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* TO ALL OUR READERS *
* WARMEST THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES *
* FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY *
* AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR *
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F - Look for F6IFC/P and F5OGG/P to be active (on 14250 and 7044 SSB, 14044 and 7024 CW) from the Vieux Mole Lighthouse (DPLF PB-181, see the new website for the World Lighthouse Award at http://www.wlh-award.com) from 12 UTC to 17 UTC on 22 December to celebrate the launching of "Queen Mary 2". QSL F6IFC/P via home call, QSL F5OGG/P via LX1NO. [TNX F5OGG]

F - John, F5VHQ plans to operate as F5VHQ/p from Porquerolles Island (EU-070) on 22-23 December and from Cezembre Island (EU-157) between 28 December and 2 January. QSL via home call.

FR/E - The TO4E operation from Europa shut down around 12 UTC on 17 December (a couple of days later than originally planned), when the island was hit by tropical storm Cela. The operators were expected to leave on 18 December, but the latest news is that their departure has been delayed for "a few days". They have been granted permission to continue using TO4E during this time, and one station has been put back on the air. Keep an eye on http://europa2003.free.fr/europa_infos-e.htm [TNX La Gazette du DX]

KP2 - Kan, AB2RF will operate (on 80-6 metres CW, RTTY and SSB) as KP2/AB2RF from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 26-31 December. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

LU - The Radio Club Argentino will provide communications to the 300 participants in the 6th Andes Crossing between 4 and 15 January. Two HF stations will be active on all bands SSB and CW as LS4M (a prefix that has not been activated for nearly 20 years). QSL via LU4AA, bureau or direct. A special award will be issued for five QSOs (any mode, any band) with LS4M; further information can be requested at lu4aa@lu4aa.org [TNX LU1BCE]

LU_so - Henry, LU4DXU is going to join the next supply voyage to different

Argentine Antarctic bases. He should depart on either 18 December or - more likely - on 22 January, and the first stop will be at the Navy base "Orcadas" on Laurie Island, South Orkneys (AN-008), from where he expects to operate for about 20 days. Henry will have his own radio with him and will be active on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. He plans to leave his rig and a linear amplifier at the LU1ZA club station, in order to guarantee permanent operation on the amateur radio bands from the South Orkneys. Those who can help financially please contact Dominik, DL5EBE (DWeiel@t-online.de). [TNX DL5EBE]

OA - Martijn, PA3GFE will be going back to Peru on 15 January for at least three months and will operate as OA7/PA3GFE in his spare time. His activity will be on 40-6 metres (hopefully also on 80 metres) CW and SSB, with the low and WARC bands as primary interests. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX PA3GFE]

PA - ON6UM, ON4LO, ON4LN and ON4BAG will be active (SSB and digital modes) from Schouwen Duiveland (EU-146) on 20 December. [TNX ON6UM]

UA - Several memorial stations will be active from different locations between 21 UTC on 18 December until 21 UTC on the 21st to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Ernest Teodorovich Krenkel (RAEM), the legendary polar explorer and radio operator. Look for RAEM (QTH Sankt-Petersburg), R1AEM (QTH Murmansk), R3AEM (QTH Kolomna, near Moscow), R4AEM (QTH Votkinsk, near Izhevsk), R6AEM (QTH Krasnodar), R9AEM (QTH Vorkuta), R0AEM (QTH Norilsk). QSL RAEM via RV1AQ, QSL R#AEM via UA9XC. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

VE - VO1MRC, the Marconi Radio Club of Newfoundland, will be conducting a propagation experiment on 60 metres from 00.00-24.00 UTC on 20-21 December. A CW beacon will be in operation on 5269 kHz. The station will be open briefly for 2 way contacts starting 00.00 UTC each of these days and will operate simplex on 5260.5 kHz CW. Following this it will transmit on 5327.5 USB and receive 5346.5 USB and 3807.5 kHz LSB. [TNX DL8AAM]

VE - Jeff, KG0VL and Justin, K9MU will be active as VE4/K9MU from grid EO16 and VE4/KG0VL from grid EO26 starting on 3 January for a couple of weeks. Details can be found at http://www.qsl.net/k9mu/ArcticGridExpedition.html [TNX WZ8D]

W - Peter, W1DAD and Jeanne, K1MOM will operate as K1D between 21 December and 5 January to celebrate Kid's Day (4 January) and Amateur Radio Awareness week. Look for them on 28380, 21380, 14280 and 7230 kHz. QSL via W1DAD (Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811, USA). [TNX W1DAD]

W - Rich, K8HGY might operate from Hilton Head Island (NA-110) some time between 24 December and 2 January. [TNX www.islandchaser.com]

YA - Johnny Johansen, LA5IIA will be working in Kabul, Afghanistan for the next five months and will operate in his spare time as YA8G. He is currently active on 10-40 metres, but plans are to be QRV on 80 and 160 metres as well. CW is his preferred mode. His web page is at http://www.qsl.net/la8g/YA8G.htm; QSL via LA4YW. [TNX The Daily DX]

Z3 - Antonio, IZ8CCW and Pietro, IZ8FWN will be active as either Z38M (http://www.mdxc.org/z38m) or Z3/homecalls from Macedonia on 2-6 January. They plan to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on all bands along with several members of Z37M. [TNX IZ8CCW]

>>> ANTARCTIC OPERATIONS <<<

* Felix, DP1POL (DL5XL) reports he will be leaving Neumayer Station at the end of January 2004, but he is not likely to to have a lot of time to get on the air during his last few weeks in Antarctica.
* Finn, VK4LL (OZ2QK) has been working at Davis Station since 18 November and will remain there through December 2004. According to his web page (http://www.qsl.net/vk0dx/), Finn is "95% CW fan". QSL to Radio VK0DX, GPO Box 1544, Brisbane 4001, Australia (proceeds beyond return postage will be donated to charity).

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CANADIAN POSTAL RATES ---> Cezar, VE3LYC reports that as of 1 January 2004 postage in Canada is going up. The cost of a regular letter from Canada to overseas (outside of Canada and the US) will be CND 1.45 (which will NOT be covered by USD 1), while from Canada to the US it will be CND 0.80 (which will be covered by USD 1).

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ---> This year the ARLHS "Lighthouse Christmas Lights" event will run from 20 December through 4 January 2004. Details at http://arlhs.com/LCL-2003-guidelines.html

DXCC NEWS ---> KH3/KT6E (Johnston Island) is accepted for DXCC credit. "Only authorized persons are allowed to land on Johnston Island", Bill Moore, NC1L (DXCC Manager) says. "Proof of presence at certain DXCC entities is required. Although no one has provided any information regarding that status of KH3/KT6E, some research on our part indicates that DXCC requirements have been met".

IPHG AWARD ---> The International Pharmacists Ham Group issues the I.P.H.G. Award for contacts made (or, for SWLs, heard) with IPHG members (details are available at http://www.malpensa.it/iphg/index.htm). Currently there are 175 members representing 41 countries all around the world and many of them will be on the air on 21 December for the IPHG Greetings Day. Look for them around 3618, 7098, 14318, 21318 and 28318 kHz. [TNX IK2UVR]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Please note that Champ, E20EIC is not the QSL manager for HS9IFG/P or HS1CKC/P. [TNX E20EIC]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Gabriele, IK3GES is receiving cards for 5T5SA, but he is not the manager for this station. He was the manager, and still has logs and cards, for 5T5FA (1998-90). [TNX IK3GES]

PIRATE ---> The station signing TK/DK9GL is a pirate, since the genuine DK9GL has not been active for ten years. [TNX IT9MRM]

PROJECT GOODWILL ALBANIA 2003 ---> The programme reached its final day on 12 December, when the students of the Polytechnic University of Tirana took their full license (CEPT A) exam, resulting in 39 new licensees (thus doubling the amateur radio population in Albania). IARU Region 1 Chairman Ole Garpestadt (LA2RR) participated in the graduation ceremony, and also participated in final negotiations with Albanian authorities for their entry to CEPT and for the integration of the Albanian licensing regime to bring it into line with the rest of the CEPT world. Full information on this unique programme can be found at http://www.za1a.com [TNX OH2BN]

QSL 4L1UN ---> The QSL manager for 4L1UN is Vasilij, RW6HS and not TA9I as reported in 425DXN #658. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

QSL 7W4HI ---> The first batch of 7W4HI (AF-094) direct cards were mailed on 19 December and a second batch will follow after Christmas. If you do not receive your card by the end of January, please contact Ivan, OM3CGN (om3cgn@nextra.sk). [TNX OM3JW]

QSL C56TA ---> Andy, LY2TA reports that all of the 1146 direct requests received so far have been processed and mailed. Bureau cards will follow in the second half of 2004.

QSL E20NTS ---> E20NTS has had Champ, E20EIC as his QSL manager for a long time, but now he would like to handle his QSLling by himself. Cards for E20NTS, E20NTS/8 and E20NTS/P can be sent direct (Supote Saripan, 19/65 Moo 5, Soi Thensoun, Klong Thanon, Saimai, Bangkok, 10220 Thailand) or through the bureau. [TNX E20EIC]

QSL JA6WFM/HI8 ---> The QSL manager for Hiro is JA6VU (direct only). Bureau cards will be handled after Hiro returns to Japan. [TNX JI6KVR]

QSL R1PQ ---> Yuri, UA1RJ reports that only a first batch of cards for the July 2003 R1PQ operation from EU-035 has been printed. These will be used for direct QSLling, bureau cards will follow no sooner than March 2004.

QSL TX4PG (MARQUESAS 2003) ---> Silvano, I2YSB reports that the new QSL manager for bureau cards only is M5AAV (no longer IK2DIA, 425DXN 648). Direct requests should still be sent to I2YSB. These will also be the QSL routes for the 13-25 February 2004 DXpedition to Tokelau [425DXN 653].

QSL YI/PA5M ---> Dennis, PA7FM reports that the cards have just arrived from the printer. He will mail all direct QSLs before the end of the year, bureau cards will be processed when they arrive.

QSL ZL7C (CHATHAM 2002) ---> To date there have been 23384 QSOs replied to directly with a further 9267 via the bureau (32651 QSOs out of a total of 72213, a 45% QSL rate in the first year). At the present time there is a 24 hour turn-around for direct QSLs for all of The Kermadec DX Association's three DXpeditions: ZL8RI (May 1996), ZL9CI (January 1999) and ZL7C (October

2002). For any question regarding direct QSLling, please contact Ken Holdom, ZL2HU/ZL4HU at zl2hu@clear.net.nz [TNX ZL2HU/ZL4HU]

QSL VIA IK3GES ---> Gabriele, IK3GES reports that all the requests for IQ3TR, Z38B, Z38A and Z38/IVEFSG have been processed and mailed, while the cards for ZA3/IV3FSG are still awaited from the printer. As for 9E1C and ST2CF, Gabriele simply helps IV3OWC in processing the requests. Since IV3OWC has no access to the QSL bureau, cards for either 9E1C and ST2CF must be sent direct only (please use new IRCs).

UT4UZA/P ---> Vladimir, UT5UKY reports that the following Ukrainian islands were activated by UT4UZA/P (operators UY2UA, UY0UY, UX7UN, UX1UF, UT1UW, UT5UKY and UT5UUQ) over the last few years: in August 2000 Velykyi (DN-103) and Pischanyi (DN-104); in June-September 2002 Blyz'kyi (DN-140), Val'kivs'kyi (DN-101), Malyi (near Desenka) (DN-142), Letnik (DE-01), Starosil'ski (DN-102), Bezimennyi (DN-141), Muromets (DN-105); in May-September 2003 Dolbets'kyi (DN-106), Patona (DN-149), Yunosti (DN-150), Rovzhy (DN-151), Rybny (DN-152), Gidropark (DN-107), Malyi (DN-108).

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QSL DB: Boye Christensen, OZ7C has updated his QSL DBase (which now contains 344,316 unique records) for Packet Cluster. The package can be downloaded at http://www.qsl.net/oz7c/qsl [TNX OZ7C]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3C0V, 3C1DX, 3D2BT, 3D2MO, 4S7DUG, 4W2A, 4W2DN, 5R8FU, 5R8HA/P, 5U7JB, 5V7BR, 6D2YFM, 6W/SM0JHF, 8N1OGA, 9J2KC, BD4XA, CP6/DF9GR, CT9L, CY0MM, CY9A, D3SAF, D4B, H40H, HU1M/3 (NA-190), JT1CO, K6AA/p (NA-066), KM9D/KH8, PZ5RA, RA0FF, RV1AC/1, ST2SA, SU9NC, SX9G, T21MY, T2YL, T31MY, T88ZX, TF4RX, TF8GX, TG9NX, TI0RC, TX0AT, TZ6RD, UE1RRC/1 (EU-119), UU7J, V63UG, V63ZT, V73B, V73NS, V73T (OC-263), VQ9LA, XF1K (NA-162), XQ3ZW, YI/KC0LEK, YI9R, YI9X, YW5M, Z22JE, Z33A, ZK2MO.
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