According to DXCC Rules, any entity that is a United Nations Member State is considered a Political Entity under DXCC Section II, Part 1. At 15.12 UTC on 28 June the United Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member, and this action automatically makes Montenegro the 336th current DXCC Entity.

Effective 28 June 2006 (UTC), ARRL has added the Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. QSOs made on or after this date will count for DXCC credit. Claims for DXCC credit will be accepted immediately.

Montenegrin amateur radio operators may use their current callsigns until the International Telecommunication Union designates a new prefix block for the new country. ARRL will accept any prefix deemed legal by the appropriate Montenegrin authorities; please note that Montenegro is not a participating member of CEPT, so portable operations by operators from other countries (e.g. YU6/homecall) are not automatically authorized. Current Montenegrin prefixes are 4O3, 4O6, YT3, YT6, YU3, YU6, YZ3 and YZ6.

5B     - Jim, WB2REM will operate SSB on 6-40 metres as 5B/WB2REM from Cyprus on 7-13 July. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]
9G     - Vlad, UY5ZZ will be active as 9G5UR from Accra, Ghana on 4-14 July, IARU HF World Championship included. QSL via home call. [TNX UY5ZZ]
9M6    - Following the RSGB IOTA Committee’s recent announcement [425DXN 790] that Pulau Sebatik would count as a new IOTA group (OC-295P), a DXpedition is to be mounted to activate this island for the first time. Members of the Borneo Amateur Radio Club including Steve, 9M6DXX (ex-G4JVG, P29DX etc) and John, 9M6XRO (ex-9M6/G3OOK), will be active as 9M4SEB (callsign applied for) from approximately 11 UTC on 14 July until about 3 UTC on the 17th. Activity will be on 10-80 metres, CW and SSB, using up to three stations simultaneously. One station will use a beam antenna and two will use 400W amplifiers. QSL via M5AAV direct (Graham Ridgeway, 6 Pilgrim Street, Nelson, Lancs BB9 0JQ, England) or bureau. [TNX 9M6DXX]
A7     - Bill, NM7H/G0MKT will be operating as A7/G0MKT from Qatar until approximately 10 September. His primary bands and modes will be 40, 30 and 20 metres CW and PSK, with some 15 or 10m if the opportunity arises. QSL via NM7H. He has also been invited to operate PSK using the special event call A72006 (QSL via EA7FTR). [TNX NM7H]
BY     - Four HQ stations will represent the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) during the 2006 IARU HF World Championship: B1HQ (160m SSB and CW, 80m SSB, 20m CW and 15m SSB), B3HQ (80m CW), B4HQ (40m CW...
and 15m CW) and B7HQ (40m SSB, 20m SSB, 10m SSB and CW). QSL for all via BA4EG. Full information on the awards issued for working these stations can be found at http://www.crsa.org/2006_BnHQ/e.htm

CN - M'hamed, CN8NK reports he will participate in the IARU HF World Championship as 5C8A, representing the Association Royale des Radio-Amateurs du Maroc (ARRAM).

DL - Hans-Peter, DC1HPS will operate on 10-80 metres as DC1HPS/P from Pellworm Island (EU-042) from 27 July to 18 August, IOTA Contest included. QSL via bureau to home call. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

DU - Peter, DK2PR will operate holiday style as DU9/DK2PR from Mindanao Island (OC-130) between 28 July and 15 August. Side trips to islands in the OC-235 group are possible, but they will depend on local conditions. [TNX DK2PR]

EI - John, G3LZQ will operate holiday style on all bands CW as EJ/G3LZQ from Inis More (EU-006) on 28-31 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via home call. [TNX VA3RJ]

ES - Frank, DL1FT will be active as ES0FTZ from Saaremaa Island (EU-034) on 4-14 July. He plans to operate on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via DL1FT. [TNX VA3RJ]

F - Special event station TM0GP will be active on 3-16 July for the French Formula 1 Grand Prix at Nevers Magny-Cours. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX F8REF]

FR/E - Luc, FR5IZ reports he will be on Europa Island (AF-009) on 4-6 July and plans to operate as FR5IZ/E/p/ on the HF bands with 100 watts and a dipole. QSL via home call, direct or through the REF bureau.

FP - Paul, K9OT and Peg, KB9LIE will be active for the sixth time from Miquelon Island (NA-032) from 28 July to 6 August. They will operate as FP/K9OT and FP/KB9LIE CW and SSB; both of them will participate in the IOTA Contest, and Paul will be active also during the North American CW QSO Party. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Their web page is at http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/

G - The Otley Amateur Radio Society will be taking part in the U.K Air Ambulance Weekend (8-9 July). They will be supporting the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity using the callsign GB0YAA on the HF bands, 6 and 2 metres. [TNX G0SNV]

G - A group of operators from the Cray Valley Radio Society (namely G4BUO, G4TSH, G0FDZ, G0VJG, G7GLW and M3CVN) will be active as either homecall/p and G3RCV/P (QSL via G4DFI) from St. Mary’s Island (EU-011) from 26 July to 2 August. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as M8C (QSL via G4DFI). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

I - Maico, HB9OAE reports he will operate as IA5/HB9OAE from Elba Island (EU-028, IIA LI-001) on 1-15 July.

I - Davide, IK4DCT reports he will operate on 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres mainly CW as IA5/IK4DCT from Elba Island (EU-028, IIA LI-001) on 3-13 July. Side trips to other islands in the same IOTA group are possible.

I - The following HQ stations will represent the Associazione Radioamatore Italiani (ARI) during the IARU HF World Championship: IU1HQ 20 CW 80 CW & SSB 160 CW & SSB IU2HQ 15 SSB 40 CW IU4HQ 15 CW 40 SSB IU9HQ 20 SSB 10 CW & SSB The operators will be I1HJT, I1NVU, IK1HJS, IK1QBT, IK1YDB, IK2HKT,
- Virgilio, IC8OZM and Paolo, IC8DAK plan to operate SSB and CW from Vivara Island (EU-031, IIA NA-005) on 9 July, from 5 to 10 UTC. QSL via home calls. [TNX IT9BLB]

- Simone, I5WEDI reports he will operate as I50/I5WEDI from Sardinia (EU-024) until 7 July. QSL via bureau. [TNX IZ3EBA]

- Wave Master Team member Giorgio, IZ1DXS will operate as either IZ0/IZ1DXS from Sardinia (EU-024) and IZ0/IZ1DXS from Maddalena Island (EU-041) on 2-10 September. [TNX I1WGZ]

- Massimo, I0PNM will operate as I00/I0PNM from San Pietro Island (EU-165, IIA CI-009) from 29 July to 16 August, IOTA Contest included. He also plans to operate from the lighthouse at Capo Sandalo (WAIL SA-011). [TNX I0PNM]

- Hans, SM3TLG will be active as JW/SM3TLG from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 5-10 July. He plans to operate on all bands and modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SI6KVR]

- Ivo/ON6UM, Guido/ON4BAG, Peter/ON4PVH, Jan/ON6RJ and Rob/ON6QX will operate as LX/QO0A, LX/QO7A, LX/QO7A, LX/QO6RJ and LX/QO0Q respectively from Wiltz, Luxembourg on 8-10 September. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX SM3TLG]

- UBA Section LGE members will operate as ON12FORTS from the twelve fortresses around Liege between 2 July and the end of the year. The first activity will take place on 2 July from the Fort of Flemalle. QSL via ON5VL. [TNX ON6DP]

- SM1WXC, SM1DVV, SM1CQA and SM1MUT will operate as SF1SKI from Stora Karlso Island (off Gotland Island) and lighthouse (ARLHS SWE-371) on 19-20 August during the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. QSL via bureau. [TNX SM1TDE]

- Theodoros, SV1EJD will be active as SV9/SV1EJD from Crete Island (EU-015) on 6-20 July. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 10-80 metres with 100 watts. QSL via I28CWCW, direct or bureau. [TNX I28CWCW]

- A joint team of operators (T77C, T77CD, T77EB, T77GO, I4FYF, I4TJE, IK2NCJ, IK3QAR, IK4DCW, IK4GNI, IK4HVR, IK4MGK, IK4MGX, IK4SXJ, IK4UNH, IK4WMH, I24AKS and K5GN) will participate in the IARU HF World Championship as T70HQ, representing the local IARU Society (ARRSM). They will operate CW and SSB on all bands. Expect some activity as T70A before the contest. QSL via T70A, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4MGK]

- The UE3EDA and UE1NEW team of operators will be active from a few islands (not IOTA) located in Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega between 1 and 15 July. Expect activity by RK3EVA/1 during the IARU HF World Championship. Further information will be posted at www.hamradio.ru/rrc and www.mdxc.org/edxg [TNX RZ3EM]

- Sergej, UA3QUO reports he will operate as UE3QMP from Russian districts VR-07 (Borisoglebsk), VR-11 (Povorino) and VR-16 between 1 July and 20 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Full information on the Russian Districts Award can be found at http://rdaward.org/
Rev. Bill Burton, formerly known as DU3/G4CWA and T88BA, is now V73WJ from Majuro (OC-029), Marshall Islands and expects to be there for at least a year. He operates on 20 metres (14056 and 14320 kHz) as well as on 17 and 15 metres conditions permitting, using dipoles (but he hopes to erect a triband beam donated by a local Marshallese). QSL direct to G4OHX. [TNX V73WJ]

VO1MX (operators VO1TA, VO1KVT, VO1JNS and VO1MX) will be active from Exploits Island (NA-198) on 27-30 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via VO1MX. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

Bill, W5SJ will operate as VP5/W5SJ from Providenciales (NA-002) on 5-11 July. Primary activity will be on 6 metres with a 7-element beam, and he will frequently "beacon" CQ on 50.102 MHz. Otherwise, he will operate mostly CW on 80-10 metres when conditions allow. QSL via W5PO. [TNX W5SJ]

Howie, K1VSJ is now active from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046) through 31 August. He will participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

Jon, WB8YJF will operate CW, RTTY and SSB as WB8YJF/4 from Ocracoke Island (NA-067) on 23-30 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via home call, direct (Jon Severt, 5586 Babbitt Rd., New Albany, Ohio 43054, USA) or bureau. [TNX WB8YJF]

N6VR, N6KZ, N6AWD, WB9AWX, KI6VC and WA6SC will operate from Santa Cruz Island (NA-144) on 27-30 July. They will use N6VR/P for the IOTA Contest and home callsigns at other times. They plan to have three stations (one for the WARC bands and two for the other bands) and to operate SSB and CW (during the contest they will use a triband yagi for SSB and amplifier, and a vertical on CW). QSL N6VR via N6AWD, others via home calls. [TNX N6VR]

Mark, KO1U will be active in the IOTA Contest from NA-137. He plans to operate from either Cousins (USI ME-041S) and Littlejohn (USI ME-065) islands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

XX9A will be the HQ station for the Associacao dos Radioamadores de Macau (ARM) during the IARU HF World Championship. Four stations will be operated from Taipa Island (AS-075). QSL via XX9BB. [TNX The Daily DX]

Special callsign YE10 will be used on 7-9 July (IARU HF World Championship included) to commemorate the 38th anniversary of ORARI. Operations will take place on 10-160 metres from Cikoneng Lighthouse. QSL via YC1RIV. [TNX YB1TC]

YR0HQ will be the Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism's (FRR) HQ station for the IARU HF World Championship. Logs will be uploaded to LOTW. A free of charge award will be issued for contacts made with YR0HQ, please contact Adrian, YO3APJ (adrian.sinitaru@electricaserv.ro) for the details. [TNX YO3APJ]

Giuseppe/I2AZ, Pino/I8YGZ, Alfredo/IK7JWX and Gian Carlo/IK7QMJ will be active as ZA/homecall on all bands and modes from Albania on 7-17 July. They plan to operate from a few rare locators as well as from some lighthouses, and to participate in the Six Club Contest, the IARU HF World Championship and the CQ WW VHF Contest. They are also trying to get the final permission to go and operate from Sazan Island (EU-169). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IK7JWX]
COOK ISLANDS (PREFIX CHANGE) ---> Victor Rivera, ZK1CG reports that the prefix change from ZK to E5 for the Cooks Islands was officially announced in the local newspapers on 28 June. Please be advised that as of 1 July 2006 the new prefix for the North and South Cook Islands will be E5 (Echo Five), but only the first two characters will change, while the rest will remain as it is. So ZK1CG, ZK1USA and ZK1JD will become E51CG, E51USA and E51JD. Local amateur radio operators normally get 2-letter callsigns and visiting operators get 3-letter calls. [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

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).

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Joe, AA4NN (manager for the W4 incoming QSL Bureau single letter prefixes) reminds readers that W4AO is not the manager for OD5NH, N4QB is not the manager for A61AJ and N4BP does not want QSL cards.

QSL UE1RLH ---> The QSL manager for UE1RLH/1 and UE1RLH/2 lighthouse operations is RA1QY, direct (Alexey M.Morozov, P.O. Box 24, Cherepovets 162611, Russia) or bureau. [TNX RA1QY]

QSL VIA IT9DAA ---> Corrado reports that all of the contacts made with the various special calls that were active for the MDXC Members Trophy on 3-5 February are being confirmed automatically via the bureau. Please refrain from sending your own QSL, unless you need a direct card. The results of this year's event can be found at http://www.mdxc.org/trophyresults2006.asp

QSL VIA IZ8CCW ---> Antonio, IZ8CCW reports that all of the QSOs made by YE5M (OC-215), TO7IR and PZ5CY have been confirmed. Direct requests have been processed and mailed, and the rest of the contacts have been confirmed automatically via the bureau.

WRTC 2006 ---> Thanks to Veijo Kontas, OH6KN and Risto Lund, OH3UU from the Contest Club Finland (CCF), during the IARU HF World Championship you will be able to follow the WRTC 2006 Contest standings on the Internet. The Score Board demo version (during the contest it will be live) is available for you to see at http://www.hagasoft.com. [TNX PY5EG]
+ SILENT KEY + Eugene Zvontsov, EZ8BO passed away on 11 June. Born in 1931, he was the oldest amateur radio operator in Turkmenistan. Those who need a QSL card for EZ8BO as well as for EZ75BO, EZ21BO, EZ10BO, EY9YBO, EZ56BO, EZ60BO and EZ8AZ can send their request to Stan, RU4SS. [TNX RU4SS]

DXCC DIALOG: The ARRL DXCC Desk has inaugurated the "DXCC Dialog Weblog", containing news and notes about the ARRL DXCC programme. This page will have up-to-date information about the DXCC programme. It does not provide for users to post responses, but authors and e-mail addresses are listed. The blog will be updated as needed to inform and update the DXing community regarding news of interest. Give a look to http://www.arrl.org/blog/DXCCDialog [TNX N7NG]

DJ6SI: A QSL collection of Baldur's past operations (from 1964 to 2005) can be found his new web site at http://www.pileup.de.com [TNX DJ6SI]

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