VK0IR --> The 1997 Heard Island DXpedition went QRT on 27 January at 11:55 UTC, when VK0IR logged their last QSO on 20 meter with ON4UN. A total of 80673 QSOs have been logged:

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There were made 14941 QSOs with Japan (CW 8991, SSB 5473, RTTY 477); 35846 with Europe (CW 21358, SSB 13756, RTTY 732); 14532 with Eastern North America (CW 7555, SSB 6601, RTTY 376); 5837 with Central North America (CW 3050, SSB 2537, RTTY 250); 4157 with Western North America (CW 2367, SSB 1668, RTTY 122); 713 with Australia and New Zealand (CW 253, SSB 447, RTTY 13); 4647 with the rest of the world (CW 1962, SSB 2599, RTTY 86).

*** SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM AND THE PILOT STATIONS ***
*** ON THEIR SUPERB JOB ***
*** THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR (AND OURS) DREAM COME TRUE ***

3B8 - From 20 February to 1 March Adriano, IK2GNW will be active (SSB, CW and RTTY) from Mauritius Island (AF-049) as 3B8/IK2GNW. He will concentrate on 80 and 160 metres.

8P9 - From 4 to 1 February Steve, K2WE (ex-NI2C) will be active from Barbados with a call to be got upon arrival. Operations will take place
on 10-160 metres, WARC band included, SSB & CW. QSL via home call.

**CE** - Ismael, CE7AOY is reported to be /8 from 7 to 10 February from Wellington Island (SA-032).

**CY0** - Wayne, VE1CBK was expected to be active from Sable Island as CY0SAB from 27-31 January, but, due to an unforeseen technical problem, he was reported being unable to be QRV until 29 January at the earliest. Wayne planned to be active on HF, concentrating on 160, 80 and 40 metres before and after his normal work day (12 UTC-20 UTC). QSL via home call (Wayne E King, 63 Brook St, Lake Fletcher, NS, B2T 1A5 Canada).

**ER_ant** - Operator Pavel is reported to be active in February as EM1HU from Ukraine Antarctic base Vernadsky (WABA UR-01) on Galindez Island (AN-006). QSL via I2PJA.

**FR** - From 15 to 20 March Adriano IK2GNW will be active (SSB, CW and RTTY) from Reunion Island (AF-016) as FR/IK2GNW. He will concentrate on 80 and 160 metres.

**HP** - From 8 to 11 February Jose (HP2CWB) and Francisco (HP1DON) will be active (SSB only) from Cayos Holandeses, San Blas Archipelago (NA-170). Calls that might be used are 3E0S, 3F0S, H30S, H80S, H90S, HO0S and HP170SB. QSL via HP2CWB (Jose Ng Lee, Direct Distribution LTD., P.O.Box 02-5275, Miami, FL 33102-5275, USA. Please note that this is just a maildrop address: cards will be actually mailed from Panama, so that do not send SASEs with US stamps).

**I_ant** - Filippo, IK0AIH is active as IA0PS from Italian Antarctic base at Terranova Bay (WABA I-01) on Pennell Coast.

**KC4_ant** - Greg, WB7CHV, who is currently active as KC4AAC [425DXN 294] at Palmer Station (WABA K-10) on Anvers Island (AN-012), will looking for European stations on 2 February at 16, 17, and 18 UTC on 14.270 MHz +/- QRM. They have replaced the old tri-band antenna with a new 3 element monobander for 20 metres and added a new amplifier with booming signals.

**OH0** - OH1NX, OH1NYP, OH1TX and OH2BH will be active from Aland islands as OH0NYP on 160 metres until 2 February.

**S2** - Operations by DL3NEO, DL3DXX and DL8WPX [425DXN 299] will take place with the call S21XX on all bands (with special emphasis on low bands) mostly on CW. DL3DXX and DL8WPX will be staying in Bangladesh until 14 February (after leaving S2 they will join DK7YY and DL7UFN for the planned activity from OC-117, 425DXN 297). DL3NEO will stay in Dhaka until 17 February. The group has been issued also the calls S21XZ and S21XY. QSL DL3NEO.

**S7** - From 12 to 19 February Adriano, IK2GNW will be active (SSB, CW and RTTY) from Mahe, Seychelles (AF-024) as S79GN. He will concentrate on 80 and 160 metres. Adriano might be active for 2 or 3 days from Desroches Island (AF-033) as well.

**V8** - Hiro, JA1WTR (ex-TA2ZY, VU2WRT and XW8AK) is active as V85HY on 15-80 metres CW. QSL via JA1WTR.

**VE** - The Blue Mountain Amateur Radio Club will operate a special event station (on 20, 40 and 80 metres) under the call (VA3BMR) during the running of the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games at Collingwood from 1 to 8 February. Special full color QSL cards have been printed for this occasion and will be distributed to contacts through the QSL bureau.

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GERMAN ISLANDS AWARD ---> Peter, DL2MX (German Islands Award Manager) gives the latest information on the IOTA status of some German islands [425DXN 296] N-026 (Minsener Oog), Koos (O-010), Lotseninsel (O-020), Grosse Kirr (O-023), Oie (O-024) and Riether Werder (O-027) do *not* count for IOTA; Bock (O-004) and Beuchel (O-025) count for EU-057; Langenwerder (O-022) counts for EU-098.

QSL VK0IR ---> QSLs are via INDEXA, c/o W4FRU, P.O.Box 5127, Suffolk, VA 23435, USA. W4FRU is a QSL manager for several other DX stations, so that if you include a QSL request for one or more of these other stations along with your VK0IR QSL request, it could delay your Heard card by as much as six months. In keeping with the above, TO0R QSLs should be sent separately as they will be processed by a different person than the Heard Island cards. Any donation you may include with your QSL request, over and above that required to process your QSL request, will be forwarded to the DXpedition treasurer.

VK0IR SOUVENIRS ---> You can also support the expedition by buying one of the unique souvenirs that are made available: white on black (@ $15) and 4-colour (@ $20) coffee mugs (order from Bob Schmieder, KK6EK, 4295 Walnut Blvd, Walnut creek, CA 94596, USA); cotton T-shirts (sizes adult S-XXL and XXXL by special request, $20 U.S. and $25 airmail DX) available from Tom Anderson, WW5L, 3505 Cliffwood Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021-2043, USA. A professional quality video will be made available around May 1997 (for information and orders, please contact Peter Casier, ON6TT, Oude Heerbaan 30, B9230 Wetteren, Belgium).

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