EI - John, EI4GK and Declan, EI9HQ plan to be active as EJ4GK and EJ9HQ from Great Blasket Island (EU-007) on 23-26 May. Operation will be mainly SSB on all bands 10-80 metres, but they also hope to include a 6m operation and some PSK31. QSL via home calls. [TNX EI4GK]

EW - Andy, W2/NP3D will be active (on all bands CW, SSB and RTTY) as EW/NP3D from Belarus on 18-27 May. QSL via W3HNK. [TNX W2/NP3D]

F - Look for Pascal, F8CGL/P to be active from Oleron Island (EU-032, DIFM AT-025) on 17-24 May. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau. [TNX La Gazette du DX]

F - Bernard, F5XX and the Castres DX Gang will be active (on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, PSK31, RTTY) as F5XX/P from Fort Brescou (EU-148, DIFM ME-001) on 23-27 May. They will participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest as TM5B (MS low power). [TNX F5NQL]

I - Raul, IK8VRS will be active from the islands of Procida (EU-031, IIA NA-002) and Vivara (EU-031, IIA NA-005) during the weekend. [TNX IZ8CCW]

JA - JO1EPY has been forced to cancel his 8-10 June operation from Tokara Archipelago (AS-049) [425DXN 573] due to business commitments. [TNX JI6KVR]

JT - Nicola, I0SNY and Gianni, I8KGZ will be active as JT1Y from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia for a couple of weeks starting on 21 May. In late May they will take a side trip to China and will operate from Beijing's Radio Club for 2-3 days. QSLs via I0SNY. [TNX I0SNY]

OZ - Six German operators from the Amateur Radio Scout Group VCP-Bremen will operate as OZ1RDP from Romo Island (EU-125) on 18-21 May. They plan to be active on 80-10 metres, plus 6 and 2 metres, SSB and CW. [TNX IZ8CCW]

OZ - Finn, OZ4EL will be active (on 80-10 metres SSB with some CW) from Sletterhage Lighthouse (DEN-043) in central Jutland between 25 May and 7 June. QSL via OZ4EL either direct or through the bureau. Finn is the President of the Danish lighthouse Society (http://home.19.inet.tele.dk/fyrtaarn) and Chairman of the Radio Aateur Lighthouse Group Sletterhage (http://home19.inet.tele.dk/lhouse)

PY0_fn- Dennis, K7BV will be active from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) between
24 May and 1 June, including an entry in the WPX CW Contest (possibly with a special call). Log and further information will be available at [http://www.qth.com/k7bv/PY0F](http://www.qth.com/k7bv/PY0F) [TNX The Daily DX]

**R1M**  - A group of operators from Russia (including six WRTC 2002 operators, who will take advantage of this activity to simulate the WRTC competition for 24 hours) and Finland will operate (on 10-80 metres SSB and CW, CQ WPX CW Contest included) from Malyj Vysotskiij Island (EU-117) starting in the local evening of 22 May. The Russians will depart on 27 May, while the Finnish team remain on the island until the 30th. Calls will be R1MVI (QSL via OH2BR) and special calls R1MVC, R1MVD and R1MVF to be used during the WRTC simulation. [TNX The Daily DX]

**TI**  - Look for Dick, W5AA to be signing W5AA/TI8 from Costa Rica between 22 May and 17 June. He will operate on all bands with an emphasis on 30, 12 and 17 metres. [TNX W5AA]

**TI**  - N0KE, W8QZA, W1XE, CX6VM and probably others will participate in the upcoming CQ WPX CW Contest as TI5N from TI5KD's contest station ([http://www.yantis.net/ti5kd/](http://www.yantis.net/ti5kd/)). This will be a QRP (5 watts) Multi-Multi operation. QSL via W3HNK.

**UA**  - Yuri, UA9OBA logged some 1500 QSOs as R3CA/0 from Makar Island (Respublika Sakha, Laptev Sea Coast East group, AS-163) on 14-15 May. The "Polar Ring" expedition is now on the coast of the East Siberian Sea and Yuri might operate again as R3CA/0 from Nemkova or Smerti in the Kolesovskaya Otmel' Islands (AS-???). QSL via UA9OBA (Yuri Zaruba, P.O. Box 1, Novosibirsk-92, 630092, Russia). [TNX WRC/RRA Bulletin]

**VE**  - Terry, VE7TLL reports that Canadian amateur radio operators have been authorized to use special prefixes to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. From 18 May through 18 July, the following special prefixes are authorized on a voluntary basis:

- XM1 for VE1
- XL4 for VA4
- XM8 for VE8
- XL1 for VA1
- XM5 for VE5
- XM9 for VE9
- XM2 for VE2
- XL5 for VA5
- XN1 for VO1
- XL2 for VA2
- XM6 for VE6
- XN2 for VO2
- XM3 for VE3
- XL6 for VA6
- X00 for VY0
- XL3 for VA3
- XM7 for VE7
- X00 for VY1
- XM4 for VE4
- XL7 for VA7
- X02 for VY2

**VP9**  - Merv, N6NO will be active as N6NO/VP9 from Bermuda (NA-005) on 22-28 May. He plans to concentrate on the WARC bands CW. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

**YB**  - Ten operators from ORARI Medan branch will be active as homecall/p from Pandan Island, North Sumatera on 25-26 May (Pandan is not listed in the IOTA Directory 2002 and as long as its location is cleared up, this operation will not count for any IOTA group). They plan to operate on 40 (7.060 Mhz) and 80 (3.820 Mhz) metres only. QSL via YC6PUP (P.O. Box 2395, Medan 2001, Indonesia). [TNX YC6LPM]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
7W4HI ---> The 14-18 May 7W4HI operation from the Habibas Islands (AF-???) [425DXN 575] was cancelled at the very last moment due to unexpected bureaucratic problems concerning landing permissions. "I am frustrated and it's big disappointment for me", Steve, OM3JW says, as "we spent a lot of time with preparations of this project".

NOT THE MANAGER ---> DK3WO has received several cards for contacts made with "ST6MM" on 29 September 2001 (20 and 15 metres CW and SSB). Please note that DK3WO is not the QSL manager for any station, let alone this pirate. [TNX DL3KVR]

QSL 4U1ITU ---> Due to a most unfortunate oversight Robert, W5IUA has been listed recently as the QSL route for 4U1ITU. Please note that he is not and has never been the QSL manager for 4U1ITU or anyone else. Cards still have to be sent via the bureau or direct to IARC, P.O.Box 6, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused Robert and our readers.

QSL DU1/SQ9BOP ---> Jacek, SQ9BOP made some 6000 QSOs from the Philippines; now he is in Poland and in July will be going to the US for one year. Cards should be sent to SP6GVU (Andrzej Kaleta, P.O. Box 498, Wroclaw 2, Poland). [TNX SP6GVU]

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Nick Pisaroff, LZ2JF has been a radio amateur for more than twenty years and now is willing to offer his services as a QSL manager for someone in need. Please contact him at lz2jf@yahoo.com

+ SILENT KEY + DXpedition pioneer Bob Denniston, VP2VI (W0DX) died unexpectedly in his sleep a few days ago at 83 years of age. He served as ARRL president from 1966 until 1972 and as IARU president from 1966 until 1974. After heading up the VP7NG DXpedition to the Bahamas during the second weekend of the 1948 ARRL International DX Contest, he was credited with being the "father of the modern DXpedition." First licensed as W9NWX at the age of 13, he subsequently held W4NNN, W0NWX, W0DX and, when he retired to Tortola (British Virgin Islands), VP2VI. He remained active on the amateur radio bands until his death.
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