Jose Manuel Valdes Rodriguez, YV5LIX suffered a massive heart attack while on Aves Island with the YX0A team and passed away at 57 years of age. The operation is continuing under a new call - YX0LIX - as a tribute to his memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jose's family and friends.

6W - Dani, 6W/EA4ATI will operate as 6W1EA from Goree Island (AF-045) on 22-23 April. QSL direct to EA4ATI. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9M6 - Mega, JA3EGZ and Yoko, JA3DFM plan to operate on 80-6 metres SSB and CW as 9M6/JA3EGZ and 9M6/JA3DFM from Kota Kinabalu, East Malaysia on 7-10 July. They will participate in the IARU HF World Championship as 9M6/JA3EGZ as a Multi Operator entry. QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1ELY]

9N - Toshi, JA8BMK and Kazu, JA8MWU will be staying in Katmandu, Nepal between 23 April and 2 May. They hope to be active on 40-10 metres SSB, but the current political situation in Nepal may cause operating restrictions. Kazu's callsign is 9N7WU; Toshi used to be 9N1BMK and 9N1WW, but he is not sure what callsign he will get this time. QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1ELY]

C9 - Frosty/K5LBU (C91CF), Wayne/W5KDJ and Tom/WW5L will be active from Mozambique from 29 June to 13 July (IARU HF World Championship included). They plan to operate on all bands and modes and if everything goes well, they will also be giving out C9 on EME. Additional operators are being sought; if interested in joining the team, please give a look to www.tdxs.net/C9.html and contact K5LBU (frostyl@pdq.net). [TNX K5LBU]

DL - Look for DG0OGM/p, DH8WW/p, DL1AZZ/p, DL2AMT/p, DL3ARK/p and DL4AMK/p to operate from Amrum Island (EU-042, GIA N-18) and lighthouse (LH-2464, ARLHS FED-032, GLH-002) from 27 April to 3 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX DL3ARK]

DL - Twelve special DR2006 stations and 25 special DQ2006 stations, plus special callsign DR2006J (for YL activities) will be active from 13 May through 16 July to celebrate the FIFA World Cup, the football (soccer) world championship to be held in Germany in June-July (www.fifaworldcup.com). All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, the QSL manager for direct requests is DF42L. Full information on the relevant "WM 2006 Award", sponsored by the DARC, can be found at http://www.amateurradio2006.de/diplomaausschreibung_eng.html

DL - Tom, DL8AAM reports that after the latest revision of amateur radio regulations in Germany, special callsigns may have up to 8 characters (figures and/or letters) after the two-letter prefix.
DA0HAMCAMP will be the very special callsign to be used from the "Ham Camp" during this year's Ham Radio at Friedrichshafen (23-25 June). All licenced and registered visitors can operate from that station. QSL via bureau. Please contact hamcamp@darc.de for further information.

**G** - The Oxford and District ARS will be running special event station GB4MHS on 25-29 April (11.00-15.00 UTC) to celebrate the opening of the exhibition "Wireless World. Marconi and the Making of Radio" at the Oxford University's Museum of the History of Science (details at [http://www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/)). QSL via G4FON. [TNX M3LLM]

**G** - Keith, G3TTC will operate on 80, 40, 20 and 15 metres SSB as G3TTC/P from the Isles of Scilly (EU-011) from 30 April until 5 May. QSL via home call. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

**GM** - Jim, MM0BQI will operate as MM0BQI/P from Lunga, the largest island in the Treshnish group (EU-108) on 28-30 April. Activity will be on all 80-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY, running 100 watts into verticals and wire dipoles. QSL via MM0BQI, direct (Jim Martin, 3 Lismore Avenue, Edinburgh, EH8 7DW, Scotland, UK) or bureau. All surplus money from direct QSLs will be donated to the Hebridean Trust ([www.hebrideantrust.org](http://www.hebrideantrust.org)), who own and work to preserve the islands and whose permission to land and operate is gratefully acknowledged. [TNX MM0BQI]

**GM** - Marc, ON5FP and Jose, ON4CJK will be touring the Outer Hebrides (EU-010) from 29 July until 5 August. Their main QTH will be on North Uist, and plans are to go and operate also from Barra, Benbecula, Berneray, Eriskay, Lewis & Harris, South Uist and Vatersay. Look for Marc to be signing MM/OS1A, while Jose will be using MM/OP0J (including an entry in the IOTA Contest from North Uist). On 6 August, while on their way back home, they will operate from Skye in the Inner Hebrides (EU-008). QSL via ON4ADN (direct or bureau). [TNX ON5FP]

**HC** - Bruce, KD6WW will attempt to be active as HC3/KD6WW from IOTA SA-034 between 26 and 28 April, and as HC4/KD6WW from IOTA SA-033 between 28 and 29 April. The time on each island will be limited, because he will be there on a holiday and not a DXpedition. QSL via home call direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to kd6ww@inreach.com). [TNX KD6WW]

**HH** - Ned, N4LS reports he will be active as HH4/N4LS from northern Haiti on 1-8 June. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres during his spare time.

**I** - Alessio, IZ0CKJ plans to operate as IBO/IZ0CKJ from Palmarola Island (EU-045, IIA LT-008) on 22-26 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ0CKJ]

**I** - Special event station IU9MSS will be active from Pergusa (Enna), Sicily from 24 April to 1 May.

**I** - ARI Sestri Levante will operate special event station I1IHCA on 25-28 May for the 39th edition of the Hans Christian Andersen Prize, one of the world's most prestigious prizes for children's literature. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

**IS0** - ARI Olbia will participate in the International Marconi Day (22 April) as IY0GA from Cape Figari, Golfo Aranci (Sardinia, EU-024), where Guglielmo Marconi carried out a microwave test with Rocca di
JA - Taka, JR3TVH will operate as JR3TVH/JS6 from Tarama (JIIA AS-079-008) and other islands in the Miyako group (AS-079) from 22 April to 2 May. QSL via bureau to home call. [TNX JR3TVH]

JA - Takeshi, JI3DST will be active as JI3DST/JS6 from Okinawa (AS-017, JIIA AS-017-033) on 27 April (from 1 to 13 UTC) and from the Miyako Islands (AS-079) from 28 April (7 UTC) to 7 May (00.00 UTC). His main QTH will be Miyakojima (AS-079-005), side trips to Ikema-jima (AS-079-001), Kurima-jima (AS-079-003), Ogami-jima (AS-079-006) and Tarama (AS-079-008) are also being planned. QSL via bureau to home call. [TNX JI3DST]

J5 - Hisato, JA1DOT (J5DOT) and Hiroyuki, JP1TRJ (J5TRJ) will be active from Guinea-Bissau from 25 April through 4 May. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL for both calls via JA1DOT. The web page for the operation is at http://www.NDXA.jp/pedi/j5-2006/ [TNX The Daily DX]

OY - PI4CC Contest Club (http://www.pi4cc.nl) members PA2A, PA2AM, PA2VMA and PA0VHA will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as OY/homecall from Eysturoy, Faroe Islands (EU-018) from 29 May to 8 June. QSL via PA0VHA (Hans Vernhout, Ph. de Goedestraat 54, NL3132XR Vlaardingen, The Netherlands). [TNX PA0VHA]

TA - Berkin, TA3J will operate as YM125ATA between 23 April and 10 November to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey. Expect activity on all band and modes. QSL via TA3YJ, direct (SAE plus 1 IRC. no green stamps please) or bureau. [TNX TA3J]

UA - Special station RK50SAB will be active on 1-31 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the amateur radio club station at the Ryazan Radioengineering Academy. QSL via RK3SWB. [TNX RU3SD]

UR - A number of Ukrainian operators will be active as EM20U from Chernobyl on 24-27 April for the 20th anniversary of the disaster at the local nuclear power plant. QSL via UT3UZ (Alex Arbuzov, P.O. Box 7, Kiev-232, 02232, Ukraine). [TNX UT3UZ]

VE - Doug, VA7DP reports he will operate as VA7UNEF from 5 June to 5 July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the UN Emergency Force. QSL via home call, direct only.

W - N4AAC, N4MAA, N4NSS and K8QV will operate on all bands and modes as W4Z from Mullet Key (NA-034, USI FL-1325) on 24-25 June (from 14 UTC to 14 UTC) during the ARRL Field Day. QSL direct to K8CXM.

YB - The YE6P DXpedition to Simeulue Island (OC-270) has been rescheduled to take place on 24-29 May. QSL via YB1TC, direct or bureau. Bookmark http://dxpedition.orari.web.id/simeulue/ for detailed information and updates.

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DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
4W2AQ   Timor Leste  Operation from 18 June to 17 December 2003
D68JC   Comoros      Operation from 23 October to 8 November 2001
D6/WB4MBU Comoros      Operation from 24 May to 27 October 2001
YI9AQ   Iraq         Current operation effective 21 September 2004

IOTA CONTEST ---> This year's event will take place on 29-30 July, from 12 UTC on the Saturday until 12 UTC on the Sunday. It is a combined SSB/CW contest, and includes the bands 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m. Every year expeditioners activate many island groups, and it is easily possible to qualify for the basic IOTA-CC-100 Award during the contest weekend. During the 2005 contest, for example, at least 162 island groups were active, and over 1500 entrants submitted logs. For full rules please visit http://www.contesting.co.uk/hfcc/iota.shtml or contact the Contest Manager, Don Field, G3XTT (iotacontest@rsghfcc.org). A free logging program (SDI, SD for IOTA) designed especially for the contest is available at http://www.ei5di.com/

IOTA SWL CONTEST ---> Discontinued in 2005, it has been picked up by the Mediterraneo DX Club (SWL Section), in cooperation with the RSGB HF Contests Committee, and it will be held in parallel with the IOTA Contest (29-30 July). The "Geoff Watts Plaque", as well as a number of certificates, will be presented by the MDXC. Please visit http://www.mdxc.org/swl for full information (software included), or e-mail the Contest Manager Dan Rolla, I1-12387 (iw1qla@tin.it).

LKK-80 AWARD ---> The Lviv Shortwave Club (Ukraine) and MK QTC Magazine (Poland) sponsor the LKK-80 Award to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the club. The award is for working a number of special stations in either Ukraine and Poland, as well as current and honorary LKK members, from 1 to 31 May. Full information is available at http://lkk-80.prv.pl/ [TNX UY5XE]

PIRATE ---> Hani, OD5TE reports that OD5RT was reported as being active on 30 metres (11 March) and 40 metres CW (9 and 20 February). Please note that this was not the genuine Riad Tabbara, OD5RT (whose QSL route is not via OD5LN).

QSL VIA RU3SD ---> Vasily, RU3SD reports he still has logs and cards for UA3SDK/0's activities in 1999 (Severnaya Zemlya, AS-042 and North Pole). He is also the QSL manager for RU3SD/1, UE3SFF/ and UE3SDA. Direct requests should be sent to Vasily Bardin, P.O. Box 1, Ryazan' 390000, Russia.
DT8A: On-line logs and a nice photo gallery of DT8A (DS4NMJ), currently stationed at King Sejong Station (HL-01 for the Antarctica Award) on King George (South Shetlands), are available at http://www.dt8a.com/main.html

S01R: The latest expedition to Western Sahara (11-16 April) logged 28,742 QSOs on CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. Logs, pictures and statistics are available on http://www.s01r.com/ [TXN EA5RM]

VP6DI & KH8SI: John, K1ER reports that "multiple virus attacks destroyed all the old files" and the web pages for VP6DI (Ducie Island) and KH8SI (Swains Island) have had to be reconstructed. They are now available at http://www.iijnet.or.jp/JA1BK/ (two videos included).

VU4AN/VU3xxx: On-line logs for Sigi, DL7DF and his team mates are now available at http://www.dl7df.com/vu4/log.php: VU4AN/VU3NZC (SP3DOI), VU4AN/VU3RWN (SP3GEM), VU4AN/VU3RYB (DL7DF), VU4AN/VU3RYG (SP3CYY) and VU4AN/VU3SIE (DK1BT). QSL all five calls via DL7DF.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/OM5RW, 4K9W, 4X411A, 5B4AGC, 6W/G4WFQ, 7X0RY, 8Q7DV, 8R1EA, 9K2HN, 9L1JT, 9M2CNC, 9N7JO, 9V1YC, BA4DW/2, C6AKQ, CP4BT, CX1SI, EW3EW, EX8W, EY7AF, FM/K3CT, FO/HA9G/P, FO/N6JA, HH4/W4WX, HI3/K7BV, J88DR, KG4SB, KH2K/AH0, LU1ZB (AN-012; AA LU-05), MU0EXV, N3KS/KP5, R1MVC, RK2FWA, SV5/SM8C, SV9CVY, TA3D, TE2M, TG9NX, TI8M, TO4E, TO9A, TT8PK, TT8Z2, TU2CI, TU2OJ, UROMC, V25G (NA-100), V31TP, V44/EW1AR, V73CW, V73VE, V8ASV, VP8PJ, VQ9LA, WP3R, XF1K (NA-124), XF3NN (NA-135), XQ42W, Xu7ADI, Xu7AFB, Xu7AYY, ZA/DM5TI, ZC4LI, ZD8QD, ZD8R, ZD8WX, ZK1ASQ, ZK1EQL, ZP0R.

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