9N - Rich, 9N1RHM is active again from Nepal. The DX News Sheet reports that he will try to work RTTY "on an experimental basis when propagation and local conditions allow". QSL via KV5V.

9X - Mark, ON4WW/9X4WW [425DXN 311] went QRT on 19 August after 41,000 QSOs. QSL via ON5NT.

DL - Tom, DL1AAA and his wife Christiane, will be active (on 3.560, 7.030, 10.106 and 14.060 MHz +/- QRM) as DL0QRP from several EU-042 islands between 30 August and 11 September. QSL via bureau.

EA - Pepe, EA5KB reports that EA5RKX (on 23 August) and EA5CCD (on 24 August) logged 675 and 366 QSOs respectively from Escollo del Moro (EU-151). EA5RKX should be active again on 30 (16.00-19.00 UTC) and 31 August (05.00-11.00 UTC). QSL via EA5OL.

EA - EA7ATM/P will be active from EU-152 during the weekend. QSL via home call.

EM_ant - Tony, I2PJA reports that EM1HO (Vernadsky Base, Galindez Island, AN-006) will be QRV on 1.827 MHz CW at 4 UTC on 27-29 August and possibly next week as well.

I - Venice Islanders will be active from one or more islands in the Venice Lagoon (EU-131) during the weekend.

I - IV3CII and IV3JWR will be active from one or more islands in the Grado Lagoon (EU-130) during the weekend.

I - IV3VER will be active from Isola dei Belli (EU-130, IIA GO-003) during the week end.

I - Gabriele (IK3GES), Roberto (IK2MRZ) and Maurizio (IK2ILH) plan to be IL3/ from IIA islands in Rovigo province on 6-7 September.

I - Nando, IT9YRE and Enrico, IT9AXZ will be ID9/ from Eolie Islands (EU-017) between 30 August and 5 September. QSL via home calls.

I - Tony, IK1QBT will be active (CW and SSB) as ID9/IK1QBT from Vulcano Island (EU-017, IIA ME-018) and possibly other islands in the Eolie group between 1 and 15 September. QSL via home call either direct (Tony Gallo, Via Capo S.Spirito 1/16, 17020 Borghetto S.Spirito -
SV, Italy) or through the bureau.

ISO - ISONHT will be IM0/ from the islands of Faro Vecchio (EU-165, IIA OR-007) or Mal di Ventre (EU-165, IIA OR-001).

JA - Yuki, JI6KVR will be active from Amakus Is. (AS-012) during the weekend. QSL via EA5KB (JA stations QSL via JJ6LXX).

KH3 - The Daily DX reports that Al, KK5ZX was scheduled to leave for Johnston Island (OC-023) [425DXN 325 and 328] on 23 August. Al stated that "the absolute earliest he would be on the air would be 28 August and more than likely it would be 1 September". He will be on Johnston until 1 October. QSL via K3SX.

OH - OH1LU will be active from EU-096 during the week end. QSL via home call.

PY - Jim, PY7XC/6 will be active as ZY6XC from Tinhare Island (SA-080, DIB 060) from 30 August (around 15.00 UTC) to 1 September (around 09.00 UTC). He will operate on 10-40 metres and concentrate on 20 metres around 14.260 MHz +/- QRM. QSL to PY7XC (his *new* address is: Jemesson Faria, Rua Dhalia 228 Apt 401 B.Viagem, Recife-PE 51020-290, Brazil).

TT - The OPDX Bulletin reports that Jim, TT8/WA4KKY [425DXN 328] is now active as TT8JWM and that John, TT8/WB4MBU has also been issued a new Chad callsign (TT8JFC). The DX News Sheet reports that EA2CLU is active again as TT8FC (QSL via EA4ASK).

VE - Sandy, VE7FGY plans to be active from Pasley Island from 30 August to 1 September. He expects to be QRV on or around 14.260 Mhz at 20.00 UTC each day. This may be his last time on the island for the year.

VK - Bill Horner, VK4FW reports that the callsign to be used on Holmes Reefs [425DXN 327] is VK4YN. QSL direct to VK4FW.

VK9_w - Bill Horner, VK4FW reports that the callsigns to be used during the forthcoming operation from Willis Islands (11-21/22 September) [425DXN 327] are VK9WY (YL operators) and VK9WM (OMs). QSL direct to VK4FW.

VQ9 - The Daily DX reports that Pres, N6SS is active (also on 160 metres) from Chagos as VQ9SS until November. QSL via N6SS.

W - W4/YV5DTA and W4/YV5ENI plan to be active (on 20 metres SSB and CW) from Marco Island (NA-052) during the weekend. QSL via W4/YV5DTA (Steve Morao, 1920 NE 1st Terr # 104H, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305, USA). This operation will be in memory of Micky Delgado, YV5AIP (SK).

W - The special event station NN50CIA will be active from 1 to 30 September to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Central Intelligence Agency. QSL via KB4EFP.

YB - Irianuz, YC9NBR is currently active from Timor Island (OC-148) on 15 metres (21275 +/- QRM) around 10-14 UTC. QSL via P.O. Box 1021, 85000 Kupang, Timor, Indonesia.
YB - The DX News Sheet reports that Chris, YC8SHQ will be active in September for several years from Yamdena Island in the Tanimbar Islands (OC-???).

ZB - The DX News sheet reports that Martyn, G3RFX will be active from Gibraltar between 3 and 10 September as ZG2FX and between 11 and 16 September as ZB2FX. QSL via home call.

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IL3/DL5MX ---> Recent IIA activities by Mike, DL5MX took place from the following islands: Ca' Venier (RO-011, 13 August), Polesine (RO-003, 13 August), Donzella (RO-001, 16 August), Boccasette (RO-014, 16 August). Mike will confirm all QSOs automatically through the bureau.

QSL EU-011 ---> F6BFH reports to have sent all the direct requests for his recent operation as G/F6BFH from the Scilly Isles (EU-011).

QSL NA-088 ---> Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports to have sent all the direct requests for HP1XBI/4 (Bocas del Toro, NA-088).

QSL NA-120 ---> Don, AA5AT and Abner, WN5W are still awaiting their recent Marsh Island (NA-120) operation [425DXN 323] cards from the printer - please do not resubmit QSLs.

QSL 7Z5000 ---> Art, N2AU reports that "effective immediately, I will be handling the QSLing for 7Z500. I have all the logs from day one to present. Mike is shipping me 10,000 cards around September 1st. I also have logs and cards for his PJ5AA, PJ8H, K3UOC/PJ8 and K3UOC/YV operations. I have many bureau cards to answer (4,000) and they should be finished by the end of the year."

QSL VE8KM ---> Peter, VE8PW reports that those who still need cards from VE8KM (NA-006) should QSL to his new call, VE6KCM.

QSL VIA F5NZO ---> Didier, F5NZO (the QSL manager for FT5XL) volunteers for QSL management "for all countries". If interested, please contact Didier at <f5nzo@aol.com>.

QSL VK0IR ---> Peter, ON6TT reports the following: "The VK0IR QSL team confirms that there is NO backlog of cards to be sent. Apparently and unfortunately, some of you are still waiting for your cards. To shortcircuit the problem, we agreed with the QSL team on the following: if you sent in cards for the VK0IR operation and if you are still awaiting your card, please sent an e-mail to K4JDJ at <k4jdj@norfolk.infi.net> with the following details: your call and snail mail return address, details for the QSOs you await confirmation for (date, time, band, mode, report), date when you mailed your card to the QSL team. I hope this shows the commitment of the VK0IR team to finish this operation with the level of quality as we started it 2 years ago!"
QSL WP2Z ---> WP2Z (the Windwood Contest Station on St. Croix, USVI) is used by different operators for different contests/vacations and the QSL route for various dates can get real confusing. In an attempt to solve the problem, Larry, KE2VB has asked Steve, KU9C to act as QSL manager for WP2Z and he has graciously accepted. Please forward all WP2Z QSL requests to Steve at either P.O. Box 5953, Parsippany, NJ 07054, USA or via the bureau.

QSL XT2DB-> QSL manager F5LGQ reports to have sent all the direct requests for XT2DB.

+ SILENT KEY + The IOTA community mourns the death of another friend: it was with the greatest sadness that we have learnt of the passing of Micky Delgado, YV5AIP, who became a SK a couple of months ago after a long illness /EX

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The 1997 Convention will be held at the Beaumont Conference Centre, Old Windsor, Berkshire, UK from 26 to 28 September. The Convention is being organised by the RSGB HF Committee in conjunction with the RSGB IOTA Committee, the RSGB HF Contests Committee and the Chiltern DX Club (The UK DX Foundation). The weekend offers a full three-stream lecture programme on both Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September, with the IOTA Buffet taking place on Friday 26 September and the ever popular DX Dinner on the evening of Saturday
27 September. The programme includes:
- VK0IR Dxpedition (Ghis Penny, ON5NT)
- Supporting Polar Expeditions (Laurence Howell, GM4DMA)
- IOTA (three lecture slots on Saturday and Sunday)
- DXCC Award Programme (Bill Kennamar, K5FUV)
- IARU (Ron Glasier, G6LX)
- DX Operating Techniques: Beginner to Expert (Don Field, G3XTT)
- The History of BERU (Bob Whelan, G3PJ)
- Aerials: from HF to Toroidal Aerials for 73kHz (Prof. Roger Jennison, G2AJV)
- Exploring the World of the Digital Modes (Chris Lorek, G4HCL and Phil Bridges, G6DLJ)
- Technical Advances on 73kHz (Andy Talbot, G4JNT)
- PacketCluster Technology and Practice (John Dundas, GM0OPS)
- Radio and Radiations from the Sun: About The Next Solar Cycle (Geoff Grayer, G3NAQ, Propagation Studies Committee)
- RadioCommunications Agency Open Forum
- Planning & Advisory Committee Forum (Louis Thomas, GW4ZXG, Planning & Advisory Committee)
- 73kHz Forum (John Gould, G3WKL)
- Novice Forum (Keith Kahn, G3RTU)
- HF Contest Forum - HF Contest Committee
- Trophy Presentation
- The Award of 1996-97 HF and Microwave Trophies
- Young Amateur of the Year

To obtain further information and your priority booking form please contact Marcia or Fay on +44 (0)1707 659015 (0815 to 1615 UTC) or fax +44 (0)1707 645105 (24 hour).

More information, covering the times of the various events as well as other attractions - the DXCC Card checking and Special Event Station, Trade stands, etc. at [http://www.pagnell.demon.co.uk/conv/convention.html](http://www.pagnell.demon.co.uk/conv/convention.html)

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>>> DXCC 2000 <<<

Jim, K1MEM (DXAC W1) reports that the DXCC 2000 committee presented two concepts to the board of directors in July. The committee will finish their work in January with a final report to the BoD.

**Concept 1: Criteria**

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Point 1, Government:
To be on the DXCC list by reason of government one of these three conditions must be met:
1. Be a member of the United Nations
2. Be a member of the IARU.
3. Have an official assigned Call Sign allotment.

Point 2, Separation by water:
1. The 225 miles requirement is replaced with 350 kilometers.
2. The 500 mile requirement is replaced with 800 kilometers.
3. "minimum size" is defined as "2 points separated by not less 100 meters of connected land above the high tide mark....

Point 3, Separation by another DXCC country:
1. The 75 mile requirement is replaced with 100 kilometers.

Point 4, Ineligible areas:
1. No changes proposed

Concept 2: Band awards
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The Band Award program consists of 10 single band awards. The bands are 160, 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6 and 2 metres. Two new cumulative DXCC awards are being created by using the totals from nine of the single band awards. (160-6 metres). There will be the DXCC 2000 Challenge Award, with 1 point per country per band 160-6 metres (not 30 metres). Certificates, plaques, pins etc. at 1000, 1500, 2000 and 2500 point levels. A special trophy is given the overall leader each year (no charge, one per person). A special DXCC 2000 Award for 100 countries in the year 2000 will be offered (non-endorseable, no QSLs required).

There will be some changes in the manner Honor Rolls and Standings are reported in QST. Yearbook will not change.

This report will be reported in QST and copies of the complete report are available from ARRL.

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