9X - Rich, WA3FPK will be in Rwanda for three weeks starting on 15 May. He has been issued the call 9X0A and he plans to be active in his spare time, mainly on 20 metres SSB, especially during his last week in the country. QSL via KA1CRP. [TNX The Daily DX]

F - F4BCG, F4FCS, F5RAB, F6AXN and F6DPD will be active as TM5EL from Ile aux Moines (EU-107) on 9-11 May. They will operate mostly SSB and CW, and activity will depend on tide hours and weather conditions. QSL via F6KHI, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgobiota.org]

F - Giovanni/IK1WEG, Davide/IW1DQS, Gerry/IZ1DSH, Giorgio/IZ1DXS, Riccardo/IZ1GDB, Willy/IZ1HGM and Claudio/IZ1JMV will be active with three stations from St. Honorat, Lerins Islands (EU-058) on 17-18 May. Should their requested call (TM0IL, QSL via IZ1HGM) not be issued in time, they will operate as F/homecall. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX IZ1DXS]

G - The Cray Valley Radio Society will be airing the special call GB6MW on 10-11 May for the "Mills on the Air" weekend. The station will be located at Meopham Windmill in Kent. Activity on CW and SSB, particularly 20, 40 and 80 metres. QSL via G4DFI. [TNX M3RCV]

G - Phil/F5OGG, Andre/F6HER, Franco/F4EVR and Tony/F8ATS will operate SSB and CW as M/F5KEE/p from St. Mary's, Scilly Isles (EU-011, grid square IN69uv) on 16-23 May. During the weekend they will concentrate on the VHF and UHF bands. QSL via F8ATS, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]

GM - Mike, K9AJ, is a member of the team travelling to Rockall (EU-189) in a few days' time. If weather and seas allow, he will be QRV using battery power on 20 and 40 metres CW on the IOTA frequencies for +/- 24 hours. The time window is approximately 14-15 May, but landing date/time is at the sole discretion of the captain and could be +/- one or two days. Rockall is the rarest IOTA group in Europe, and was activated only once, and just for a few hours, back in 2005.

I - Special event callsign I19LXCT will be aired until 25 May to celebrate the 60th anniversary of ARI Catania. QSL via IT9VCE.

I - Sicily will host the first three stages of the 91st edition of the Giro d'Italia (the long distance road bicycle race for professional cyclists) and special event station IR9GI will be active on 10-18 May to celebrate that event. QSL via IT9TQH. [TNX IT9TQH]

I - ARI Ivrea will be active on all bands as IO1WWC from 12 May until 8 June, celebrating the Wildwater World Championships to be held on 3-8 June (http://www.ivrea2008.it). QSL via IO1IV, direct or bureau. [TNX IK1SOW]

I - The fourth edition of the Mediterraneo DX Club's Members Trophy will take place on 17-18 May. The MDXC HQ station IQ8MD plus several special event stations are expected to participate in the event: 3G1MDC, II0MDC, III1MDC, II5MDC, II8MDC, IO1MDC, IO3MDC, IO8MDC,
IO9MDC, IR0MDC, IR1MDC, IR2MDC, IR3MDC, IR5MDC, IR7MDC, IR8MDC, IR9MDC, SX1MDC. All of the QSOs made with these stations will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct requests should be sent to the Members Trophy Manager, Giuliano Mondini (IK2VUC). Information on the event and the relevant award can be found at [http://www.mdxc.org/trophy.asp](http://www.mdxc.org/trophy.asp)

JD1_mt - Masa, JA6GXK is active again (80-6 metres) as JD1BMM from Minami Torishima (OC-073) until 22 May. [TNX The Daily DX]

OJ0 - Pasi, OH3WS will be active as OJ0/OG3A from Market Reef (EU-053) on 13-17 May. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 40-20 metres. QSL via OH3WS. [TNX The Daily DX]

PA - Special callsign PA143ITU will be aired on 15-30 May celebrating the 143th anniversary of ITU and the World Telecommunication Day (17 May). Expect activity on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 metres CW and SSB, with some RTTY. PA143ITU will also participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via PA3CAL. [TNX PG2AA]

SP - SP9PLK, the club station of the 2nd Mechanized Corps "General Anders" of the Polish Land Forces, will be active as HF9GA on 14-29 May and again on 2-30 June. QSL via SP9PLK [TNX SP9BRP]

VR - To celebrate the upcoming Beijing Olympic 2008, the Equestrian event and the Hong Kong Island Scout Olympic, special event station VR2S will be active from 11 May to 15 August. QSL via VR2HKS. [TNX VR2XNG]

W - N5D will be the callsign for "The Unusual Suspects" group's activity from the Cedar Creek Ranch (Tarpley, TX) on 16-17 May. See [http://web.mac.com/ke5kxu/](http://web.mac.com/ke5kxu/) [TNX KE5KXU]

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ANTARCTIC CRUISE ---> Mehdi Escoffier, F5PFP says the amateur radio Antarctic cruise [425DXN 866] is confirmed to take place between 18 February and 17 March 2009. Plans are to visit and operate from several Antarctic bases located in the South Shetlands (AN-010) and Palmer Archipelago (AN-012), as well as on the Antarctic mainland (AN-016). If interested in participating in this adventure, please e-mail Mehdi (f5pfp@aliceadsl.fr) or visit [http://f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/](http://f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/) [TNX F5PFP]

QSL VIA RW3GW ---> Valery, RW3GW/3, says his new address for QSLling is: Valery Sushkov, P.O. Box 88, Moscow 101000, Russia. He suggests not to send "green stamps", but to use IRCs instead. He is the QSL manager for the following calls: 4K1RRC, 4K2RRC, 4K3/RW3GW (EU-082), 4K3GW (EU-161), 4K3OMM (EU-035), 4K3RRC, 4K3WQ (EU-162), 4K4DV (AS-29), 4K5RRC (1993), 5B4/RW3GW (AS-004), 5H2VS, 5H2VS/P, CE8/R3RRC, CE9/R3RRC, EA6/RW3GW (EU-004), OX/NA1SA (2007), R100R (EU-133), R1FJFV (EU-19), R3AA/9 (AS-109), R3IOTA, R3IOTA/MM, R3RRC, R3RRC/AM, R3RRC/ANTI, R3RRC/MM, R7C, R7C/ANTI, R7C/TF (2006), RIOB (AS-156), R130TA/AM, RSOB (AS-042), RSOB/P (AS-068), RV3GW/1 (EU-161), RW3GW/0 (AS-005), RW3GW/6 (EU-185), RW90WM/0 (AS-066, AS-114), RZ3AZO/1 (EU-162), SU1HR (WPX SSB 2001), UA0KAH (AS-038), UA0KAH/A (AS-065).
RSGB QSL BUREAU ---> The new address for the Radio Society of Great Britain's QSL Bureau is: RSGB QSL Bureau, P.O. Box 5, Halifax, HX1 9JR, England (telephone 01422-359362).

WPX CONTEST DIRECTOR ---> Randy Thompson, K5ZD has been named Director of the CQ World Wide WPX Contests, effective immediately. Randy succeeds Steve Merchant, K6AW, who has been WPX Contest Director since 2002 and who needed to step aside due to business obligations. Any questions regarding the 2008 WPX Contests (SSB weekend was held last March; CW weekend is coming up at the end of May) should be directed to Randy (k5zd@cqwpx.com).

+ SILENT KEYS + Finn, OZ7YY reports the very sad news of the sudden passing of Torben Loevenhoej, OZ1TL (A52TL), who died of a massive heart attack on 2 May in his hotel room in Katmandu. "Torben had been invited by the King of Bhutan", Finn says, and "was looking very much forward to this DXpedition". Other recently reported Silent Keys include Stuart "Stu" Santelmann (KC1F), Maj. Gen. (ret.) Rustom Zal Kabraji (VU2BK), Armand De Fusco (W1WKO) and Zivko Trendafilovski (Z31CM).

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