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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B6 - Rachid, 3B8FQ has received a license for 3B6, and will activate the Agalega Islands (AF-001) for 48-72 hours between 14 and 17 April. This will be a working trip. Time will be shared with maintenance duties on the island, but Rachid will be as active as possible when not on duty. He will operate as 3B6FQ primarily on SSB, with some CW, on 10-80 metres. Operations are expected to begin around 18.30 UTC on 14 April. Equipment will be battery powered at 70W, with simple antennas. QSL via K5XK. [TNX K5XK]

6W - Witek, SP9MRO and Marian, SP9CTT will be active as 6V7K and 6V7J (requested calls) from Senegal from 17 April to 5 May. They will operate CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY on 160-10 metres, with an emphasis on 160-30 metres. QSL 6V7K via SP9SX, QSL 6V7J via SP9CTT. [TNX SP9MRO]

DU - PA3GZU will be active as DU9/PA3GZU from Mindanao (OC-130) between 12 April and 12 May. He will operate holiday style mainly on 20 metres SSB and BPSK31, especially between late April and the first week of May. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

F - Special callsign TM2MP will be aired from 18 April to 1 May to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Max Planck, father of the quantum theory and Nobel Prize in physics (1918). QSL via F6KTN. [TNX F1SIU]

FJ - Jurgen, DJ2VO will be active as FJ/DJ2VO from Saint Barthelemy (NA-146) from 19 April to 8 May. He will operate CW only on 80-10 metres. QSL via DJ2VO, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

G - Promoting geological heritage to the general public, special station GB6GEO will be on the air on 24-25 May from "Kent's Cavern", England's oldest "home" situated in the English Riviera (Torbay). The station will be run by Martin/G3VOF, with help from John/G7HIK, Paddy/M1EIW and Roger/2E0GHR. QSL via bureau. [TNX G3VOF]

GJ - Martin, G3ZAY and Michael, G7VJR will operate SSB and CW on the HF bands as GJ3ZAY/p and GJ7VJR/p from Jersey (EU-013) on 11-13 April. QSL via G7VJR. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX G7VJR]

GM - The Grantham ARC (http://www.garc.org.uk) will be active as GB0TI from Lunga Island in the Treshnish group (EU-108) on 12-17 June. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via bureau (your return cards are not required). The QSL manager for those who need a direct card is G0RCI. [TNX G0RCI]

HB & OE - Switzerland and Austria will host jointly the UEFA Euro 2008 football (soccer) championship (7-29 June), and a large number of special callsigns in the HB2008AA-ZZ and OE2008AAA-ZZZ series is expected to be aired from those two Countries between 26 April and 30 June. QSL all callsigns via HB9DTE.

The two IARU societies - USKA and OEVSV - sponsor the relevant "Euro 2008" award; complete information can be found at http://eurodiplom2008.oevsv.at

HL - Special station HL0HQSC will be active on all bands and modes until 30 April, celebrating the first mission to space by a Korean astronaut, Yi So-yeon (DS3SYL). She will be on a Russian flight to the International Space Station, whose launch is scheduled for 8 April. QSL via HL2CFY, direct or bureau. [TNX DS2AXU]

HS - Jorg, DL1MJF will be active as HS0ZGQ on 5-26 April, including a one week side trip to Koh Samui (AS-101). He will be using 100 watts on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - Alfio, IT9EJW and Giovanni, IT9GAC will be active as homecall/p from Faraglioni dei Ciclopi (EU-025, IIA CT-003) on 13 April (or the 20th, if case of bad weather). QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. A web page can be found at http://www.mdxc.org/ciclopi [TNX IT9EJW]

KH8 - Gavin, W9EYE will be back to American Samoa on 21-27 April. He will be there to do some missionary eye surgery, and he hopes to be active as AH8/W9EYE in his spare time. He will try all bands 80-10 metres high power as propagation allows, SSB and hopefully RTTY. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

KH9 - The Daily DX reports that Colin, WA2YUN/KH9 hopes to have a three element tribander within a couple of weeks and an amplifier in about two months. He expects to remain on Wake until the end of 2009. QSL via K2PF.

KP2 - Glen, W5IF will be active as KP2/W5IF from the WP2Z super station on St Croix, US Virgin Islands (NA-106) on 23-30 April. He plans to put a "strong emphasis" on 30, 12, 17 metres and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX W5IF]

LA - Special callsign LN2G will be aired on 11-13 April for the "Norwegian Hammeeting". Activity will be mostly on 40 and 20 metres SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via LA2G. [TNX LA7VK]

OE - The club station of the Documentary Archives Radio Communications (http://dokufunk.org) will operate on all bands and modes as OE2008XQC on 26 April during the International Marconi Day. QSL via bureau or direct via OE1WHC. [TNX OE1WHC]

P2 - G3KHZ, G4EDG, CT1AGF and W5GAI will be active from a couple of Most Wanted IOTAs - OC-181 (Witu Islands) and OC-041 (Ninigo group) - between 18 October and 4 November. Further information is expected in due course. They are looking for two more operators, please contact Derek, G3KHZ (qrz.com) if interested. The group will be chartering the same boat that was used last year on the Nukumanu, Taku'u and Kilinailau DXpedition. The boat also caters for scuba divers. [TNX I1-21171]

P4 - The P40ZB activity from Aruba [425DXN 873] has been postponed to 6-15 May because of a medical problem. Garry, K9WZB and his wife Sharon, K7WZB will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40, 20, 17, 15, 10 and 6 metres. QSL direct to K9WZB. [TNX K9WZB]

SP - Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the SP DX Contest, seven special stations (SP75C, SP75O, SP75N, SP75T, SP75E, SP75S and SN75T) are active until 13 April. QSL for all callsigns via SP7DQR. Complete information on the relevant 75th Anniversary Award, as

well as on the contest itself (to take place on 5-6 April, from 15 UTC to 15 UTC), can be found at http://www.spdxcontest.info/

TA - TA1HZ and the "TC Special Wireless Activity Team" (http://tcswat.tripod.com) will operate as TC57A on 22-26 April in remembrance of the role played by the 57th Infantry Regiment of the Turkish Fifth Army during the Dardanelles Campaign (Canakkale Savaslari) in 1915. Expect activity on 15, 17, 20 and 40 metres. QSL via TA1HZ. [TNX TA1HZ]

W - Martin, G3ZAY (NU2L) and Dominic, M0BLF (W6/M0BLF) plan to be QRV from Santa Catalina (NA-066) from 23 UTC on 20 April to 20 UTC on the 21st, and from Santa Cruz (NA-144) from 20 UTC on 22 April to 22 UTC on the 23rd. QSL via home calls. [TNX G3ZAY]

XU - Wim, ON6NP says he will be active from Cambodia on 9-28 April. He will operate as XU7ADV on SSB, PSK31 and RTTY.

ZS8 - Petrus, ZS6GCM reached Marion Island on 31 March and will reamin there for at least twelve months. Do not expect ZS8T to appear on the amateur radio bands before the end of April. The actual beginning of his activity will be announced at http://zs8t.net

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9X0R ---> The web site (www.9x0r.com) has been updated with some pictures, QSL instructions (including the form for bureau cards requests) and more information. 9X0R was active on 16-27 March and made 62,675 QSOs with 20,328 unique callsigns. The band/mode breakdowns are as follows:

	CW	SSB	RTTY	TOTAL
10M	602	1048	0	1650
12M	1754	1673	0	3427
15M	4787	6077	1113	11977
17M	5579	5841	1105	12525
20M	6340	8583	2085	17008
30M	5386	0	686	6072
40M	4767	2057	1	6825
80M	1677	793	0	2470
160M	720	1	0	721
	31612	26073	4990	62675

DXCC NEWS: KH9 ---> ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L reports that the 2007 G4GIR/KH9 DXpedition to Wake Island has been approved for DXCC credit. If you had cards rejected for this operation, please send an e-mail to the ARRL DXCC Desk (dxcc@arrl.org) to have your DXCC record updated.

DXCC NEWS: ST. BARTHELEMY ---> DXCC has completed processing 2007 applications (it may be another 2-3 weeks before the last 2007 applicants receive their return) and St Barthelemy (DXCC Entity code 516) has now been added to the DXCC computer system, and Logbook of The World. This moves the #1 Honor Roll position to 338 current entities making entry level Honor Roll

329. Logbook of The World is now accepting certificate requests for St Barthelemy, and once those logs are submitted the matches should occur and applicants can claim DXCC credit. [TNX NC1L]

HA STRAIGHT KEY CONTEST ---> The second Hungarian Straight Key Contest (HSKC) will be held on 13 April from 15 to 17 UTC. Rules can be found at http://www.ha8kux.com/hskc-2008.htm [TNX IZ1GJK]

HELVETIA CONTEST ---> Expect a number of HB2008 special callsigns to be aired during this year's Helvetia Contest, which will be held on 26-27 April, from 13 UTC to 14.59 UTC (24 hours). Rules and further information can be found at http://www.swiss-artg.ch/hb9czf/contests/uska/uska_contests.html [TNX HB9CZF]

LOGS ---> he log of the March 2008 operation from 9M6LSC by Brian, G4ODV/5B4AIZ is now searchable on www.g3swh.org.uk/9m6lsc.html [TNX G3SWH]

LOGS ---> The log search for 4D75T (operated by DU1IVT) can be found on www.acehighdx.org [TNX IW1QN]

NIAR SILVER JUBILEE ---> The National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) will celebrate its Silver Jubilee in Hyderabad on 18-20 October. After that event, amateur radio activity from many Indian locations (including VU4 and VU7) are planned to take place until 3 November. NIAR will assist foreign amateurs in regard of reciprocal licenses or operation permits for VU4 or VU7. Further information can be found at http://www.niar.org/sj/index.htm [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL VIA G3SWH ---> Following the sad passing of M5AAV, Phil Whitchurch (G3SWH) has been appointed as QSL manager for M5BXB and OK8XB with immediate effect. The logs for both calls are searchable on Phil's website (www.g3swh.org.uk).

RADIO MARITIME DAY ---> On 12-13 April (from 12 UTC to 12 UTC) merchant marine radio officers from several countries will be active on the HF bands (160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW) to meet amateur radio operators for the Radio Maritime Day special event. Further information can be found at http://www.radiomaritimeday.org

ROCKALL 2008 ---> On 22 June Andy Strangeway (www.island-man.co.uk) will attempt to travel out to Rockall (EU-189) with a professional team of yachtsmen and rock climbing instructors. There will be room onboard for up to eight radio amateurs who may be interested in going and activating this extremely rare IOTA group. If you are serious in joining Andy, drop an e-mail to him (info@island-man.co.uk). Also read the post at http://hamspirit.wordpress.com/ [TNX MM0NDX]

SEANET CONTEST & CONVENTION ---> This year's SEANET Contest will take place on 7-8 June. The rules have been rewritten and simplified in an attempt to encourage greater participation. The results will be announced and prizes given out at the SEANET Convention, to be held in Sabah, East Malaysia, on 20-24 November. Full information on the Contest and the convention can be found at www.seanet.cc [TNX 9M6DXX]

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please note that QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are now eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@ari.it)

VP6DX ---> The website (www.vp6dx.com) has been expanded to include recordings of VP6DX made at locations around the world and a FAQ section about QSLs, the on-line log, and other topics.
The list of sponsors on the website is updated about once a week. Similarly, LOTW confirmations for QSL requests are uploaded to the ARRL LOTW server about once a week. The most recent upload occurred at 03.20 UTC on 3 April, and as of that time 14,668 QSOs with 3,061 different stations were confirmed. The design of the QSL card is being completed and direct-mail QSLs are expected to enter the postal system in late April. At present the On-line QSL Request database holds requests for 53,602 contacts with 7,924 stations.

SILENT KEYS ---> Recently reported Silent Keys include:

Marvin W. Edwards Jr., K4BWC	Tom Marlowe, VK3ZZ
Esther Frost, KA4IFF	Frank Pellegrino, W0OKC
Kjell Rasmusson, SM7BAE	Lewis I. Reinberg, W2BIE
Vladimir I. Chalapko, UT5EU	Tony Colaguori, W2GUM
Ken Matchett, VK3TL	Merle Glunt, W3OKN

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/G3RTE, 3C7Y, 3DA0VB, 3XM6JR, 3Y0E, 4L0B, 4O3A, 4O60BH, 4S7NE, 4U1UN, 4U50SPACE, 5H3VMB, 5L2MS, 5P5V, 5R8GZ, 5R8NL, 5R8VB, 5X1NH, 5X1VB, 5Z/UA4WHX, 6M0V, 6W/DK7YY, 6W1SE, 7P8VB, 7Q7VB, 7X0RY, 8P6EX, 8P9NX, 8P9RY, 8R1K, 9J2VB, 9N7JO, 9Q1EK, 9V1YC, 9X0VB, 9X0W, 9X0X, 9X0Z, 9Y4/DL1MGB, 9Y4W, A25VB, A35RK, A45XR, A71AN, AA4V (NA-110), AP2NK, BG7JSQ, BU2AI, C33IU, C50C, C52C, C6AKU, C6ANM, C6APG, C91VB, CE1/K7CA, CN8KD, CO2NB, CO2WL, CU2A, CW6V, CX/N3BNA, D20VB, D2NX, D60VB, E4/OM2DX, E51WWA (OC-013 and OC-083), EP4HR, ER5DX, EW8CY, EY8MM, FJ/G3TXF, FJ/OH2AM, FJ/SP6IXF, FK/JA8BMK, FO/JA8BMK, FO/OH1RX, GJ4FDM, H44V, H7/AK2P, H7/NP3D, HB0/DL4IAL, HC1MD, HI3T, HQ4R, HR3/JA6WFM, IG9R, J20VB, J3/DL5AXX, J5C, J79SJ, JA6WFM/HC5, JA6WFM/HI8, JD1BLY, K4D (NA-213), KC4AAA (2002), KG4SS, KG5DX, KV4FZ, LX7I, LZ130LO, LZ1RGM, M2D, N0TG/VP5, N5BEK/TI7, OA4DJW, OD5/F5PTM, OF8X, OH0B, OJ0B, PJ2/W8AV, PJ5NA, PY7MV (SA-046), PZ5YV, RW0CWA, S21ZDX, S2ZJO, SD7W, ST2VB, T32Z, T88PR, T93J, TB6LD, TI2/F6FQX, TI4CF, TN6X, TO5FJ, TZ/TU5GV, UA2FX, UK8OAR, V26TM, V31JZ/p, V31LZ, V31MX, V31TB, V31UB, V31YN, V44/K0EJ, V51VV, V73NS, V85TT, V8FDM, VE2IM, VK2AA/1 (OC-212), VK9WWI, VP2EDH, VP2MFO, VP2MNR, VP2MSC, VP5/K7WA, VP5W, VP6TD, VQ9JC, VU2PAI, WP3C, XE1RCS, XU7ACY, XU7TZG, XW1B, YK9SV (AS-186), YN2S, YS/I2JIN, YT0A, YV4WH, Z2/UA4WHX, ZD7BG, ZD8RH, ZF1A, ZF2XD, ZK1IR, ZP5MAL, ZP6/N3BNA, ZP6CW, ZS3/G3LZQ.

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