Leonardo Lastrucci, IZ5FSA has developed a software which allows to query the 425 DX News Archive maintained on www.ariscandicci.it from the PacketCluster. The command is SH/425 <text>, where <text> should be replaced with a callsign, a reference number, etc. Examples:

SH/425 I2YDX (callsign)
SH/425 Oroluk (island name)
SH/425 NA-020 (IOTA reference number)
SH/425 UR-01 (Antarctica Award ref.no.)
SH/425 ARG-005 (lighthouse ref.no)

After being tested successfully on the DX Spider Cluster nodes of IK1ZNW (telnet://dx.ik1znw.org 8000), IK4ICZ (telnet://ik4icz.dyndns.org 8000), IK8VRN (telnet://ik8vrn.dyndns.org 7000), IZ5FSA (telnet://iz5fsa.homeds.org 7300) and IZ7AUH (telnet://iz7auh.dyndns.org 8000), the software will be presented at the forthcoming ARI HF-DX Convention [425DXN 691] and has already been included in the DX Spider Cluster version 1.51 (build 58.3) by Dirk Koopman, G1TLH.

The 425 DX News Archive can be searched also on-line, and Webmasters can find the relevant information at www.ariscandicci.it. For further information and advice, please contact IZ5FSA (webmaster@ariscandicci.it).

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4S - Twenty-five Japanese operators will be active on all bands and modes from Sri Lanka on 18-25 September. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

7Q - Renato, IN3BHR has joined Ely, IN3VZE (7Q7CE) [425DXN 693] and will operate on 10-160 metres SSB as 7Q7RB from the Resort Club Makokola (Lake Malawi) until 23 September. QSL IN3BHR via IN3BHR, direct or bureau. [TNX IN3VZE]

7X - Angel/EA1QF, Pere/EA3CUU, Paco/EA4BT, Emilio/EA7AAW, Julio/EA7JB, Juan Lucas/EA7TL and Ramon/EB4EPJ will be active from Algeria on 2-9 October. They will operate from the QTH of 7X0AD, probably using his callsign. QSL via EA4URE. The activity will be held in co-operation

9A - Zik, DL/VE3ZIK (4N1DX) will be active again as 9A/VE3ZIK from Croatia on 12-19 September. It will be a holiday style operation from Bilice, near Sibenik (JN73WS). He will try to concentrate on the WARC bands and 10m FM. QSL via DL3PS, direct or bureau. [TNX
The Daily DX reports that the announced 9K2F (AS-118) operation has been postponed.

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Angel, EA1QF and Carlos, EB1AA will work on a "Radiosolidaridad" project in Cuba on 12-25 October and will operate as T42R in their spare time. QSL via EA4URE. [TNX EA5KY]

Look for Klaus, DJ4JI/p to operate on 80, 40 and 20 metres SSB from Pellworm Island (EU-042) on 12-18 September. QSL via bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

Look for DD6VSF/P to operate PSK, RTTY and SSB from Hiddensee Island (EU-057) on 19-26 September. QSL via bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

Mike, FK/KM9D and Jan, FK/KF4TUG expects to operate from Huon Island (OC-058), New Caledonia until around 15 September. QSL via OM2SA. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of the World. [TNX The Daily DX]

Special event station GB200CLB will be activated on all bands and modes from Cromer Lifeboat Station (JO02PW) on 30-31 October. Anyone interested in operating, logging or helping with the station, please contact David, M0CNP (david@0cnp.fsnet.co.uk). [TNX M0CNP]

Laci/HA0HW (J45HW), Tomi/HA4DX (J45DX) and a third HA operator will be active (on 40-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31) from Rhodes (EU-001) from 26 September to 3 October. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

Look for Roger, HB0/ON7TQ and Marcel, HB0/ON6UQ to be active from Liechtenstein on 12-19 September. They plan to operate on 160-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

Biella ARI Branch station IQ1CM will be activated on 19 September during the III "BiellaRadio" fair. QSL via bureau.

Special call IR0SN will be activated on 20-30 September as part of the celebrations for the 1000th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of Grottaferrata. QSL via IZ0BTV, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ0BTV]

Nuccio, I7YKN and other members of the Strange Radio Team (Umberto/I0NZK, Christine/I7OCD, Luigi/IW8EQS, Simone/IZ0BTV,
Francesco/IZ7AUH, Fabio/IZ7CRW, Marco/IZ7DOK, Oreste/IZ8EDJ and Salvatore/IZ8GGF) will be active from three EU-091 islands in early October. Expects activity from Isola del Capezzione (IIA LE 004) on the 1st, Chianca D' Abramo (LE 017) on the 2nd and Grande di Porto Cesareo (LE-017) on the 3rd. QSL via I7YKN, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ8EDJ and I6YOT]

JA - Look for Kenji, JA4GXS/4 to operate (on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres CW and SSB) from Otsu Island (AS-117, JIIA-AS-117-110) starting on 19 September around 8 UTC until 23 UTC on the 20th. QSL via home call, direct (Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cho, Yamaguchi, 753-0038 Japan) or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

S9 - Jorge, CT1EFV will take part in the "Latitude Zero Equatorial Challenge 2004" humanitarian mission to Sao Tome. He plans to operate as S92LZ on 19-26 September, depending on local conditions. QSL via CT1EFV. [TNX CT1END]

ST - Dane, ST2T (S57CQ) [425DXN 684] is still in Sudan and, according to his QSL manager, will remain there for another 2-3 months. He expects to operate in the WAEDC SSB Contest during the weekend. QSL via S57DX. [TNX S57DX]

SU - Gab, HA3JB will operate as SU8BHI from Egypt from 21 September to 20 December. He plans to be QRV on CW, PSK, RTTY and some SSB, and to participate in the CQ/RJ DX RTTY and CQ WW DX CW contests. QSL direct only via home call (Kutasi Gabor, P.O. Box 243, H-8601 Siofok, Hungary). Logs will be available at http://www.qsl.net/ha3jb [TNX HA0HW]

SV - Mike, G8VHB will operate on 40 and 20 metres SSB as SV8/G8VHB from Thira/Santorini (EU-067) on 14-20 September. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

TT - TT8KR is the callsign issued to Robert, S53R [425DXN 697]. Expect him to be active from N'Djamena until 14 September. He will try to operate on 160 metres, but the roof of the hotel is very low. [TNX ON5NT]

UR - Special event call EO1WRP will be aired on all bands and modes on 10-14 September. QSL via UT7WZ, direct (Miroslav Lupiy, P.O.Box 94, Lviv 79000, Ukraine) or bureau. [TNX UR5WCW]

UR - Look for Tom (UT3IB/P), Mike (UT9IO/P), Alex (UX2IQ/P) and Igor (UY9IA/P) to be active from Berezan Island (EU-179, UIA BS-02) and Lighthouse (ULA-009, ARLHS UKR-035) on 11-19 September. QSL via UX2IQ, direct (P.O. Box 370, Yenakiyevo, 86420 Ukraine) or bureau. [TNX UT3IB]

VE - Look for special event call VE3QCWA to be aired from 17 September through 17 October for the QCWA International Convention that will be held in Ottawa on 15-17 October. QSL via VE3IQ. Founded in 1947, the Quarter Century Wireless Association is open to amateur radio operators who have been licenced for at least 25 years (please visit http://www.qcwa.org/ for full information). [TNX VA3RJ]

VE - Ken, G3OCA expects to be active as VE7/G3OCA from Quadra Island (NA-091) for a couple of days between 20 and 25 October. [TNX G3OCA]

VK - The Northern Corridor Radio Group (VK6ANC) will activate the special callsign VI6175WA to celebrate the 175th anniversary of existence of the state of Western Australia. The callsign will be aired for the first time in the Oceania DX SSB Contest; after that it will be used on the HF bands by individual members of the club for the rest of October. More information will be posted on http://www.ncrg.org.au.
QSL via VK6NE, direct or bureau. [TNX VK6APK]

VK - Paul, G0WRE plans to operate (mostly on +/- 14260 and 21260 kHz) from Magnetic Island (OC-171) and maybe from an island in the Queensland State (South Coast) North Group (OC-160). The dates are not sure as yet but it will be between 14 and 20 October. Paul will collect his licence upon arrival. Those wishing a contact with OC-171 for a new one can e-mail Paul (g0wre@blueyonder.co.uk). QSL via G0WRE (all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the RSGB bureau). [TNX G0WRE]

XU - Wim, ON6TZ (XU7T2G) expects to operate on +/- 7075, 14220 and 21320 kHz from Cambodia on 11-28 September. QSL via ON4AJV. [TNX The Daily DX]

Z3 - Zoli, HA1CA will be active as Z38C from Macedonia for the next two years. QSL via HA1RS. [TNX HA0HW]

ANTARCTIC TOUR ---> Mike Gloistein, GM0HCQ is leaving again for Antarctica onboard the RRS "James Clark Ross". He should be able to operate from VP8SGK (South Georgia), VP8SIG (Signy Base in the South Orkneys, Antarctica Aw. G-05, AN-008) and VP8ROT (Rothera Base on Adelaide Island, - Antarctica Aw. G-07, AN-001). QSLs via GM0HCQ, direct or bureau. Updates on his itinerary will be published on http://www.gm0hcq.com [TNX GM0HCQ]

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>>> 425DXN AND IOTA CONFERENCE GROUPS <<<

The DX Spider Cluster by Dirk Koopman, G1TLH gives the possibility of joining chat or conference groups and have network wide conferencing to them. The system uses the existing ANN system and is compatible with both other DXSpider nodes and AK1A clusters. Two new groups have been created recently:

* 425DXN (for announcing short-term activities, updates, fresh information on ongoing operations, etc) and

* IOTA (for information, comments, QSL routes, etc about IOTA operations).

Commands (replace <group> with 425DXN or IOTA as appropriate, e.g. JOIN 425DXN or JOIN IOTA):
* JOIN <group> : join the conference group
* CHAT <group> <text> : chat or conference to a group (the message is received only by those who are currently joined)
* SHOW/CHAT <group> : shows the latest announces sent on that group
* LEAVE <group> : leave a chat or conference group
A few PackeClusters have enabled JOIN 425DXN and JOIN IOTA by default. If you are not interested in these groups, please use the LEAVE command.

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EU-163 ---> Goran, YZ1SG operated as YT2A/LGT from Katic Reef (20-22 August) and as YZ1SG/P from Sv. Nedjelja (31 August). Both count for ARLHS YUG-009 and IOTA EU-163. QSL via YZ1SG, direct or bureau. [TNX YZ1SG]

HTC-QRP SPRINT CONTEST ---> This CW only event, organized by the Helvetia Telegraphy Club (HTC), will take place (on 20, 40 and 80 metres) from 13 to 19 UTC on 11 September. Details can be found at [http://www.htc.ch/][TNX F5QNL]

MIA CONTEST ---> The Mediterranean Islands Contest, organized by the Mediterraneo DX Club, will take place from 12 UTC on 18 September to 12 UTC on the 19th. The MIA Contest software, for both licenced amateurs (thanks to IK6CAC) and SWLs (thanks to I5-1990), can be downloaded at [http://www.mdxc.org/contestmia/][TNX F5QNL]

QSL 4K6DI ---> Effective 1 September, W3HNK is no longer the QSL manager for Andrew, 4K6DI. The new QSL route is via DL7EDH (Alexander Spielmann, Hubertus Str. 5, D-85095 Denkendorf, Germany), who is able to confirm also past QSOs. [TNX 4K6DI]

QSL EO150JPO ---> All of the contacts with this special event station will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Those who need a direct card should send their requests to P.O. Box 330, Sevastopol 99057, Ukraine. [TNX UT5JDS]

QSL RA0FN ---> UA9OR is the current callsign of Viacheslav Davidenko, formerly known as RA0FN. He has moved to the UA9 area and his current address is: Viacheslav Davidenko, P.O. Box 222, Novosibirsk-34, 630034, Russia. Logs and QSL cards for RA0FN are still available.

QSL VIA EA7FTR ---> Please note that Fran, EA7FTR will be the QSL manager for the 17-21 September operation by HC4CB and HC4/EA9CP from Isla Cojimies (SA-056) only. All of the other calls that Antonio, EA9CP will be using during his South America trip [425DXN 696] will be managed by EA9CP himself. [TNX EA7FTR]

SRT EVENT ---> The Strange Radio Team special event will run from 00.00 UTC on 22 October through 24 UTC on the 24th. Proceeds beyond out-of-pocket expenses will be donated to charity. Information is available at [http://www.strangeradioteam.com][TNX IZ8EDJ]

+ SILENT KEYS + The Daily DX reports that Frank Turek, DL7FT passed away on 17 August. Over the years he visited and operated from many DX locations, usually with FT suffixes (e.g. TT8FT, 2K2FT, A35FT, etc). The DL7FT Post Office Box will not be closed, as Frank's wife Siegrid (DL7CN) will be handling QSL duties.
Mike, ZP5YW informs that Gary, ZP5ZR passed away on 8 September. He was a
well known DXer, with special interest for 6 metres and the satellite bands (www.sistemas.com.py/zp5yw/zp6m/zp5zr.htm).

QSL DB: Boye Christensen, OZ7C reports that his QSL DBase (more than 355,000 records) has been moved to the Danish DX Group's website at http://www.ddxg.dk/oz7c/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 5U7B, 5W0KE, 5W0KE, 5W0SS, 5Z4DZ, 7P8DA, 7Q7MM, 7X2RO, 9M2BX, 9Y4/DL1HCM, 9Y4TL, A35RE, A43GI (AS-119, 2002 QSO), A43HI (AS-010), A92GR, C05DX, C08DM, CS0RCL/P (EU-145), EA1AKS, EA1AQO, EA5RJ, EA8AOQ, EA8BH, ES5RW, FG/AI5P, FK8GJ, FO5RH (OC-066), FO5RK (OC-051), FR1AN, HA8IB, HB9RDE, HC8N, HR2RCH/3 (NA-160), HS72B (AS-125), HS72B, IF9/IK4RUX (EU-054), IS0/DL6FBK, JT1CO, K4T, KHO/JS1CYI, KH8/DF2SS, KP2L, LA5UKA (EU-056), N20B (NA-111), OA4BQE, OC3I (SA-074), OH0B, OH0I/OJ0, OH2BH, OJ0J, OY3QN, P40L, R1FJ, RA0FX (AS-018), RIO1MA (AS-170), RK6CZ/p (EU-185), SV1DPI, SV2ASP/A, T20RE, T33C, T44I, TA2ZF, TM5B (EU-148), TO4E, TO4WW, TT8DX, TT8DX, V31AD, V47SS, VA3RMF/W1 (NA-055), VP5/K5CM, VX2T, W7W (NA-169), YB9AY, YB9BU, YC4FIJ, YC9BU, YV4A, YV4AZF, YV7QP (SA-012), Z32XX, ZA/OH2BH, ZA/OH2PM, ZA1DX, ZC4CW, ZD7BG, ZK1USA, ZM6CL, ZM6CL, ZS6ME, ZS8MI, ZS8M (SA-042), ZT7XX (SA-046), ZY6GK (SA-023).

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