style as PJ4/N2HX from Bonaire (SA-006) on 1-15 March. He will operate SSB, RTTY and FT8, and will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

PY0F - Andre, PP6ZZ has extended his stay on Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) [425DXN 1500], and now expects to remain active as PY0FF until 1 March. QSL via LoTW, or via W9VA. [TNX The Daily DX]

T30 - Owing to a change in his return flight schedule, Alex, 5B4ALX has extended his stay on Tarawa [425DXN 1489], and will be active as T30ET from 18 March to 6 April. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-6 metres. On FT8 he will be using a multi answer protocol (not to be confused with the Fox & Hound mode), with a focus on 20m during his day and 40m during his night (7-17 UTC). QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. More information can be found on http://www.5b4alx.cloud/t30et-tarawa-atoll-2020/

T32 - Ken, KH6QJ will be active again as T32AZ from Kiritimati (Christmas Island, OC-024), East Kiribati on 4-11 March, including activity during the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - Special callsign UE45SA will be active on 11-19 July to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Conducted in

July 1975, it was the first joint US-Soviet space flight. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via RV3YR.

VU4 - A team of nine operators - namely VU2ABS, VU2BGS, VU2DED, VU2DSI, VU2GHO, VU2KWJ, VU2NTA, VU2RS (ex VU3RSB) and VU3UFE - will be active as VU4R from Neill Island, Andaman Islands (AS-001) on 20-31 March, including participation in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Plans are to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres, with three stations and an emphasis on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. See http://vu4r.vu3rsb.org/ for more information.

YB - YB8RW, YE8XBN, YE8XW and YF8XAT will be active as 7I8X [425DXN 1502] from the Widi Islands (OC-145) on 21-23 February, and hopefully from Mayu Island (OC-145) on 26-29 February. Activity will be on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, JT). QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to YB8RW.

YS - Gerhard, OE3GEA will be active as YS/OE3GEA from El Salvador on 26-28 February. He will operate CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He does not use LoTW or Club Log. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

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FRANCE & 60 METRES ---> Effective 13 February, the WRC-15 60m band allocation has been granted to amateur radio operators in all French terriories. The national frequency plan now allows the use of 5351.5-5366.5 kHz on a secondary basis with a maximum power of 15 watts EIRP.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2020 (#128) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website: http://www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue reports on TX7T (Marquesas Islands, November 2019) and VU7RI (Lakshadweep Islands, October 2019).

IOTA DXPEDITION ON HOLD ---> Cezar, VE3LYC and Adrian, KO8SCA expected to be active as V62P (requested callsign) from Polap Atoll (OC-155), and as V62S (requested callsign) from Satawal Atoll (OC-299, new one for IOTA) during the first half of May. The project is currently on hold, though, because Micronesia has been placed "under a state of emergency to address the effects of the Coronavirus. As a result, visitors from countries where contamination cases are reported will be denied entry, unless they undergo a 14-day quarantine in Hawaii or Guam. The team cannot afford the additional time and expenses associated with the quarantine provision. Consequently, we remain in stand-by", VE3LYC announced on 20 February, "waiting for the state of emergency to be lifted. Depending on when this will occur, we will either confirm the existing time schedule or negotiate with the charter provider in order to establish a new time schedule". Bookmark https://v6iota.weebly.com/ for updates.

REBEL DX GROUP'S PLANS ---> "We are on track with 3Y0I Bouvet project", the Rebel DX Group posted to Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup/) on 18 February. "Still missing some budget but we are getting closer and closer. Second attempt will take place in December 2020". Before that, the Rebels plan to operate from Banaba Island as T33T ("this activity will start in first half of 2020"), from Tuvalu as T22T (https://www.qrz.com/db/t22t) and from Fijian IOTA groups OC-156 and OC-121 "during April".

VP8PJ ---> The "Braveheart" reached Signy, South Orkney Islands on 20 February. The team reported they had "ice to contend with regarding our planned landing area", and waited for the winds to change and blow the ice out. The following day they were able to get the equipment ashore and move it to their preferred site. The team anticipates that it will take two days (21 and 22 February) to set up camp.

W8S: POSTPONED ---> "In close cooperation with Alex Jennings, the representative of Swains Island, the team has decided to postpone the W8S DXpedition to Swains Island to autumn of 2020", the team announced on 18 February (https://swains2020.lldxt.eu/). "The reason behind this postponement is the travel restrictions when entering American Samoa, restrictions imposed by the Department of Health of American Samoa as a result of the Corona virus outbreak. The Department of Health allows non-residents to enter American Samoa only via Hawaii, after a 14 days mandatory quarantine in Hawaii. For the team this is not a workable situation. It would require extending the holiday time by an additional 2 weeks, re-routing of the flights and purchasing new tickets etc. Everything is prepared for our DXpedition, and we are eager to go, but unfortunately the C orona virus outbreak is out of our control". Those who have already made a donation and wish to withdraw it, are invited to contact the team.

+ SILENT KEY + Gabriele Gentile, IK3GES passed away on 15 February after a long illness. Born in 1947, since 1991 he handed out thousands of QSOs to island chasers, operating from his motorhome from nearly 50 IOTA groups in Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands and Turkey. He was also a QSL manager, notably for for Elvira, IV3FSG (5H1ES, 5V7SE, 6W/IV3FSG, E44YL, FK/IV3FSG, J20SE, TL8ES, TT8ES, XT2SE, YJ0ASG, etc), as well as for Claudio, IV3OWC (aka 9E1C, ST2CF, TL8DPA).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/OJ0Y, 3D2AG, 4S7AB, 5A1AL, 5N7Q, 5Z4/G3AB, 6O7O, 7Q6M, 9H5BZ, 9M2TDX, 9X2AW, 9Z4Y, A82X, A82Z, BD4WN, BD7YK (AS-094), C56BR, CL3OR, CN2JF, CW5W, CX6VM, D2EB, D68CCC, DS3EXX/2 (AS-122), E70T, EA6ACA, EA8PT, ES6RQ, FO/F6BCW, H40TT (OC-065), HC0E, HC1JQ, HC3AGT, HR5/F2JD, HV0A, HZ1TT, J68HZ, KL7SB, NL8F, NY3A/3 (NA-140), P40AA, PJ4/NE9U, PV8AL, PZ5K, PZ5W, T30GC, TK0C, TO9W (NA-105), TX7T (OC-027), V63AR, VK9CZ, VP6R, XE2X, XV1X, XV9D, XZ2D, YJ0RRC (OC-104 and OC-111), YL30WAY, YW5F (SA-058), ZD7W, ZK3A, ZZ1R (SA-029).

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