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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4U1UN - Roger, G3SXW and Johnny, LA5IIA expect to operate as 4U1UN from the United Nations Headquarters in New York City on 17-18 May, between "lunchtime Saturday to lunchtime Sunday, NY time", even though "I think it unlikely that we will be able to QRV for the whole 24 hours", Roger says. QSL via HB9BOU.

9A - Once again Zik, VE3ZIK will be active as 9A/VE3ZIK from Bilice, Croatia on 18-27 May. He plans to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK on the HF bands and to take part in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (SOSB or SOAB). QSL via DO7ZZ, direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to zik@tiscali.de), and log search to www.qslnet.de/ve3zik [TNX VE3ZIK]

9M6_spr - The team members of the 1-14 March operation from Pulau Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) [425DXN 887] are John/9M6XRO, Steve/9M6DXX, Pete/SM5GMZ, Jay/W5SL and James/9V1YC. A sixth team member will be confirmed later. Callsign to be announced, and QSL via M3SDE (direct or bureau). [TNX 9M6DXX]

C6 - Eric, K9GY will be active as C6AYM from New Providence (NA-001), Bahamas on 21-26 May. He plans to operate on 80-10 metres CW and on 6 metres SSB/CW, and to participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call. [TNX F5NQL]

BY - Five Beijing Olympic Games special event stations will be active from 18 May through 17 September. The five special callsigns will represent the five colours of the Olympic flag: BT1OB (for Beibei, blue), BT1OJ (for Jingjing, black), BT1OH (for Huanhuan, red), BT1OY (for Yingying, yellow) and BT1ON (for Nini, green). The QSL manager for all of them will be BA4EG, direct or bureau. Further information at www.bj2008ses.com.cn [TNX The Daily DX]

EA6 - Matthias, DD9HK will be active as EA6/DD9HK from Mallorca, Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 15-19 June. He will operate holiday style on 160-6 metres SSB. [TNX DD9HK]

EA8 - The Teide DX Group will be active as EG8FOR from Orchilla lighthouse on Hierro Island (AF-004), on 30 May to 1 June. They will operate on the HF bands, plus 6 and 2 metres, using CW, SSB, FM and digital modes. QSL via EA8NQ, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at http://www.eg8for.grupodxteide.com/ [TNX EA8NQ]

F - Once again the "Castres DX Gang" will be active as TM5B from Fort Brescou (EU-148, DIFM ME-001). Look for them to operate on all bands and modes on 22-26 May. QSL via F5XX. [TNX F8REF]

F - Dom, F5SJB will again be active as TM5CW on CW, RTTY and PSK from 23 May to 5 June, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5SJB]

F - Charente DX Group members Joel/F1BLQ, Bertrand/F6HKA, Eric/F5LOW, Laurent/F5MNK, Fabrice/F5NBQ and Leon/ON4ZD will be active as TM0G

from Groix Island (EU-048, DIFM AT-012) on 24-31 May. They will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK on 80-10 metres with three stations. QSL via F6ANA, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NBQ]

FG - The A.C.R.A Guadeloupe ARC (http://acra-radioclub.site.voila.fr) will operate SSB and CW as FG5KC/p from the Iles de la Petite-Terre (NA-102) on 8 June. [TNX FG1JD]

FJ - Harry, AC8G will operate SSB only on 160-6 metres as FJ/AC8G from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 22-27 May. QSL via home call (from Stateside direct only, others direct or bureau). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

GI - OM5FM, OM7CA and GI0NCA will be active as GB1SRI from Rathlin Island (EU-122) on 21-25 May. They plan to operat CW and SSB on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via OM5FM. [www.rsgbiota.org]

GM - The Grantham ARC (http://www.garc.org.uk) have changed the destination of their trip [425DXN 883]. The Treshnish Islands (EU-108) have been replaced by Tanera Mor, Summer Isles (EU-092). Look for GB0SI to be active on 14-21 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]

HL - 6K5AQY, 6K5AYC , 6K5BHZ, 6K5ALT, DS5AJT and HL5BMX will be active (CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres) as 6M0W/4 from Paegya Island (AS-060) on 6-8 June. QSL via HL5BMX, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

I - ARI Savona will be active as II1JPR on 17 May for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI. SSB, CW and PSK31 operations are expected mainly on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via IZ1JIZ, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1JIZ]

I - Alfio, IT9EJW and Giovanni, IT9GAC will try again to be active from Faraglioni dei Ciclopi (EU-025, IIA CT-003) on either 18 or 25 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. A web page can be found at http://www.mdxc.org/ciclopi [TNX IT9EJW]

I - Look for IA5/IZ5FDD and IA5/IW5ELA to be active from Elba Island (EU-028, IIA LI-002) on 22-25 May. They will operate SSB and slow CW on 40-10 metres, plus 6 and 2 metres on 24-25 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ5FDD]

I - I2ROQ, IF9ZWA, IK8SHL, IT9AHI, IT9TFX, IT9YMM, IT9ZHS, IW9RFO and IZ1HVD will be active as IF9Z from Favignana Island (EU-054, IIA TP-011) on 23-25 May. They plan to operate SSB and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via IT9YMM, direct or bureau. [TNX IT9YMM]

I - ARI Lecce will operate as II7PBS on 1-30 June to celebrate the visit of Pope Benedict XVI (14-15 June). QSL via bureau. [TNX I7PXV]

I - Celebrating the Italian Navy Day (10 June) and the 90th anniversary of the battle of Premuda, special stations II0MM, II9LR and II1GA will be active on 5-14 June. QSL for all via IZ0INU, direct or bureau. Information on the relevant award can be found at http://www.assoradiomarinai.tk [TNX IT9MRM]

I - Participating in the 7-8 June Museum Ships Weekend, operators from ARMI will be active as II2IGTO from the submarine "Toti" at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Milan. Expect activity on the HF bands SSB and CW from 9.30 to 18.30 UTC. QSL via I2AZ, direct or bureau. Information on the relevant award can be found at

http://www.assoradiomarinai.tk [TNX IT9MRM]

I - Operators from ARMI and INORC will be active as IY1SP from the Naval Museum at La Spezia on 7-10 June, for the Museum Ships Weekend and the Italian Navy Day. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB and CW. QSL via I1SAF, direct or bureau. [TNX IT9MRM]

JD - Look for JD1BLX (QSL via JI5USJ) and JD1BLY (QSL via JI5RPT) to be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 10-16 August (http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/). They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres. [TNX JI5RPT]

JW - LA5LJA and LA7FJA plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY as JW5LJA and JW7FJA from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026), Svalbard on 25-31 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

KL - Hugh, K6HFA will be active again as K7A from three Alaskan IOTA groups as follows:

27 May-2 June	Hinchinbrook Island	NA-042
3-10 June	Shumagin Group	NA-087
12-18 June	Neragon Island	NA-241

He plans to operate CW (7016, 7041, 14018, 14041, 10112 and 18082 kHz) and SSB (7078, 14153 and 18122 kHz) with an amplifier and a vertical dipole array. QSL via K6HFA, direct or bureau. [TNX K6HFA]

LY - Back in 1408 Kaunas received city rights under the Magdeburg Law; to celebrate the 600th anniversary, Sam/LY5W will be active as LY600W on 16-31 May. QSL via LY5W. [TNX LY5W]

OE - Marcel, ON6UQ and other six operators expect to participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest from the Vienna International Centre, 4U1VIC (this is a separate multiplier for the contest, but it is not a separate DXCC Entity). [TNX ON6UQ]

OH - Kent, SM5ELV will be active is his spare time as OH1/SM5ELV from Kuuskajaskari (EU-173) on 20-21 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

OH - DL5ME and DG3HWO will be active as OH2/DL5ME from Emsalo Island (EU-097) on 5-8 June. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via DH5MM. [TNX DL5ME]

OZ - Fred, SM7DAY will be active as OZ/SM7DAY/p from Bornholm Island (EU-030) on 19-26 May. Expect him to operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX SM7DAY]

SM - Pierre/SA6AOA, Sten/SM6MIS, Rick/SM6U, Bengt/SM6UQL, Magnus/SM6WET, Tomas/SM6XMY and Janne/SM6YOF will be active with three stations as 8S6KOS from Nordkoster Island (EU-043) from 29 May to 1 June. QSL via SM6WET, direct or bureau. [TNX SM6WET]

SM - DL5ME and DG3HWO will be active as SD2O from Holmon Island (EU-135) from 29 May and 2 June. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via DL5ME (direct only for stations outside Germany). [TNX DL5ME]

SV - Mike, DF3IS will be active as J48IS from Thassos Island (EU-174) on 23-28 May, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

TA - TA1GR, TA1IG, TB1CGX, TB1CRN and TB1CRQ will be active as TC1ATA from Sile, Istanbul on 17-19 May, to commemorate the 89th anniversary of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's arrival to Samsun, the city where he initiated the War of Independence. Main activity will be on 20-40 metres. QSL via TA1KB. [TNX TA1HZ]

TA - Tevfik, TA1HZ will be active as TC40TRT on 31 May, to celebrate the

40th anniversary of the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (Turkiye Radyo ve Televizyon Kurumu). Expect activity on 40, 20 and 17 metres. QSL via TA1HZ. A special TRT 40th Year postage stamp will be affixed on the envelopes for the first 40 direct QSLs. [TNX TA1HZ]

TK - Dan, IK2UWA reports he will be active as TK/IK2UWA from Cavallo Island (EU-164) from 31 May to 6 June. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 10-40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

TT - Antonio Duarte Bebiano, CT1CPP is expected to be active soon as TT9/CT1CPP from Chad. He should remain in that country with the United Nations for one year. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX CT1END]

UR - Special callsign EM5UCC will be used during the 18th convention of the Ukrainian Contest Club (15-18 May). QSL via UY5ZZ. [TNX UY5ZZ]

V4 - Reiner, DL2AAZ will be active as V4/9H3TI from Nevis Island (NA-104) from 25 May to 15 June. He will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via DL2AAZ, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

VE - Francois/VA2RC, Guy/VE2QRA, Steve/VE2TKH and Dany/VE2EBK will be active as CG2I from Grosse-Ile (NA-128, C.Is.A. PQ-010), Quebec from around 16 UTC on 25 July until around 14 UTC on the 27th. They will operate on all bands (6 metres included) and modes with two well equipped stations; during the IOTA Contest, a station will be dedicated to SSB/CW contest QSOs exclusively. QSL via VE2CQ. Further information can be found at www.qrz.com/cg2i [TNX VE2EBK]

VP5 - Jim, WB2REM will be active as VP5/WB2REM on 2-12 July. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX WB2REM]

ZF - Jim, W6NRJ will operate holiday style (from the beach) as ZF2LJ from Grand Cayman (NA-016) on 17-22 May. He will emphasize 30, 12 and 17 metres as propagation permits. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Jim will be joined by Dennis, N6KD (ZF2KD, QSL via home call) who will operate CW and SSB from 16 to 23 May. [TNX NG3K]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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ARI CONTEST ---> An unexpected routing malfunction has occourred for the submission of the ARI Internation DX Contest logs to ARI's central system. While waiting for the problem to be fixed, and in order to avoid loosing logs, please note:
- if you have already submitted your log, but have not received the expected automatic acknowledgement of receipt, please re-submit your log to <aricontest@kkn.net>;
- in the Subject line please enter the callsign used during the Contest and the category (e.g. IT9BLB SOMIX, SOSSB, SOCW, SORTTY, MO, SWL).
The Contest Manager will confirm the log has been received, but the acknowledgement will not be immediate - please be patient! [TNX IT9BLB, ARI HF Contest Manager]

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC IN CHINA ---> Following the catastrophic earthquake that hit Wenchuan County, Sichuan Province (BY8) on 12 May, the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA) has requested that 7050, 7060 and 14270 kHz should be kept clear for Amateur Radio Emergency Service traffic.

EUROPEAN CASTLES DAY ---> The seventh edition of the European Castles Day will take place on 18 May between 6 and 16 UTC. Several stations are expected to operate from fortresses and castles in France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, United Kingdom and Switzerland. Information on the event can be found on Jean-Pierre's (F6FNA) web site at http://f6fna.club.fr/jecruleanglais.html

GEOPARKS WEEK ---> A number of special event stations will be active for the European Geoparks Week (21 May-6 June). GB6GEO will be on the air from Kent's Cavern in Torquay, English Riviera Global Geopark (24-25 May) [425DXN 883]; other European stations include GB1GEO (Worcester Geopark), GB2GEO (Smoo Cave Geopark, Scotland) and DK0GEO. Activity is also expected to take place from Geoparks in Greece and Ireland. [TNX G3VOF]

ITALY GAINS NEW FREQUENCIES ---> Effective 13 May 2008, Italian amateur radio operators are authorized to use 7100-7200 kHz (for the time being on a secondary basis) using a total radiated power not exceeding 24 dbW. [TNX IZ0FMA]

LOGS ---> On-line logs for HG80HQ (QSL via HA7PL), HA80MRASZ (QSL via HA1DAE) and HG80MRASZ (QSL via HA1DAE) can be found at http://ha1dae.atw.hu . These special event stations will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society (MRASZ) until the end of the year. Information on the relevant award can be found at http://www.mrasz.hu [TNX HA1DAE]

ON THE ROAD ---> Paolo/I2UIY, Dick/K6KR and Rusty/W6OAT have been travelling through Canada and the US since 1 May and have now arrived in Dayton. Their journal with several pictures can be found at www.i2uiy.it/usa2008.htm

OPERATOR NEEDED ---> Two Papua New Guinea's rare IOTA groups (OC-181 and OC-041) will be activated between 18 October and 4 November [425DXN 883], and "due to a cancellation we can accommodate one more person", Derek, G3KHZ says. If interested in joining the team, please contact him (g3khz@derekcox.plus.com).

ROCKALL (EU-189) ---> Mike, K9AJ was unable to operate from Rockall [425DXN 888], because although the sea state itself was slight to moderate, the incoming swell kept battering off Rockall and made it impossible to land. [TNX MM0NDX]

QSL VIA RN3RQ ---> The Michurinsk Contest Group (UA3R) was recently active as RP63RQ, RP63RTK, RP3RST and RP3RZK. QSL via RN3RQ, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW in June. RN3RQ can also confirm contacts made with UA3RAR, RX3RXX and RP3RTK after 1 January 2002. E-mail requests can be sent to rn3rq@tamb.ru (but please note that on 1 March 2008 he sent some 12,000 cards to the bureau). [TNX RN3RQ]

QSL VIA YB9BU ---> Kadek is now the QSL manager for YC7IPZ (OC-166), YC8RSW/p (OC-236), YC8TXW (OC-210), YC8TXW/p (OC-022 and OC-236), YC8UFF/p (OC-236), YC8XNE (OC-076) and YC8XWJ (OC-076). [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

ZS8T ---> According to the latest Marion Island update posted on 13 May, Petrus "is very aware that the world is waiting for him to be QRV, but important matters in running the camp (he is in charge of the operation down there) are taking up his waking hours. Petrus is there for 11 more months and there will be plenty of time for DXing once these issues are resolved". Bookmark http://zs8t.net/ for further updates.

+ SILENT KEY + Dr Ronald A. Parise, WA4SIR, passed away on 9 May at 57 years of age. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station programme is "deeply indebted to WA4SIR for his leadership, technical advice and tremendous vision", ARISS Chairman Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO says. "His accomplishments were many, including space explorer, pioneer, astrophysicist, pilot, ham radio operator, avionics and software expert, inspirational speaker and motivator, student satellite mentor, husband, father and friend".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2MT, 3Y0C, 4L8A, 4U1ITU, 4U1UN, 5B/LZ2HM, 5H1HD, 5J0E, 5T5DC, 5U5U, 5X1AB, 5Z1A, 5Z4DZ, 5Z4FM, 5Z4HW, 7X4AN, 9A73AA, 9G5ZW, 9K2HN, 9M6XRO, 9M6XRO/p (OC-133), 9Q1EK, 9X0X, 9Y4NZ, 9Y4W, A41MX, A45XR, C21DL, C31IU, C38JM, CO8LY, CW6V, CX7CO, DL4MO/TI8, DU3NXE, E4/OM2DX, EA5/EA7TV (EU-093), EK6CC, EP2AC, ET3JA, FG5LA, FM5WD, FO/HA9G/p, FO/OH1RX, FT5XP, H44MY, H7/IV3IYH, H7/NP2D, HC8A, HH2FYD, HH2FYD/6 (NA-149), HI9/DL2RVL, HP3AK, HP3XUG, HQ9R, HT2N, HV0A, IF9ZWA, J5C, J8/DJ7ZG, J8/DL7AFS, JD1BMH, JY4NE, KH2/WE8A, KH7X, LA/DL5ME (EU-056), LT1F, LU1ZD, NP4A, OC1I (SA-076), OC6I (SA-098), OJ0B, OJ1ABOA, OM8A, OX/NA1SA, OX/OH1RX, OX3XR, P29NI, P40LE, PW0T, R7C/ANT, R7C/TF, RK2FWA, RK3DZJ/1, S79UU, SM7/DL5ME (EU-138), SV2ASP/A, SV9/DJ7RJ, T32OU, T32YA, T77C, TI50DX, TI5N, TU2/F5LDY, UP0L, V26CC, V31MR, V31TB, V31UZ, V63OC, V63ZM, V73QB, VP2E, VP2EFB, VP2V/W5ZL, VP6TD, VP8/LZ1UQ, WP3C, XU7MWA, XU7XRO, XW1B, XX9C, YB0DPO, YB1ALL, YB9AQH, YN2YV, Z29KM, ZC4LI, ZD7X, ZF1DZ.

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