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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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1A - Giorgio/IZ4AKS, Massimo/IZ4DPV, Fabio/I4UFH, Gabriele/IK4UPB and Luca/IW0DJB will operate as 1A4A (yes, One Alpha Four Alpha) from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) on 2-8 January. Activity will take place from the extraterritorial zone of Villa Malta on the Aventine in Rome. Three or four stations will be active on 2-160 metres SSB, CW and RTTY; plans are to concentrate on certain DX areas (Japan, South America and West Coast) and on the low bands.
The license has been granted as a part of a fundraising programme to support the worldwide relief activities of the Order of Malta (see http://www.orderofmalta.org for further information). The first activity of 1A4A (which stands for One Aid For Africa) will help collecting funds to build a school for young girls, as part of a support plan for the rebirth of South Sudan, coordinated by the Order of Malta, together with the Italian government. The web site for the operation is up and running at http://www.1a4a.org. QSL 1A4A via IZ4DPV (direct only). [TNX IZ4AKS]

5H - Sam, F6AML will be active as 5H1Z from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) on 18-29 January. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres and to pay special attention to North America and Asia, especially on the low bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F6AML]

5U - Christian Saint-Arroman (formerly active from Mali as TZ9A and from a number of other African countries) has been authorized to operate as 5U5U from Niger since 5 December. He will be active on all bands SSB for about one month starting on 3 January, and he expects to pay regular visits to that country over the next few years. QSL direct to Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, F-64990 Urcuit, France. [TNX 5U5U]

9M_spr - 9M4SDX is the callsign issued to the March 2007 expedition to the Spratly Islands [425DXN 803]. A large group of operators from Japan (JA1OCZ, JE1CKA, JF1PJK, JK1FNL, JR1AIB, JJ2VLY, JQ2GYU and JR7TEQ) and Malaysia (9M2CF, 9M2KT, 9M2TO, 9M2/JH3GCN and 9M8YY) will be active from Layang Layang (AS-051) on 10-19 March with four stations on all bands and modes. QSL via 9M2TO, direct or bureau. The web site for the expedition can be found at http://island.geocities.jp/layang9m4sdx/ [TNX 9M2TO]

BV - Steve/N8BJQ, George/W8UVZ, Randy/W9ZR and several local operators will be active as BX0ZR from Taiwan on 8-21 January. Expect activity on all bands with an emphasis on 160 and 80 metres. QSL via W8UVZ. [TNX W9ZR]

BY - David, BA4DW will be active as BA4DW/7 from Hainan Island (AS-094) on 20, 23 and 24 December. This will be a spare time operation, with activity on 20 and 15 metres. QSL direct to David Y. J. Zhou, P.O.

Box 040-088, Shanghai, 200040, China. [TNX BA4DW]

HB0 - Tom, DL2OBO will be active again as HB0/homecall from Liechtenstein on 1-9 January. He plans to ficus on 30-160 metres CW, with some SSB and possibily some RTTY/PSK as well. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. Give a look to his past experiences on http://www.dl2obo.de.vu [TNX DL2OBO]

J2 - Eric, J20SA (ON7SAT) will be leaving on 17 December, but he has had his licence extended as he will return to Djibouti on 4 January for about three weeks. The website for his activity, on-line log included, is at http://users.telenet.be/on4knp/ [TNX ON4ZD]

JA - Look for Take, JS6RRR/JS6 to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 28 December through 9 January. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

PY - Jim/PY7XC, Cris/PY7GK, Renner/PY7RP and Ben/PY7VI will be active as ZY6T from Itaparica Island (SA-023) on 27-30 December. They plan to operate SSB and CW on 10-80 metres. QSL via PY7GK, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

S2 - The callsign to be used during the 10-16 January operation from Bangladesh [425DXN 805] has changed. The Spanish team will be active as S21XA on 160-6 metres SSB, CW and RTYY with three stations. QSL via EA3BT, direct or bureau. A survey form is available on the expedition website (http://www.ea3bt.com/s21xa.htm) to let the team know on which bands/modes you need Bangladesh.

UR - Special event callsigns that wiil be aired on 15-25 December to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League [425DXN #813] include EM15Q (QSL via UR5QU), EM15V (QSL via UR7VA), EO15FF (QSL via UX0FF) and EO15IS (QSL via US7IGF), as well as a large number of other EM15, EN15 and EO15 prefixes.

VE - The VE2DX contest team will be operating on 20, 40 and 80 metres as CG2DX from Jesus Island (CISA PQ-014) until early 2007 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first AM transmission (24 December 1906). The VE2DX/CG2DX contest station is operated by members of the Club Radio Amateur Laval Laurentide. QSL via VE2STN. [TNX VE2STN]

VK - Special event call VI3JAM will be activated on 2-13 January for the 21st Scouts Australia's Jamboree that will be held in Elmore, Victoria (website under construction at www.vi3jam.com). Next year the Scouting Movement will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and a second special event station (VI3SAA) will be QRV from a number of scout centenary events throughout 2007. Two commemorative QSLs will be issued. [TNX VK3EW]

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CQ DX MARATHON ---> The new CQ DX Marathon [425DXN 777] is a year-long DX

hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones over the course of a full year, then starting again at zero at the beginning of the next year. This year's Marathon began at 00.00 UTC on 1 January 1 and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December: "it is now time to start gathering your country and zone contacts made in 2006", John, K9EL says, "and enter them onto the official DX Marathon score sheet available at http://www.dxmarathon.com". All logs must be received no later than 28 February 2007. The 2007 Marathon will start at 00.00 UTC on 1 January. [TNX K9EL]

DIRECT CARDS FROM INDONESIA ---> Donny Sirait, YB6LD (ex YB1BOD) has compiled an informative document on how to obtain a direct QSL card from Indonesia. It includes the current postage rates to several destinations around the world and useful tips on IRCs, whose redeemable value depends on the country they originate from, not on their "destination": for instance, a coupon issued in the US will give a 4,500 Indonesian Rupiahs postage stamp (which covers a letter to Japan, but not to the US). "Normally", Donny says, "a 20gr (single card request) need 2 valid IRC's from the originating country for an airmail reply". The document (.pdf format) is vailable from Donny, please contact him at yb6ld@yahoo.com if interested.

HNY 2007 PARTY --->The "Happy New Year 2007 Party", sponsored by Polish MK QTC Magazine (http://qtc.radio.org.pl), will take place from 18 UTC on 31 December to 18 UTC on 1 January. For details on the event and the relevant award, please e-mail Sylwester Jarkiewicz, SP2FAP at qtc@post.pl [TNX SP2FAP]

JIIA ---> The JIIA Activity Year will run from 1 January through 31 December 2007 to celebrate the Japanese IOTA Islands Award (JIIA) programme's 5th anniversary. A special award will be issued for contacts made with at least 10 stations operating from different islands. Please contact Yuki, JI6KVR (ji6kvr@dance.ocn.ne.jp) for further information.

OH CONTEST/DX MEETING ---> The 12th annual Contest & DX Meeting, organized by the Contest Club Finland and thr OH DX Foundation, will be held aboard the Viking Line M/S Gabriella on 19-21 January 2007. The ship will travel from Finland to the Aland Islands to Sweden and back. Further information, prices and on-line registration form are available at http://www.contestclubfinland.com/ (bookings should be made no later than 18 December). [TNX OH1UA]

PIRATE ---> The NZART (New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters) Monitoring Service reports that the station signing ZK3DX and claiming to be operating from Nukunonu Atoll (Tokelau) is a pirate. He has been operating (usually around 7000-7010 kHz between 5 and 7 NZDT) since 16 September and was last heard on 3 December. The Tokelau Administration has not issued this callsign, nor have they heard of any amateur operating from these islands. [TNX ZL2RR and AD1C]

QSL 4O3T ---> Bill Moore, NC1L reports that the first batch of cards received by US operators contained only the month and year and not the specific day of the QSO. 4O3T cards that show July 2006 or later, with or without the actual day being shown on the card, will be credited for "Montenegro". QSLs for QSOs in May 2006 or earlier will count for "Serbia and Montenegro". Cards for QSOs in June 2006 will not be accepted for any credit (Montenegro was added to the DXCC list on 28 June 2006). Those who received a 4O3T QSL card with no date number and wish to obtain a corrected QSL can send a self addressed envelope directly to John Kennon, N7CQQ who is sending out cards for all of the Americas.

QSL OC-270 ---> Donny, YB6LD (ex YB1BOD) says that all of the direct requests received so far for the March 2006 operation from Simeulue Island (YC6LAY/p, YB6LYS/p, YC6JKV/p, YB6PLG/p and YB1BOD/6) have been processed and mailed. Direct requests from Japan without sufficient return postage have been honoured through the JARL bureau. "For other stations outside JA that did not send sufficient funds, I have no other choice than to send it directly since sending it to the bureau will cost me the same amount (due to small numbers)", Donny says.

QSL ST2A ---> Boris, T93Y reports that all direct requests received as of 9 December have processed and mailed. You can give a look to the card designs in the "QSL Info" and check the status of your request in the "LOG Search" sections of the ST2A website (http://www.t93y.com/st2a). Boris reminds the DX community that 1 USD does not cover the postage from Bosnia and Herzegovina to anywhere in the world, while 1 IRC does. [TNX T93Y]

QSL VIA DL5EBE ---> Dominik reports he is now living in Russia. Those who need a direct card for any of the stations he is the QSL manager for should mail their request to the following address: Wintershall Holding AG, Abt. EV, Mr. Dominik Weiel, Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 160, D-34119 Kassel, Germany. Cards sent via the DARC QSL bureau will be forwarded to Dominik.

QSL VIA RZ3DJ ---> Those who still need a QSL card for Vlady's (RU3HD) activities from Antarctica can send their request to RZ3DJ (Dmitry Tsyplakov, P.O. Box 5/3, Pushkino - 5, 141205, Russia). Vlady nade about 36,000 QSOs (153 on 160m and 1282 on 80m) as R1ANN and RU3HD/ANT from Novolazarevskaja (IOTA NA-01, UA-08 for the Antarctica Award), and some 7,000 QSOs as R1ANN/mm and RU3HD/mm from the "Academic Fedorov". [TNX RZ3DJ]

QSL YX0A & YX0LIX ---> "The cards have arrived, and I'm in the process of preparing the first mailings", Steve (KU9C) says. "The process will be a bit slower than I'd like, due to the holidays and a few business and family commitments. Please do not resubmit; I'll use the DX bulletins to advise when I've finished mailing what I've got and status updates along the way. I do apologize for the delay in getting the cards out".

VU7LD ---> The 9th press release (issued on 9 December) states that the second batch of six operators (VU2GMN Gopal, VU2LX Lakshman, VU3SPQ Sunny, VU3RSB Sara, VU3ELR Sasi and VU2SJD Sanjay) were sailing to Kavaratti to join the other operators who have been there since 30 November. "We are aware of issues with the published online logs where the mode and band have in some cases been wrong, also a couple of logs from a few sessions were not published on the web", Gopal (VU2GMN) says, "We are working to rectify that in the next log update expected latest around the 20th of December. [Actually, the log search at http://www.arsi.info/vu7/onlinelog.shtml now covers the period 1-12 December, and the next update is expected for 16 December, Ed.]. A number of constructive suggestions have been received from the international DX community and we have taken note of the suggestions and information has already been passed on to the operators who are working to implement as many of them as is feasible". A few pictures of VU7LD can be found at http://www.vu7ld.info/.

+ SILENT KEY + We were saddened by the news of the sudden passing of Agustinus "Agus" Ginting, YC6JKV, who was killed in a car accident on 8 December. He had been an active amateur since the Eighties and had participated in a few IOTA operations, including activity from the islands of Mursala (OC-245, March 2001), Simeulue (OC-270, March 2006) and Nias (OC-161, April 2006). [TNX YB6LD]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 4L8A, 4O3AB, 4O3T, 5T0JL, 5W0DP, 5W0OJ, 6W1SE, 6Y0B, 7P8DA, 7P8JF, 7Z1UG, 8P9DX, 9H3MR, 9Q1D, 9Q1NT, A22/JA4ATV, A25/DJ4LK, A92GR, B1Z, C5DXC, CP4BT, D2DX, DL5ME/p (EU-128), DT8A, FG5JK, FM5JC, FP/G3TXF, GT0STH, HC1HC, HC8N, HG6N, HI3TEJ, HQ9F, J28JA, JX7DFA, K9AJ/VY0 (NA-175), KC4AAA, KH8SI, KL7HBK (NA-004), LZ0A, NP2B, OJ0LA, OY9R, P29BW, P29NI (OC-115), P29VCX (OC-153), P29ZAD, P41S, P43JB, PJ7TM, R1MVW, S79WJM, S9SS, SU9NC, T70HQ, T77EB, TK5MH, TO2FG, TO4T, TT8PK, TU2/F5LDY, TY5LEO, TY5MR, TZ5A, TZ6LF, TZ6MF, TZ6NS, V31MR, V63JQ (OC-059), V63VE, VK9CGG, VK9NS, VP6UU (OC-044), VP6UU/p (OC-182), VP8LGT, VP9I, W5BOS/AL0 (NA-238), W5BOS/NL0 (NA-237), XE2K/XF2 (NA-246), YJ0ADX, YT6A, YT7A, YU6AO, ZA/IK7JWX, ZD7BG, ZF1A, ZY0K.

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