The IOTA community worldwide mourns the sudden passing of Victor Rusinov, UT8LL (UB5LGM), who died in the plane crash on 23 December near Esfahan, while on a business trip to Iran. Over the years Victor was a keen supporter of the IOTA programme. He helped his Ukrainian team-mates put on operations from EU-119 (4K3MI), AS-005 (4K4D), AS-086 (4K4I), AS-039 (E202), AS-104 (4K4N), the Black Sea island groups EU-179, 180 and 182 (EM5UIA), as well as, just a few weeks ago, AS-166 (EP5KI). Victor was a man with a big heart, a huge sense of humour, and great charm. With this went real generosity - for the IOTA Programme we shall always be grateful for the financial contribution he made to fund an ongoing programme of annual trophies. [TNX G3KMA]

>>> 425 DX NEWS SURVEY <<<

The deadline for the 425 DX News DXCC Most Wanted Survey is 6 January 2003. If you want to participate, please go to http://www.425dxn.org/surv2003/

9N      - Kazu, JA8MWU will be active (on 6-160 metres SSB only) as 9N7WU from Kathmandu, Nepal from 30 December to 6 January. QSL via home call, either direct (Kazunori Abe, 12-5-9, 7-Jyo, Kagura, Asahikawa, 070-8007 Japan) or through the JARL bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

DL      - Tom, DL1DVE plans to operate from several ARLHS lighthouses located in the area around Hamburg and Bremen between 27 and 30 December. See http://www.qsl.net/dl1dve for his "current" position. [TNX DL1DVE]

EA6     - Christian, DL6KAC will be active as EA6/DL6KAC from Mallorca Island
(DIE E-021), Balearic Islands (EU-004) until 9 January. QSL via home call either direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX DL6KAC]

HS - E20AJ is the call sign of the amateur radio station at the 20th World Scout Jamboree (http://www.worldscoutjamboree20.org) in Sattahip, Thailand [425DXN 605]. Several stations will be operational on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres (preferably on the international scouting frequencies of 7090, 14290, 21360, 28390 and 28990 kHz), plus the following segments on 80/160m: 3524-3526, 3534-3536, 1834-1836 KHz. QSL direct to HB9AOF; bureau cards should be sent to E20AJ at the Thailand QSL Bureau (these will be handled by HS7AHV). Packet messages for people at the Jamboree can be sent to E20AJ@E20AJ.#STP.CBI.THA.AS [TNX HS0ZDZ/G3NOM]

I - Weather permitting, Antonio, IZ8CCW will be active as I8/IZ8CCW from Scogli Coreca (not IOTA, IIA CS-004) and Scoglio Formicola (not IOTA, IIA CS-003) on 4-5 January. [TNX IZ8CCW]

JD1_oga - Those who need Ogasawara on 160 metres should look for 8N1OGA, the special station celebrating the 75th anniversary of JARL [425DXN 592], to be active on 1-12 January from local sunset (around 8 UTC) to sunrise (around 22 UTC). [TNX UA0MF]

P4 - Alan, K4AVQ will be active on 160-10 metres as P40AV from Aruba (SA-036) on 4-18 January. Special attention will be given to 160 and 80 metres CW. QSL via K4AVQ. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

PJ - Chris, DL5NAM will be active (mainly on RTTY and 6 metres) as PJ4/DL5NAM from Bonaire (SA-006) on 2-18 January. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

R1A_ant - Wally, RU1ZC (R1ANZ) will be staying at Mirny base (WABA UA-07, IOTA AN-016) for another season until 2004. He can be found on on 14160 kHz around 15.30 UTC for his daily sked with his friends in Russia. [TNX DL5EBE]

S2 - Eric, VA7DZ expects to operate as S21/VA7DZ from Bangladesh on 1-7 January. A side trip to St. Martin's Island (AS-127) is expected on 3-4 January. QSL via VA7DZ (Eric Manning, 2909 Phyllis Street, Victoria, BC V8N 1Y8, Canada). [TNX The Daily DX]

SM - Special call 7S7SAN will be used from Sandhammen lighthouse (SWE-055) for a few hours now and then until 5 January. QSL via the bureau. [TNX VA3RJ]

ST - Falk/DK7YY (CW), Dietmar/DL3DXX (CW), Uwe/DL9NDS (SSB and RTTY), Felix/DL7FER (SSB and CW) and Chris/DL5NAM (SSB and RTTY) will be active as ST0RY (yes, it is Sierra Tango Zero Radio Yankee) from Sudan for approximately three weeks in March, CQ WPX SSB Contest included. They will concentrate on the low bands, WARC, RTTY and 6 metres (in this order) with three stations with amplifiers and several antennas. They are looking for financial assistance to defray the high costs of the expedition; they are also looking for support "in kind" as they want to leave some equipment, books, etc. to the national amateur radio club. If you can help, please contact Chris, DL5NAM at dl5nam@darc.de [TNX DL5NAM]

VP5 - Look for VP5/W6XK (QSL via homecall) and VP5/N6EE (QSL via homecall) to be active (on all bands RTTY, with CW and SSB operations mainly on the WARC and low bands) from the VP5B contest station on North Caicos (NA-002) on 1-7 January. They will participate in the ARRL RTTY Roundup as VP5NN (QSL via NN6NN). [TNX The Daily DX]
VQ9 - Larry, WD0HSP works on Diego Garcia (AF-006) and will be active as VQ9LA for at least the next year. He plans to operate on 80-6 metres RTTY, SSB, CW and FM. QSL direct to DG21 Larry Arneson, PSC 466, Box 24, FPO AP 96595-0024, USA. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Howie, K1VSJ will be active (CW and SSB) from Martha’s Vineyard (NA-046) from 30 December to 1 January. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Barring any major blizzards, the state of North Dakota will be activated during the ARRL RTTY Roundup (4-5 January) in a portable operation by the team of NW0L, AE9B, K0LW and W0ZAP. Contest callsign will be NW0L. QSL direct or via bureau. [TNX NW0L]

YB - YC3MM, YC3DIK and YC3HAR expect to operate as either homecall/p or YB3ZMI from Madura Island (OC-237) on 28 December. [TNX IZ8CCW]

ZS7_ant - Anton, ZS7/ZS4AGA will be staying at SANAE IV base (WABA ZS-03, IOTA AN-016) until the end of January. His activities on the amateur radio bands are very limited now, due his busy working schedule. He is expected to be back home in South Africa around 15 February. QSL via ZS4A. [TNX DL5EBE]

EU-119 ---> Nick, RA1QQ (ra1qq@cherepovets.ru) plans to operate from Morzhovets Island (EU-119) during the summer and is looking for financial assistance in order to charter the boat. [TNX RA1QHJ]

EU-169 ---> ZA0IS (operated by ZA1FD on CW and ZA5G on SSB) and ZA0/IK7JWX (SSB) logged 4804 QSOs during their 18-23 December operation from Sazan Island (EU-169, ARLHS ALB-004, WLHA LH-0028). QSL for both via IK7JWX either direct or through the bureau. [TNX IK7JWX]

GACW KEY DAY ---> The GACW KD will take place from 18 UTC on 23 February 2003 through 6 UTC on the 24th. This is not a contest, but an event for encouraging amateur radio operators to log as many QSOs as possible using their straight keys. For further information please e-mail Raul Diaz, LU6EF (lu6ef@yahoo.com.ar).

IOTA QSLs ---> Direct cards for the following IOTA operations have already been mailed or are being mailed right now, in order to reach the "deserving" in time for the IOTA Honour Roll annual update:
- IA5/IK4RUX (EU-028, August 2002), QSL via home call
- IA5/I24AIH (EU-028, August 2002), QSL via home call
- J48S (EU-049, July 2002), QSL via ON4AAC
- V63RE & V63WN (OC-253, October 2002), QSL via IT9YRE
- V63RE & V63WN (OC-254, October-November 2002), QSL via IT9YRE

JIDX CW CONTEST ---> In 2003 there will be the unification between the Japan International DX Low Band CW Contest (which used to be held on the second
weekend of January) and the JIDX High Band CW Contest (to be held on the second weekend of April). Following this decision, contest rule will change (please visit http://jelcka.jzap.com/jidx/jidxrule-e.html) and the JIDX Low Band will be replaced by the East Asia/160/80m DX CW Contest (see below).

[TNX JA1ELY]

NEW 160/80M CONTEST ---> The first edition of the newly born East Asia 160/80m DX Contest, sponsored by "Five Nine" magazine, will be held from 9 UTC on 11 January through 22 UTC on the 12th. This is a single operator (three categories) CW only competition and the objective, for DX stations, is to contact as many East Asia amateurs as possible. "East Asia" includes UA0 (Zone 19), HL1, HL2, HL3, HL4, HL5, HL0, P5, JA1 (including 7K1-7N4 prefix), JA2, JA3, JA4, JA5, JA6, JA7, JA8, JA9, JA0, JR6/Okinawa (including JR6AA-NZ, JR6QUA-2ZZ, JS6, 7J6CAA-CZZ, while JR6AAA-QQZ count as JA6), JD1/Ogasawara (not JD1/Minami Tori Shima). For further information, please contact Toshi Kusano, JA1ELY (ja1ely@bb.mbn.or.jp) or visit http://tamo.dip.jp [TNX JA1ELY]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Glenn, K5ZE reports he no longer manages YB0GG, YC1WAE and YC0YAD. QSLs can be sent via the bureau.

PIRATE ---> Denise, F6HWU has received cards for contacts made with S9WU (Principe Island) on 16 November, around 20 UTC on 17 metres. Please note that the operator was not the genuine Denise, do not waste your time on sending cards for this one.

QSL HT9T ---> Bob Myers, K2TV is receiving cards for this station, but he is not the QSL manager for HT9T (he was once the manager for HT9TM).

QSL P40K ---> Erminio, I2EOW is receiving direct cards for the recent [425DXN 604] P40K operation. Please note that the correct QSL route for this activity is via WM6A.

QSL ZS7/ZS4AGA ---> Please note a change in QSL management for Anton's activities from Antarctica. Cards for contacts made with Anton operating from SANAE IV base (WABA ZS-03) should be sent as always to ZS4A, while from now on cards for contacts made with E-Base (WABA ZS-04) should be sent to DL5EBE (Dominik Weiel, Johannes-Meyer-Str. 13, D – 49808 Lingen, Germany). Dominik has already received the logs and a special QSL card is going to be printed. [TNX DL5EBE]

QSL VIA KU9C ---> Please note that Steve's old address will be closed in early 2003, at which time there will be a short forwarding to him, and then the mail will be returned to the sender. As already reported, his current address is: Steve Wheatley, P.O. Box 31, Morristown, NJ 07963-0031, USA. A complete list of the stations he manages is at http://www.ku9c.com

QSL VIA VK3DYL ---> Gwen, VK3DYL, QSL manager for the VK9YL and ZK1XYL DXpeditions in September/October, reports that all direct requests (with return postage) received prior to Christmas Day have been mailed back. Gwen also wishes to advise that it is the group's policy only to accept QSL cards sent direct or via the VK3 bureau, not as e-QSLs.

ZL1AMO ---> Judy, AA7UC reports that "As of 23 December the ZL1AMO Air
Ambulance Fund is within $5,000 USD of reaching its goal of $20,000 USD. Funds received, as of this date, have been forwarded to the air ambulance account in New Zealand and INDEXA has covered the expenses involved in the transfer of funds. Although still in isolation, Ron "continues to improve, slowly but surely".

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BY CALLBOOK: QSL information for Chinese stations (including addresses given in both English and Chinese) can be found at http://www.chinaqrz.com [TNX The Daily DX]

LOGS: Online logs for the recent ZW8P operation from SA-060 are available at http://www.zw8p.hpg.ig.com.br [TNX PT2ND]

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