3C0    - The 20-27 May 3C0DX expedition to Annobon Island has been cancelled at the very last moment. Eleven out of 13 operators have been unsuccessful in obtaining visas for Annobon. The DXpedition is now scheduled to start on 11 October.

3DA    - Koji, ZS6CAX will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as 3DA5A (SOAB). Before and after the contest he will be active as 3DA0NX. QSL for 3DA0NX is via ZS6CAX (bureau or direct) or JM1CAX (bureau only). QSL for 3DA5A via JH7FQK.

5B     - RA9JX, RA9JR, RZ9UA, RA3CQ and RZ3BW will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as H22A from Cyprus (AS-004). QSL to Uldis Silinsh, P.O. Box 3, Valmiera, LV-4200, Latvia.

9A     - Gus, 9A/DJ8QP/P, who is currently active from EU-136, will not operate from EU-110 before November.

BV     - Gus, SM3EVR/BV2 is active from Taiwan (AS-020) until October. QSL via SM3EVR.

F      - Larry, F5PYI plans to be /M from some DIFI islands on 24 May (afternoon).

HZ     - Thomas, SM0CXU/AB5CQ will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest from HZ1AB. Plans are for either 40 or 20 metres only. QSL via K8PYD.

I      - Special event station IQ3AC has been active since 10 May and will be operated by ARI Treviso until 31 May. QSL via IK3GES.

I      - IQ1A will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest. QSL via I1JQJ.

I      - Oreste, IK3VIA will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as IU3V (SOAB) from Lido Island (EU-131, IIA VE-032). QSL via IK3VIA.

I      - Gabriele, IK3GES will be IL3/ from the island of Camerini (IIA RO-003) between 23 and 25 May and from the island of Bastimento (IIA RO-010) from 30 May to 1 June. QSL via home call.

I      - Bad weather conditions forced Fabio (IK6JOT), Sergio (IK6MWK) and Fabio (IK6ZER) to postpone their planned activity from the Ponziano Archipelago (EU-045) to 31 May–1 June. QSL via IK6MWK.
I - IT9GAI and IT9YRE are planning to operate from a few IIA Sicily islands (Pietra Patella, Scoglio Guicciarda, Isola delle Palme, Scoglio a Pizzo, Scoglio dei Maltesi).

JIY - George, JY9QJ and Ulli, JY8YB/DL5MBY will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as JY8YB (Multi-Single) from Amman, Jordan. Ulli will be active after the contest as well.

KH2 - J13ERV/NH2C, JG3RPL/N1BJ and JR7OMD/WI3O will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (Multi-Single) as NH2C from Guam (OC-026). QSL via J13ERV.

KH0 - Aki, JA5DQH will be active as KH0AA from Saipan (OC-086) until 27 May. He will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest. After the contest he will be active on WARC bands and 160 metres. QSL via JA5DQH.

KP2 - Andy, SM4CNN/DF3IAL will be active from Virgin Islands (NA-106) as WP2Z between 22 and 28 May. He will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest. QSL to DF3IAL either direct (Anders Larsson, Riedhalsstrasse 10, D-60437 Frankfurt, Germany) or through the bureau.

LA - The Trondheims-gruppen av NRRL has been granted permission to use the special call LM2T between 30 May and 6 June to celebrate the 1000 years of Trondheim. QSL via the bureau or direct to LA2T, Trondheimsgruppen av NRRL, Box 929, NO-7001 Trondheim, Norway.

OK - OK2PHH will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as OK7DX. QSL to MDXG-VYCOM, Box 54, 62700 Brno.

P4 - John, W2GD will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest from Aruba (SA-036) as P40W (SOAB). John plans to be active until 26 May. QSL via home call.

PY - Alex, PY1KS will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest as PX1I (10 metres).

T33 - Ron, ZL1AMO, is back in home. He was not able to go to T33, Banaba [425DXN 312].

V2 - N2BA will be operating from the V26B contest location (NA-100) for the CQWW WPX CW Contest (callsign as yet unknown). QSL via N2BA's current address (11 Columbus Ave, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028 USA).

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VE - Special event station VX6CAR will operate from 18 to 21 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of CARA (Calgary Amateur Radio Association). CARA members are allowed to use a special prefix VF6 from 21 May to 1 June.

VE - Dennis, VE5AEE and Ernest, VE3NSZ are off to do a few islands and join the celebrations on Prince Edward Island (the opening of the new Confederation Bridge) [425DXN 315] and Newfoundland (the landing of John Cabot at Bonivista 500 years ago). Operations are planned from 29 May to 15 June and include Lennox Island (NA-029, C.Is.A PE004 on 29 May as VE3NSZ/XN0/M), Change Island (NA-198, C.Is.A NF011 on 10 June), Fogo Island (NA-198, C.Is.A NF005 on 11 June) and
some new VE islands in Prince Edward, Newfoundland, Labrador and Quebec provinces. QSL either direct or through the bureau.

W - John, NL7TB will be active from several USI islands in Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana between 22 May and 4/5 June. QSL via NL7TB (John Reisenauer, 23406 E. Kennedy Rd., Benton City, WA 99320, USA).

W - Lew, N6VV will be /P (20 and 40 metres CW and SSB) from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066) between 30 May and 2 June. Equipment includes a beam antenna and an amplifier, so (hotel staff permitting!) Lew will be looking for Europe during West Coast evening and morning openings. QSL direct to N6VV.

YA - John, who operated S2/PA3BTQ from Bangladesh, is now in Afghanistan with the Red Cross.

ZP - Ernesto, LU6BEG will participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest from Paraguay as ZP0M (single operator, 15 metres). QSL via ZP5XF. Before and after the contest he will be active as ZP5/LU6BEG (QSL via home call).

425 DX NEWS SPANISH WEB SITE ---> Thanks to "QTC Magazine", 425 DX News is now available in Spanish at URL http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtc425.htm

425 DX NEWS SEARCH ---> Are you looking for any information published in past issues of 425 DX News? Please visit our Web pages http://www-dx.deis.unibo.it/htdx/index.html and try the "Search" button. The programme, written by Mirko (IK0ZSN), gives the needed information in a few seconds. Enjoy 425 DX News!

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DIE SOFTWARE ---> Paco, EA5OL is the author of PRGDIE, the software for the management of participation in the Spanish Islands Award. The program is downloadable (in English, French and Spanish, either Windows and DOS) at http://www.arrakis.es/~ea5ol

IOTA @ FRIEDRICHSHAFEN ---> IOTA enthusiasts attending the Ham Fest at Friedrichshafen, Germany (27-29 June) are invited to participate in the IOTA Forum on Friday 27th (between 1 and 2.30 p.m., at the Konferenzsaal, 40 Platze). An IOTA get-together is being organized by Hans, DK1RV on Saturday 28th at 7 p.m. (at "Beim Bene", VFB Station Gaststatte, Teuringer Strasse 2). Further details from DK1RV (Hans Georg Goebel, Postfach 1114, 57235 Netphen, Germany; e-mail dk1rv@t-online.de).

NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION ---> The 6th Annual New Orleans International DX Convention will be held on 22-23 August at the Royal Sonesta Hotel [425DXN 311. The programme has been finalized. Presentations on DX and technical topics include "Navassa Island" by Dick Brown (W5AA); "AH1A, Howland Island" (video); "CY9/WS1JU St. Paul Island" by Vance LePierre (W5IJU); "ARRL DXCC Update" by Bill Moore (NC1L, ARRL DX Desk); "Propagation Prediction for the DXer" by Ned Stearnes (AA7A); "JD1/7J1AYK ChiChicima
Island" by Gary Jones (W5FI); "Dxpeditions & Internet Technology" by Bob Schmieder (KK6EK); "The DXCC2000 Project" by Rick Roderick (K5UR); "RF Exposure Regulations & the Dxer" by Jim Maxwell (W6CF); "2Y0SK St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks" by Karl Leite (PS7KM); "It ALL Starts at the Microphone" by Bob Heil (K9EID); "AH4/AH0W Midway Island" by Frank Smith (AH0W). The Gala Banquet programme include DXer of the Year Award to Al Hernandez (K3VN) and "VK0IR Heard Island 1997" by team member K3VN. Last but not least "DXCC QSL checking" by Bill Moore, NC1L.

QSL DX1CW ---> JA3GN is *not* the QSL manager for club station DX1CW. QSL should go direct to CW PHIL, P.O. Box 1048, Manila, Philippines 1099 or to 4F1FZ (Rey Fermin, 248 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines 1501).

QSL OD5NA ---> IK3ZAW (Veronica Della Dora, Piazza Fiume 14, 30126 Lido di Venezia - VE, Italy) is the QSL manager for Nabil, OD5NA.

QSL YN1RLI & YN1KDM ---> Dave, TI5RLI operated as YN1RLI from Managua recently. QSL is via WA4JTK. Dave will be back to Nicaragua during the last week of May and again in June. QSL for YN1KDM, who operated with Dave, is via TI5KD.


QSL VIA NN6C ---> Mike, NN6C (ex KM6ON) is not the QSL manager for RA0FA any more and he has not received any news from HH2LQ for more than one year. He is still the QSL manager for Z32XX, Z32XA and Z37FCA.

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IIA - Italian Islands Award

This Trophy is issued by the Crazy DX Group. Every OM and SWL (world-wide) can participate.
The purpose is to contact/listen/activate the largest number of different Italian islands.
Only referenced islands from the official IIA list will be valid, but also any possible island reference released after the Trophy's starting. The participation is free of cost.
Have a good hunting!

PARTICIPATION PERIOD
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From June 1st to September 30th 1997.

BANDS
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It will be valid every qso/listening/activity on every amateur radio band.

POINTS
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Each different contacted/listened/activated Italian island will count 1 point.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES
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3 categories are available: OM, SWL and DX-PEDITIONERS.
It's possible to participate at more than 1 category. Points of different categories cannot be combinable.
In the DX-PEDITIONERS category, it's necessary for the participant to be the owner of the used call-sign in every activity.
A plaque will be awarded to the top scoring participants in each category.
Complete results will be sent by the postal service to every participant.

LOGS
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Complete logs with data of every QSO/listening (call-sign, date, UTC time, band, mode, IIA reference, correspondent call-sign for SWL category) should be sent within November 30th 1997 to the following address:

CRAZY DX GROUP - P.O. BOX 11 - 04011 APRILIA - ITALY
or through e-mail: crazy@grisnet.it

For DX-PEDITIONERS category’s participants, it will be enough to send the complete activities list (dates, used call-signs and IIA references).

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE CRAZY DX GROUP MEMBERS
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A special prize will be awarded to the Crazy DX Group member that will achieve the best result.

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