3B8 - Patrick, F6CMH will be active (SSB) as 3B8/F6CMH from Mauritius (AF-049) between 17 and 26 March. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

8P - 8P2K has been issued to Dean, 8P6SH for use during contests until the end of the year 2000. It was activated for the ARRL DX SSB Contest and will be QRV for the CQ WW WPX Contest later this month. QSL via KU9C or direct to 8P6SH. [TNX 8P6SH]

BV - Juergen, DJ3KR will be active (mainly on LF and WARC bands CW) as BV3/DJ3KR from Taiwan (AS-020) on 19-23 March and 26 March-17 April. QSL via DH3MG. [TNX DX News Sheet]

C5 - Frank, ON4CEL will be active (10-80 metres mainly CW, with some SSB) from The Gambia between 17 and 25 March. QSL via ON4CEL either direct (Franky Beuselinck, Oostmolenstraat 95, 9880 Aalter, Belgium) or through the bureau. Logs will be available at http://user.online.be/~frankyb/index.html after the operation. [TNX OPDX Builletin]

E4 - David, E41/OK1DTP [425DXN 409] has been the first to receive an E41 prefix. He has been regularly licenced since 24 February and will remain active from the West Bank (Palestine) for the rest of the year. He and his father (OK1TD) plan to operate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (27-28 March). QSL via OK1TD (Jiri Lunak, U Sporky 185, 470 01 Ceska Lipa, Czech Republic). [TNX The Daily DX]

EA8 - DL7AU is active (mostly on RTTY) as EA8/DL7AU from the Canary Islands (AF-004) until 3 April. He plans to participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (10 metres). QSL via DL7VRO. [TNX DX News Sheet]

FK - FK8FI, FK8VHN, FK8HC and FK8GM will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as TX8DX (Multi-Multi). QSL via VK4FW (Bill Horner, P.O. Box 929, Gympie, Queensland 4570, Australia). [TNX FK8GM]

GU - Bill, G4YWY will be active as GU4YWY/M from Guernsey (EU-114) between 14 and 28 March. QSL via home call. [TNX DX News Sheet]

HS - Charlie, K4VUD will be active as HS02CW from Thailand between 13 March and 5 April and again between 18 May and 2 June. QSL via K4VUD. [TNX The Daily DX]

KG4 - Vance, N5VL (KG4VL) will be joining W4WX (KG4GC) and N2WB (KG4WB)
for the 18–25 March operation from Guantanamo Bay (NA-015) [425DXN 409]. They will participate in the BARTG RTTY Contest (20–21 March) as KG4WB. QSL via home calls. [TNX N5VL]

**PY** - Jim, PY7XC has been joined by PT7BZ, PY7ZY and PT7WA on his way to Tinhare Island (SA-080) [425DXN 409]. After a brief operation from Itaparica Island (SA-023), they moved to Tinhare, where they now plan to remain active with two stations until around 18 UTC on 22 March. [TNX The Daily DX]

**PY0_spp** - The ABRA DXpedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Archipelago (SA-014) [425DXN 409] is confirmed to be due to start on 15 or 16 March. The operators, who left Natal on 11 March, will be signing ZV0SB on SSB and ZV0SW on CW (no activity on RTTY). QSL via PT2GTI. [TNX PS7AB and PT2GTI]

**T3** - In a message received early this week Steve, OM3JW reported that T30R will remain active from Tarawa, West Kiribati (OC-017) for a few days longer than planned [425DXN 403]. After that the group will NOT go and operate from either Banaba (T33) or Canton (T31), but will return home. QSL via OK1RD (Jaroslav Semotam, Borova 155, CZ–251 01 Ricany, Czech Republic). [TNX OM3JW]

**T8** - JA1BRK (T88RK), JA1HGY (T88HG), JA1HYF (T88HY), 7N3AWE (T88AJ) and JK1OPL (T88??) will be active from Koror (OC-009), Belau between 19 and 21 March. They will operate on 6–160 metres (SSB, CW and RTTY) with two stations; special attention will be paid to the WARC bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1HGY]

**UA** - Seven special stations will be active until 10 April to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Republic of Bashkortostan (Asiatic Russia): UE9WAA operated by RW9WA (P.O. Box 7056, Ufa 450075, Russia - or via W3HNK, NAs only); UE9WAB operated by RV9WB (P.O.Box 7016, Ufa 450075, Russia - or via W3KC, NAs only); UE9WAC operated by RU9WB (P.O. Box 158, Ufa 450096, Russia - or via W3HC, NAs only); UE9WFJ operated by RX9WN (P.O.Box 139, Ufa 450038, Russia); UE9WGM operated by RV9WZ (P.O.Box 179, Ufa 450065, Russia); UE9WYL operated by RZ9WM (via RW9WA); UE9WZZ operated by RZ9WZ (via N2AU). If you do not need a fast reply, please note that all of the QSOs will be confirmed through the bureau. [TNX RW9WA]

**VK** - Robert Hancock, VK5AFZ has been planning an expedition to an island in the un-numbered VK5 group South Australia State East and has invited Martin, G3ZAY to join him for a one-day operation on 5 April. They plan to be QRV with two stations from around 0800–2100 local time. QSL information will be announced nearer the time. [TNX G3ZAY]

**XF4** - This week's ARRL DX Bulletin reports that XF4BEF will be active (6–160 metres, CW, SSB and RTTY) from Socorro Island (NA-030), Revilla Gigedo between 17 March and 2 April. QSL via XE1BEF.

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Edited by I1JQJ & IK1ADH
E44/HA1AG ---> The 4-member Hungarian team made 40430 QSOs (9971 SSB, 29715 CW, 744 RTTY) in less than nine days. The band breakdowns are (band/QSOs) 160/1579, 80/2817, 40/4956, 30/3557, 20/7876, 17/4084, 15/5926, 12/4480, 10/5155. The stations who were able to work them on all of the nine bands are 262. The log search ([http://www.okdxc.cz/e44](http://www.okdxc.cz/e44)) now covers all 40430 contacts. [TNX PA1AW]

EA RTTY CONTEST ---> It is sponsored by URE (Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles) and will take place (10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres) between 16 UTC on 3 April and 16 UTC on the 4th. The rules are available from the Contest Manager (Antonio Alcolado, EA1MV) at alcolado@redestb.es

QSL 1A0KM & HV4NAC ---> QSL manager Francesco Valsecchi, IK0FVC reports that he is used to processing (and mailing) these cards in batches once a week. He can rely on his friends from the Roman DX Club for help and this modus operandi has proved effective. If you do not receive your card(s) within a reasonable time, it is because Francesco has not received your request. He asks DXers to refrain from e-mailing reminders to him, as this cannot speed up the process.

QSL 3V8BB ---> The address of the station is P.O. Box 2055, Bir-El-Bey, Tunisia, but the actual QSL route for 3V8BB depends on the date and time of the QSO, as guest operators have their own QSL routes. Cards for contacts made during the 1999 ARRL DX SSB Contest should be sent via I5JHW.

QSL 5R8PR & 5R8OP ---> Cards have been received from the printer and QSL managers (respectively F6BFH and F6AOI) have started replying to direct requests received so far. Please note that they will pay return postage out of their pockets, as green stamps and IRCs will be used to buy clothes, school books and medicines for the children living in a small village near Antananarivo. [TNX F6BFH and Island On The Web]

QSL H44AL, VK4AFL, VK4BKM ---> Laurie Pritchard, VK4BLE (WIAQ QSL Bureau Manager) has been advised by VK4AFL and VK4BKM that they do not wish to have their QSL cards sent via the VK4 bureau. They will accept only direct QSLs (cards for H44AL are to be sent to VK4AFL). If there are any questions please contact the VK4 QSL Bureau via e-mail (wiaqsl@powerup.com.au). [TNX VK4BLE]

QSL MANAGERS REFLECTOR ---> It is devoted specifically to active QSL Managers and it NOT intended to be another list for listing QSL routes and queries for QSL information. "This should be a comfortable place for us to share information, resources, tips, experiences, problems and solutions", Larry Wilson, KE1HZ (lwilson@cyberportal.net) states. To join this new e-mail list send a blank message to join-QSL-Managers@XC.org [TNX KE1HZ]

QSL (NOT) VIA NE8Z ---> As of 9 March Rick Dorsch, NE8Z is *no longer* the QSL manager for HC6CR, HD6CR, HC6FG and HD6FG. "Mail theft in Ecuador has made the passing of logs impossible and they are not able to send me logs via e-mail", Rick reports. All past, present and future QSOs can be confirmed via their direct address: Roberto Camacho (HC6CR/HD6CR) and Maricela de Camacho (HC6FG/HD6FG), Casilla 614, Ambato, Ecuador. Please note that NE8Z will continue to act as QSL manager for HC1HC, as Alfredo is able to communicate
with Rick via e-mail with logs and/or other information. [TNX NE8Z]

QSL VIA WA5KBH --> George Carr, WA5KBH reports the mail forwarding from the United Kingdom for QSL cards to his UK calls has expired. Cards for G0WEW and G0/WA5KBH now go to his stateside address. George was in the UK between 1990 and 1996. [TNX WA5KBH]

LOGS (E4): The logs for David, E41/OK1DTP are now available at http://www.okdx.cz/e41/

LOGS (FW): The final logs (7554 QSOs) for Cedric's (HB9HFN) recent operation as FW5FN from Wallis Island are now available at http://www.qsl.net/hb9hfn/log/fw_search.html [TNX HB9HFN]

LOGS (KG4): The logs for the recent KG4DZ, KG4SD and KG4ZK operation from Guantanamo Bay are now available at http://www.pilot.infi.net/~charding/gitmo99.htm [TNX The Daily DX]

XF4MX: The web page for the current [425DXN 407] operation from Socorro Island (NA-030), Revilla Gigedo can be found at http://www.radionet.udg.mx/xf4mx/index.html

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