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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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6Y - Iain, G4SGX will be active as G4SGX/6Y from Jamaica (NA-097) on 5-13 March. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres, and will take part in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (9-10 March). QSL via LoTW, or via M0OXO's OQRS.

8Q - Sergey, RX3APM is again active as 8Q7BB from the Maldives (AS-013) until 9 March. He operates CW and SSB on 80-10m. QSL via LoTW. [TNX DX World]

9M2 - Jacek, SP5APW will be active as 9W2/SP5APW from Langkawi Island (AS-058), West Malaysia on 9-17 March. He will operate SSB and FT8 (F/H) on 20-10 metres; his main focus will be on 6 metres using a 4-element yagi. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call

DL - DARC Team SES will be active as DL75AFUG, DL75AFUV and DP75AFUG between 1 March and 30 April to mark the 75th anniversary of the first Amateurfunkgesetz (AfuG), the German amateur radio regulations that came into force on 23 March 1949. QSL automatically via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR. A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/DP75AFUG for information.

EL - The Czech DXpedition Group (OK1BOA, OK1CRM, OK1FCJ, OK1GK, OK2ZA, OK2ZC, OK2ZI and OK6DJ) will be active as A8OK from Liberia between 5 and 19 April, with "full operation" expected on 9-16 April. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, PSK) with several stations on 160-6 metres and via satellite. Subject to Internet availability, they will use Club Log's Livestream. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via OK6DJ. See https://www.cdxp.cz/ and bookmark https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472348776313779 for more information and updates.

FH - Ros 4Z5LA, Ruben 4Z5FI and Slava 4Z5MU will be active on various bands and modes as TO5LA from Mayotte (AF-027) from 28 March to 2 April. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via 4Z5FI; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

FO/A - Haru, JA1XGI will be active as TX5XG from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands from 27 March to 3 April. He will operate mainly CW ("FT8 operation is he second choice", he says) on 40-6 metres, and will especially look for DX via satellite. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via JA1XGI. See https://australvacation.amebaownd.com for more information.

HI - HI180RD is the special callsign celebrating the 180th anniversary since the Dominican Republic declared its independence from Haiti (27 February 1844). Look for activity on all bands and modes between 27 February and 30 April. Some 25 operators from five radio clubs will be part of the event. A certificate will be available, see https://independencia2024.org/ for information.

HZ - HZ1SFD, 7Z1SFD and 8Z1SFD are the special callsign for the Saudi

Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate Saudi Flag Day on 2-11 March.

I - Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will be active as IQ4DJ (club callsign) and II4CPC (special callsign) on on 4-10 March to commemorate the 120th anniversary of the Chilean city of Capitan Pastene, founded by Italian settlers who arrived from Modena in two successive migrations. Also active will be CB6I and CB6CPC, operated by members of Radio Club Traiguen. Four certificates will be available, see II4CPC on qrz.com for information. QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ; QSL CB6I and CB6CPC via CE6TRA (direct).

PJ2 - Andy, DK5ON will be active again as PJ2/DK5ON from Curacao (SA-099) on 11-27 March. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes (FT4, FT8, RTTY) on 160-6 metres and satellites. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via DK5ON (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]

T8 - Ichy, JH7IPR will be active again as T88UW from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 15-24 March. He will operate mainly FT8, with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call (direct or bureau).

UA - Special callsigns R108M, R1934G, R1961G and RG61PP will be active from the Smolensk Oblast on 1-12 March to commemorate the anniversaries of Yuri Gagarin's birth (9 March 1934) and historic 108-minute first flight ("Pervyj Poljot") into outer space (12 April 1961). QSL via operator's instructions.

VP8_ssh- Esteban, XQ7UP will be working at the Chilean Antarctic Base Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva on King George Island, South Shetland Islands (AN-010) on 6-12 March. He hopes to be QRV as XQ7UP/9 in his spare time, and to operate SSB and FT8 on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to XQ7UP. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZC4 - Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK from the UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus (AS-004) from 26 March to 2 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

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FR/G/FH4ED ---> "Following some great work by John, K1AR", the 1986-87 FR/G/FH4ED operation from Glorioso "is now approved for DXCC and the logs have been uploaded to LoTW", Alan 5B4AHJ reports. "John had recently had his QSO with that station refused for DXCC credit, so he set out to research the various permissions. After several discussions with Gerard (the operator), John built a case and presented it to DXCC, and was rewarded by a positive outcome".

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2024 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website https://iota-world.org/: click on PERFORMANCE

LISTINGS in the dropdown menu under PROGRAMME INFORMATION. They show the position as of 31 January 2024.
The Honour Roll lists the stations with a checked score equalling or exceeding 50% of the total of numbered IOTA groups, excluding those with provisional numbers, at the time of preparation. The Annual Listing lists the stations with a checked score of 100 or more IOTA groups but less than the qualifying threshold for entry into the Honour Roll.
IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years (i.e. since February 2019) and have opted to have their scores published.
"The Honor Roll and Annual Listing include a total of 1540 entries, while 22 chasers chose to not be listed, compared to 1511 and 36 in 2023", Roger, G3KMA and Cezar, VE3LYC observe. "There are 237 record-holders with scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups, and 553 with scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for the IOTA Plaque of Excellence. Scores at the top show 62 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark and 19 of them within 10 of the top score of 1133 out of 1137 groups activated to date. The VHF/UHF listing includes now 41 entries, continuing the increase reported last year. Congratulations to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year".

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 87th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (https://berucontest.wordpress.com) will be held on 9-10 March, from 10.00 UTC to 09.59 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m CW. Only operators located within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies, Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,924 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2014-23), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9AT, 3G3G, 4U1A, 4U1UN, 4W6RU, 7O73T, 7Q7EMH, 8Q7XX, 9G4X, 9J2BO, 9L5M, 9Q1ZZ, 9X5RU, 9Z4CH, AT3SM (AS-096), CN3A, CQ8M, FG/OK6RA, FO/F4FJH, FW2CW, FW5N, H40RH, H44RH, HG3IPA, J79AN, JA8HLK, KG6DX, KH6/ND0B, KL7RRC (NA-028), KL7YK, LY13LY, OX/PA7MDJ, P40AA, RG0C/p (AS-044), T70A, TL8AA, TO0GL, TX7L, TZ4AM, VK8NSB, VP8BTR, VP8WA, VR2XAN, VU2MLA, VU4N, VU7A, XV9G, XV9MA, YB2/IK1TTD, YI3WHR, YJ0TT, Z68BB, ZD7Z, ZL7A.

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