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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3A - Alberto, IW1RLF will operate as 3A/IW1RLF from Monaco during the weekend. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

3B6 - 3B6DX is the callsign issued to the Polish team of operators who will be active from Agalega (AF-001) in June [425DXN 533]. They expect to reach Agalega on 5 June, to be QRV by the morning of the 6th at the latest and tot leave the island on 18 June. QSL via SP9SX. Bookmark http://3b6.godx.eu/ for updates. [TNX SP9MRO]

9M4 - The MARTS (Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter's Society) Penang Contest Team will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as 9M4DXX (Multi/Single) from Penang Island (AS-015). QSL via bureau, or direct to 9M2TO. [TNX 9M2TO]

CU - CT1EPV, CT3MD, CU2HJA, DJ2VO and HB9CRV/CT3FN will participate in the IOTA Contest (28-29 July) as CU8T from the Albarnaz lighthouse on Flores Island (EU-089), Azores. Outside the contest they will operate on 6-80 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via CT1GFK, direct or bureau. [TNX CT1END]

E5 - Mike, KM9D (E51QMA) and Jan, KF4TUG (E51TUG) have been active (CW and SSB) from Suwarrow Atoll (OC-080), North Cook Islands [425DXN 833] since 11 May. They plan to remain there at least until the 21st. QSL via OM2SA, logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

F - DJ2VO, DL1COP, DG3KAF, DL7KCM, DO1KJB and DL3PS will be active as F/homecall/p from Porquerolles Island (EU-070) on 19-26 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX VA3RJ]

F - The Castres DX Gang's annual activity from Fort Brescou (EU-148, DIFM ME-001) will take place on 24-28 May. The team will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 as TM5B with three stations. QSL via F5XX. [TNX F8REF]

F - The Radio Club des Fourches (F6KSU) will operate as TM7AJ from 20 May to 3 June. The special callsign commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of writer Alfred Jarry (the author of "Ubu Roi"). QSL via F6KSU. [TNX F8REF]

F - Francois, ON4LO will be active as F/ON4LO/P from Oleron Island (EU-032) and Chassiron Lighthouse (ARLHS FRA-234) on 23-29 May. He plans to operate SSB and digital modes on 10-40 metres. [TNX ON4LO]

F - In June-July 1944 the BBC war correspondents used the tower of the chateau at Creully as a radio studio, from where the first reports of the Battle of Normandy were broadcasted. Look for special callsign TM5BBC to be aired again from Creully on 1-15 June. QSL via F2UW. [TNX F4MBZ]

F - Special event station TM2RHC (which stands for 2nd Regiment Helicoptere Combat) will be active on 10-24 June before and during the air show at Le Luc le Cannet (http://meeting-leluc.fr). QSL via F4EUN. [TNX F4EUN]

G - Chris, G1VDP will be in Cornwall from 26 May to 2 June and will be

active from the following lighthouses: Trevose Head (ARLHS ENG-157) on 29 May, Pendean (ARLHS ENG-100) on the 30th and Lizard (ARLHS ENG-068) on the 31st. [TNX G1VDP]

G - The Wakefield & District Radio Society will be activating the Holy Island of Lindisfarne (EU-120) on 21-22 July. It will be a 24-hour operation thanks to special dispensation from the National Trust. The callsigns will be GB1HI and GB5HI. QSL for both via M3ZYZ, direct or bureau. [TNX M3ZYZ]

GU - Chris, M0DOL and other members of the Northampton Radio Club will be active as either GP8LED/p and GP3GWB from castles and fortifications on the island of Guernsey (EU-114) from 26 May to 1 June. [TNX F5NQL]

HB0 - Look for HB0/DL1GDS, HB0/DO1ARS and HB0/DK4SFW to be active on 10-160 metres from Liechtenstein on 26-30 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DL1GDS]

HB0 - Six operators from the Flying Dutch DX Group will be active as HB0/PA0ABM from Triesenberg, Liechtenstein on 15-22 June. They will operate on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and some digital modes with two stations. Logs will be available at http://www.logsearch.de/ and will be uploaded to LoTW. QSL via PA0ABM, direct or bureau. [TNX PA0ABM]

HP - Uruguay DX Group members Bert, CX3AN and Mario, CX4CR will be active from the San Blas Archipelago (NA-170), Panama on 22-28 June. They plan to operate as either HP2/homecall or 3E2/homecall on 80-6 metres SSB and CW, running 500 watts into vertical and wire antennas. [TNX CX3AN]

I - Look for Davide, IW8FFG and Enzo, IZ8LFI to be active on 40 metres SSB and possibly CW from Portici lighthouse (WAIL CA-015, ARLHS ITA-276) on 20 May. [TNX IW8FFG]

I - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the scouting movement, special callsign II3STV will be aired on all modes by scouts in Treviso province on 20-30 May. QSL via IK3GES, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to ik3ges@alice.it). [TNX IK3GES]

I - ARI Versilia will activate special event station II5MD on 11-13 June for the "Meucci Day". Antonio Meucci was recognized as the first inventor of the telephone by the United States Congress, in its resolution 269 dated 11 June 2002. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX IK5CON]

I - Simone, IZ4DYQ will be active as IA5/IZ4DYQ from Elba Island (EU-028) on 2-13 July. He plans to operate mainly SSB on 20 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX IZ4DYQ]

JA - Look for JA1IOA/5, JA4PXE/5, JH4FRP/5, JH4WXV/5 and JS6RRR/5 to be active from Iwaguro-Jima, Shikoku Islands (AS-076, AS-076-011) on 19-20 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 on 160-6 metres. QSL via bureau. Takeshi, JS6RRR will then continue the trip and operate as JS6RRR/JI4 from Kitaki-Jima (AS-117, JJIA AS-117-136) on 20-21 May. QSL via bureau. [TNX JS6RRR]

JA - Look for JA1UNS/1, JI1PLF/1, 7N1GMK/1, 7L4PVR/1 and 7N4VPS/1 to be active from Hachijo Island (AS-043, JIIA AS-043-004) on 25-28 May. They plan to operate SSB and CW on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

JA - JA1KJW/JR6, JJ1JGI/JR6, JK1EBA/JR6 and 7N4AGB/JR6 will operate from

Okinawa Island (AS-017, JIIA AS-017-033) on 28 May and again on 15-18 June. From 29 May to 14 June they will be active from Ishigaki Island (AS-024, AS-024-004). Expect activity on the HF bands and 6 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]

LA - DL1DWR, DG4VX and DG0CH will be active as LA/DL1DWR from Tromoy Island (EU-061) on 25-29 May. Activity will be on 160-2 metres mostly digital modes with some CW, SSB and FM. QSL via DL1DWR. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

OZ - OZ5JR, OZ7KDJ and OZ9V will be active from Anholt Island (EU-088, DIA NK-001) on 25-30 July, including an entry in the IOTA Contest as OZ8MW/P. They will operate SSB and CW on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX OZ9V]

SV - Cliff, SV1JG will be active as SV8/SV1JG from Milos Island (EU-067) on 18-28 May. He plans to operate mostly CW and digital modes, and to participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. [TNX SV1JG]

SV - Laci, HA0HW will be active as either J48HW and SV8/HA0HW from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 27 May to 5 June. He will operate CW on the HF bands (mainly on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres), with some SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as well, and 6m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

SV - The White Tower DX Team's operation from Skyros Island (EU-060) [425DXN 833] is expected to take place on 16-22 June. Nine operators (SV0XAW, SV2FPU, SV2HNZ, SV2HOB, SV2HPP, SV2HPY, SV2HRT, SV2HSV and SV2GNQ) will be active as SY8WT with six stations, five amplifiers and a wide range of beams, verticals and dipoles. QSL via SV2HPP, direct or bureau. Operating frequencies and further information can be found at http://whitetowerdxt.com/content/view/50/87/lang,en/ [TNX AI4PP/SV0XAW]

SV9 - Wolfgang, DL5MAE plans to operate as SV9/DL5MAE from Gavdos Island (EU-187), Crete for one week around the end of May (exact dates will depend on the ferry schedule). QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

TA - The landing of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk at Samsun on 19 May 1919, marked the beginning of the Turkish War of Independence and heralded the establishment of the republic in 1923. Samsun operators will air special callsign TC1919ATA on 19 May to commemorate that event. QSL via the TRAC bureau. [TNX TA1HZ]

UA - Look for RV3ATS, RV3ATT and RU3AVF to operate on 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 2 metres as RV3ATS/p from 16 mountains located in various different Russian Districts between 19 June and 21 July. They also plan to participate in a number of contests on the VHF and HF bands. Their itinerary can be found at www.rv3ats.com; please visit http://www.mountain.ru/radio/rma/engl.shtml for information on the Russian Mountains Award. QSL via RV3ATS, direct or bureau. [TNX RV3ATS]

UR - Special Ukrainian callsign EO20R will be aired from 28 May to 3 June for the 20th anniversary of Slavutych, the city built after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster to host the survivors who had to be relocated from the evacuation zone around the reactor. QSL via UY2RO. [TNX UY2RO]

VP5 - Maciek, WQ7X will be active as VP5/WQ7X from 24 May to 5 June. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 10-80 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

VQ9 - Jim, VQ9JC (ND9M) has received written permission to use the special callsign VQ97JC from 23 May through 5 June. The "7" added to the prefix reflects the year, and apparently this is the first time a special prefix has been authorized for use from Diego Garcia. Jim can only operate during his spare time, which normally means 12.00-17.30 UTC. However, he hopes to make the VQ97 prefix available at least ten evenings during that period, and to stay overnight at the shack both nights during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest QSL via ND9M, direct or bureau (but cards will not be printed at least until after he returns home in August). [TNX VQ9JC]

W - The Yankee Clipper Contest Club celebrates its 30th anniversary and its members may sign homecall/30 (e.g. K1RX/30) for the rest of the year. A special certificate will be available for contacting at least 10 members; details can be found at http://www.yccc.org/

W - W9IMS, the official Amateur Radio Club of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will conduct special event operations for the three races that make up the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Triple Crown, namely the Indianapolis 500 (25-27 May), the United States Formula One Grand Prix (15-17 June) and the Brickyard 400 (27-29 July). QSL direct to Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, P.O. Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218-0495, USA (stations outside the US may QSL via the bureau). Further information at www.qrz.com/w9ims

YB - Pri/YB0ECT, Dudy/YB0DPO, Jo/YC0LOW, Andry/YB1TX and Ray/YD0NQO will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest from Ayer Island (OC-177). They will single-operate on 40, 80 and 160 metres, and there may also be some SSB as well as RTTY and PSK31 activity on the higher bands. Expect them to be signing homecall/0. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX YB0ECT]

YB - Fuadi, YC7IM and others will be active as YE7M from Payung Payungan, Laut Kecil Islands (OC-268) on 22-24 June. They plan to operate on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via YC7IM (H.M. Fuadi Yatrin, P.O. Box 195, Banjarmasin 70000, South Borneo, Indonesia). [TNX G3KMA]

YO - Jean-Michel, F6AJA, Editor of Les Nouvelles DX, reports he will be once again active in his spare time as YO/F6AJA from the QTH of Silviu, YO8FZ in Suceava, Romania on 20-26 May. QSL via F6AJA.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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The recent operation from Scarborough Reef has been approved for DXCC credit. Quite a number of QSOs (1380, most of them on 30m) did not make it into the initial on-line log. The problem has been fixed and the log now contains 45,820 QSOs from 13.48 UTC on 29 April through 23.54 UTC on 5 May (http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srlog.html) with 17,884 unique callsigns. The new band/mode breakdowns are as follows:

Band	SSB	CW	RTTY	TOTAL

160m	0	54	0	54
80m	121	217	0	338
40m	509	3039	0	3548
30m	0	4226	0	4226
20m	10391	11435	54	21880
17m	3325	3744	0	7069
15m	4011	1985	268	6264
12m	402	474	0	876
10m	841	724	0	1565
	19600	25898	322	45820

The continental breakdowns are: Asia 21112, Europe 16329, North America 6918, Oceania 948, South America 301, Africa 212. Several statistic tables can be found at http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srstats.html, and photo galleries are available on the expedition's web site as well as on http://picasaweb.google.com/paul.pescitelli/K4UJScarboroughReef
As for the cards, please refrain from e-mailing inquiries to the the QSL manager (KU9C), as he is not in a position to answer whether you are in or not in the log at the moment. "If you are not in the web log", he says, "don't give up, put down EVERY QSO you believe you had, and I'll do the rest. If the web log shows 20 SSB, put down EVERY qso you think you had on 20 SSB, not just the first". In case of busted calls, Steve will use "well-established judgement in issuing the card, and may ask you to help confirm that the person whose call appears did not make a QSO". Finally, "if you DO NOT HAVE ANY detail besides what is in the web log online, it's impossible for me to give you credit for the card - I'm not in a position to issue a QSL to you 'just because' the web log says you're there. Not the way it works".

ANTARCTIC CHALLENGE ---> Gil, F5NOD reports that the Antarctic Challenge scores are up-to-date at http://f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/index.htm

HELP KADEK ---> Island chasers and hams throughout the world have been saddened by the news of Kadek's (YB9BU) material losses following the fire that destroyed his house in early April. "Help Kadek" initiative represents our way to show a friend that we care and that we do appreciate his long time dedication to the IOTA community. We hope that our support will help Kadek rebuild his radio shack and bring him back on the air. Please visit our web page at http://www.mdxc.org/yb9bu to find more about this initiative and to contribute to this fund through one of the regional collection points.

MONTENEGRO ---> Quoting a spokesman from the ITU Radiocommunication Sector, The Daily DX reports that the 4O0-4O9 callsign prefix block has been allocated to Montenegro. Serbia will continue to use YT0-YT9 and YU0-YU9, while the 4N and YZ prefixes have been withdrawn and given back to the ITU for future use to another nation.

QSL MANAGER OFFERED ---> Petr, OK1DOT (Petr.Gustab@seznam.cz) is willing to offer his services to a station in need. He can provide QSL cards at no charge to the stations he manages. Information on his QSLling policy can be found at http://www.qrz.com/ok1dot [TNX OK1DOT]

QSL XT2SE & 5V7SE ---> Elvira, IV2FSG will attend this year's Ham Radio event at Friedrichshafen and will be able to confirm contacts made during her

activities from Togo and Burkina Faso. Look for her at the Croatian booth on 22-23 May (14.00-16.00) and on 24 May (10.00-12.00). [TNX IK3GES]

QSL VIA I2WIJ ---> Roberto, I2WIJ reports that as of 11 May, the CN3A and 5D5A direct QSL requests backlog has been fully cleared.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A4A, 3B9/G3TXF, 3C0M, 3XD2Z, 3XM6JR, 4O3T, 4O3ZZ, 4U1UN, 5A7A, 5B4AGC, 5B4AIA, 5D5A, 5W0RE, 5Z4ZK, 6W/DM2AYO, 7X/DK5MH, 8P1A, 9M4SDX, 9Q1D, 9Q1EK, 9U0X, 9U9Z, A22/JA4ATV, A35AX, BA4DW/7 (AS-131), BD4RCS, BP100S, BX5AA, C21DL, C38JM, C52T, C56NN, C6DX, C91Z, CN2A, CN2FB, CN2FW, CN3A, CO8LY, CP4BT, EA9EU, EF8M, EK0B, ES1QD, EY8MM, GB95MGY, HC8N, HH2FJM, HH4/K4QD, HH7/N3BNA, HI8LAM, HK6ISX, HK6KKK, HK8HIX, HQ9H, HR9BFS, HZ1AN, HZ1IK, J20MM, J20RR, J20SA, J5BI (AF-020), J5UAR, J5UTM, J79IU, JX9NOA, K1VSJ (NA-046), K8SCH/1 (NA-055), KA3UNQ/p (NA-031), KE0A/KP2, KH0/K3UY, KH8Q (OC-045), KP2/K3TEJ, KP4VP, LU1ZAB, MD4K, MI0SRR, OX60AD, PJ4/K2NG, PJ7/DL1VWR, PZ5ZY, R1FJT, S21XA, S92FM, ST2A, SV5/DJ7RJ, SV5/SM8C, TA3D, TF4M, TG0AA, TM5CI (EU-039), UA2FW, V25WY, V31FG/P (NA-123), V31LG, V47KP, V47NT, V63UA, VK9DNX, VP2E, VP2MFF, VP2MRD, VP2MTC, VP2MVG, VP5/W5CW, VP8DIN, VP8DJU, VU7MY (AS-106), VU7RG (AS-011), VY1MB, WP3C, XT2C, XU7DXX, XU7MDY, XX9A, YK1BA, YL7X, YU1XA, YW0DX, Z36A, ZB2/ON5UR, ZF2BI, ZK3RE, ZP6CW, ZS9X.

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