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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3C - Elmo, EA5BYP and Javi, EA5KM will be leaving "in mid-May" for Bioko Island (Equatorial Guinea) and Annobon. They will stop off on Bioko (AF-010) for three days, and operate SSB, CW and RTTY as 3C9B. Then they will depart for Annobon (AF-039), where they expect to remain for 14 days and be active as 3C0C. QSL for both calls via EA7FTR. QSLling instructions and further information can be found at www.3c0c-annobon.com

6W - LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL will be active as 6W/homecall from 6W7RV's rental schack between 18 and 26 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

6W - Silvia EA1AP, Juanjo EA1CJ, Alberto EA1SA and Raul EA5KA will be active from Senegal (requested call 6V7EA) on 25-31 July. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-6 metres with three stations. QSL via operator's instructions. Further information can be found at 6v7ea.dxciting.com [TNX EA3GHZ]

9U - Stefaan, ON4FG (9U4T) and Eric ON4LN (9U2T) will be active from Burundi on 13-19 May. They will operate holiday style on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 and possibly 6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY/PSK. [TNX The Daily DX]

BY - Dale, BA4TB and other eight operators from China (namely BD4QH, BD4TJ, BD4TQ, BD4TR, BD4TT, BG4TMM, BG4TYQ, BH4QAK) plus Rene, DL2JRM will be active from Tantou Shan Island (AS-137) on 14-16 May. They will operate CW, SSB and maybe some digital modes. Dale and Rene will be signing BA4TB/5, the others will use homecall/5. QSL via home calls. [TNX BA4TB]

CT7 - A team of nine Portuguese operators (namely CT1BOL, CT1CJJ, CT1DSC, CT1EEB, CT1EFS, CT1ILT, CT1IUA, CT1IZW and CT1ZW) will participate in the IOTA Contest as CS2K from Pessegueiro Island (EU-167). QSL via CT1CJJ. Expect them to be active before the contest as homecall/p. The webpage for the expedition is at www.rep.pt/ct1ilt/cs2k [TNX CT1ZW]

D2 - Sergey, UT1EO will be active as D2QR from Lunda Norte province of Angola until 22 April 2011. He plans to operate all modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via RW6HS. [TNX DX World]

D2 - Andrew, G7COD will be active as D2AK from Luanda, Angola until early May 2011, while on a 12-month work assignment there. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres, running 100 watts into inverted vees. QSL direct only to G7COD (Andrew Kitchen, 4 Dairy Cottages, Bank Newton, Skipton, BD23 3NT, United Kingdom). Further information at qrz.com under D2AK. [TNX G7COD]

DL - Look for Max, DJ4EL/p to be active from Helgoland-Duene (EU-127) on 13-17 May and again on 3-7 June. QSL via home call. [TNX DJ4EL]

EA8 - Celebrating the anniversary of the local autonomous Parliament's

first session back in 1983, the Canary Islands Day is held annually on 30 May. This year eight special event stations will be activated from the eight inhabited islands of the archipelago. Look for EG8FTV (Fuerteventura), EG8GCA (Gran Canaria), EG8GOM (La Gomera), EG8GRA (La Graciosa), EG8HIE (El Hierro), EG8LPM (La Palma), EG8LZT (Lanzarote) and EG8TFE (Tenerife) to be operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 29-30 May. The QSL manager for all callsigns is EA8TH. [TNX Grupo DX Teide]

F - Fred F5OZK, Paul F8DVT and Christian F8HJV will be active as TM5KD from Levant Island (EU-070) until 15 May. QSL via F5KKD. [TNX F6AJA]

F - Andre, F4ELK and Christophe, F4ELI will be active as TM5Q from Ile de Quemenes (EU-065) on 10-12 June. QSL via F4ELI, direct or bureau. [TNX F6AJA]

FS - John, K9EL will be active "whenever possible" from St. Martin (NA-105) on 8-17 June. Look for him to sign FS/K9EL CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX K9EL]

I - Paolo, IK2MLS reports he will operate holiday style as IA5/IK2MLS from Elba Island (EU-028) from 30 May to 4 June.

I - Virgilio IC8OZM, Lou IK8HCG, Paolo IV3DSH, Fabrizio IW3SQY, Tano IZ8GCB and Franco IZ8GCE will participate in the IOTA Contest as as IB0R from Ventotene Island (EU-045). QSL direct to IK8HCG.

IS0 - Four stations will operate on all bands and modes as IR0LVC from IOTA group EU-041 during the Louis Vuitton Trophy (formerly known as Louis Vuitton Cup) from 22 May to 6 June. QSL via IS0MKX. [TNX IT9MRM]

IS0 - Gabriel EA3AKA, John EA3GHZ, Enrique EA5EOR and Dina EC5BME will be active as IS0E from Sardinia (EU-024) on 16-24 July. They will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via operator's instructions. Further information can be found at is0e.dxciting.com [TNX EA3GHZ]

LU - Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Radio Club Ushuaia (LU8XW) will operate from Tolhuin, Tierra del Fuego (SA-008) on 22-24 May. Expect activity on SSB, CW, PSK, RTTY and via satellite. QSL via WD9EWK and LoTW. [TNX LU6XV]

LU - The May Revolution (18-25 May 1810) is considered the starting point of the Argentine War of Independence and a milestone in Argentine history. Celebrating the 200th anniversary of those events, Argentine amateur radio operators are allowed to use special prefixes on 22-25 May: LU prefixes may be replaced with LR, LW prefixes with LV and AZ prefixes with LT; Radio Clubs and Associations may use LS, while Scout groups, schools and any other institution holding a licence may use AY. Information on the relevant award can be found at www.lu4aa.org/bi/awards.htm [TNX LU1ARG]

OH - Juhani OH8MXL and other members of the University of Oulu Radio Club (OH8TA) will be active on the HF bands as OH8T from Hailuoto Island (EU-184) on 13-17 May. QSL via bureau or direct. [TNX OH8MXL]

OZ - Mic, DG5LAC will be active as OZ/DG5LAC/p from Langeland Island (EU-172) on 16-21 May. He will operate holiday style on 80-10 metres SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OZ - A group of German Scouts will be active again as OZ1RDP (www.oz1rdp.de) from Romo Island (EU-125) on 21-25 May. They plan to operate SSB, BPSK31 and maybe CW mainly on 20, 40 and 80 metres; some activity also on 30, 17, 15, 10, 6 metres and 2m EME. QSL via DL9BCP, direct or through the DARC bureau. [TNX DL9BCP]

OZ - DF9TM, DJ6TK, DL2SWW and DL2VFR will be active again as OZ0FR from Romo Island (EU-125) on 23-26 July, including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via DL2VFR.

OX - DF9TM, DL1RTL, DL2SWW and DL2VFR (www.iota-expedition.com) are in the planning stages for an IOTA operation from Tasiilaq/Ammassalik (NA-151), Greenland. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY as OX/homecall between 20 and 30 October. Further information is expected in due course.

PJ2 - Jeff, K8ND will be active as PJ2/K8ND from Curacao on 8-18 October. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

PJ7 - Joe, W8GEX and his group have changed their plans for October. They had planned to operate from Sint Eustatius [425DXN 985], but have now moved to be active from Sint Maarten. "All plans are moving ahead very nicely", Joe says, "looking forward to another great and fun DXpedition". [TNX W8GEX]

PJ7 - Paul, K1XM and a group of operators from the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be active from the QTH of PJ7UQ on Sint Maarten between 10 and 20 October. They plan to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres. Callsign TBA, QSL via KQ1F. [TNX NG3K]

PY - Two operations are expected to take place from Pedra do Sal lighthouse on Ilha Grande de Santa Isabel (SA-025) in early June. The Teresina DX Group will operate as ZW8B (QSL via PS8HF) on 2-6 June: eight operators will be active on 160-10 metres SSB, PSK31 and RTTY, plus 6 metres (SSB, FM and CW) and satellite. Orlando, PT2OP will be active as ZV8S on 3-7 June; he also plans to operate as PS8/PY2TJ from nearby Luiz Correia lighthouse on mainland Brazil during that time frame. QSL via PT2OP.

PY - The PW8J expedition to Ilha dos Lencois (SA-041) [425DXN 976] is confirmed to take place in June. The team (PY7ZY, PY2XB, PY7XC and PY0FF) expects to be QRV as PW8J from around 13 UTC on 9 June until midnight (UTC) on the 15th. They will also operate from Sao Luis Island (SA-016) as PW8L, from around 13 UTC on 16 June until 18 UTC on the 18th. QSL via PY7ZY. Financial support to help with the expenses is gratefully accepted. The website for the expedition is at www.pw8j.com

PY - Alex, PY2WAS and other eleven Brazilian operators (PY2AC, PY2AN, PY2DEL, PY2DY, PY2EL, PY2IAY, PY2OE, PY2VM, PY2WC, PY2XM and PY2XV) will be active from Ilha da Moela (SA-071, WLOTA 1335) on 2-4 July. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY on 160-10 metres with three stations and two callsigns: PW2K and PS2G (to be used during the WLOTA Contest, from 6 UTC on 3 July through 12 UTC on the 4th: complete information on this lighthouse event can be found on the World Lighthouse On The Air's website at www.wlota.com). QSL for both callsigns via PY2WAS. [TNX PY2WAS].

SM - Rick, SM6U and other eight operators (SB6A, SM6IQD, SM6MIS, SM6UQL, SM6VAO, SM6WET, SM6XMY and SM6YOF) will be active as 7S6W from Vinga Island (EU-043) on 20-23 May. They will operate SSB, CW and some RTTY with four stations. Further information at

http://sm6.se/7s6w [TNX SM6U]

SV - Laci, HA0HW will be active as J48HW and SV8/HA0HW from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 27 May to 7 June. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB, RTTY and PSK31 as well, on the HF bands (mainly on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres) and on 6 metres. He will take part in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as J48HW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

TA - A group of operators from the LZ Flora Fauna Club (LZ44WFF) will be active as TC3WFF from the Kuscenneti National Park on 26-30 May. Before the CQ WW WPX CW Contest they will operate SSB as well as on 12, 17 and 30 metres; CW activity on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres will be limited to contest hours only. [TNX LZ1ZF]

UR - UR4MO, UR5MM, UR7MA, US1MM, UT6MF, UX7MB and UY0MM will be active as EM7MFF from Siversko-Donetskij National Park on 22-24 May. They plan to operate on 160-20 metres CW and SSB. QSL via US1MM, direct or bureau. [TNX US1MM]

VE - Adrien, VE3IAC will be active as VE3IAC/2 from Ile Verte (NA-128) on 17-21 May. He plans to operate PSK31 and SSB on 20, 40 and 80 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VK - Jeff/VK4BOF, Dale/VK4DMC and Gary/VK4FD will be active as VK4YN/p from the Undara Volcano National Park (mainland Australia) on 20-23 May. They plan to operate on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via VK4FW (preferably via OQRS at www.odxg.org).

VK0_mi - ZL4DB/P/VK0M is the callsign Denis, ZL4DB will be using from Macquarie Island [425DXN 992]. He will be there on a 3-month job assignment until mid August, with some amateur radio activity (SSB only) when time permits. QSL via ZL4PW, direct or bureau.

W - Rick, K8GI will be active as K8GI/3 from Middle Hooper Island (NA-140) from approximately 2045 UTC on 14 May through about 16 UTC on the 16th. It will be an outdoor operation, and weather conditions may affect it. Rick plans to operate PSK63 (7037 and 18102 kHz), SSB (7160, 14260 and 18128 kHz) and RTTY (10143 kHz). QSL via home call, direct or bureau and LoTW. [TNX K8GI]

W - N3ND, N4YDU, W0UCE and W4KAZ will participate in the IOTA Contest as N4A from Core Banks (NA-067), North Carolina. Activity will start around 22 UTC on 23 July. QSL via N4YDU. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Several members of the Halifax Amateur Radio Club will be active as VE1FO/9 from Campobello Island (NA-014) on 28-31 May. They will operate SSB and CW on 80, 40, 30, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via VE1FO, direct or bureau (direct requests should be sent to the attention of Howard Dickson VE1DHD, Halifax Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 663, Halifax NS B3J 3T3, Canada. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VE - Look for VO2/W3HQ and VO2/KI4IW to participate in the IOTA Contest (24-25 July) from Battle Island (NA-044). They will operate both CW and SSB. After the contest, they will be operational at the local lighthouse running QRP CW on 40, 30 and 20 metres. [TNX DX World]

YJ - George, HA5UK and Pista, HA5AO will be active as YJ0HA from Efate Island (OC-035), Vanuatu on 1-15 November. They plan to operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV on 160-10 metres. QSL via HA5UK and LoTW. Log search and further information will be available at http://ha5ao.novolab.hu [TNX HA0HW]

ZA - Chris, HA5X will be active as ZA/HA5X from Orikum, Albania between

10 and 24 June. He will operate holiday style, with some focus on 6 metres annd possible lighthouse and/or WFF (World Flora and Fauna) activities as well. This will be a family vacation with his wife Marta, ZA/HA9WM and two daughters, so amateur radio will have lower priority. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper QSLs (direct and bureau) will be available through an OQRS (Online QSL Request System) TBA. [TNX HA5X]

ZS - Celebrating the 85th anniversary of the South African Radio League, special event station ZS85SARL will be active from the Ysterplaat Air Force Base near Cape Town on 22 May (6-18 UTC), on 80, 40 and 20 metres. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX Southgate ARC]

ZS - Amateur radio operators visiting South Africa in June and July during the FIFA World Cup - the football (soccer) world championship - may operate as ZS10/homecall, on condition they register with the South African Radio League prior to arrival in the country. Complete details can be found at www.amateurradio.org.za/worldcup.htm [TNX ZS4BS]

ZS8 - The "Agulhas" left Marion Island on 12 May, and Pierre, ZS1HF expects to start operating as ZS8M on 15 May. "He will probably try 20 meters first", QRZ DX reports, "but a frequency cannot be given. However, you might want to listen around 14240". Pierre will operate SSB and digital modes in his spare time, i.e. after official working hours and during the weekends. According to qrz.com, QSL cards should be sent to Pierre D. Tromp, P.O Box 1481, Worcester, 6850, South Africa.

PACIFIC ODYSSEY ---> Announced frequencies for the forthcoming Ukrainian DXpedition to Samoa (5W0OX, 18-19 May), Central Kiribati (T31X and T31UR, 22 May-1 June) and Tokelau (ZK3X, 2-6 June) [425DXN 984] are:

CW	1823	3503	7003	10103	14003	18073	21003	24893	28003
SSB	1845	3780	7080	-	14190	18145	21280	24945	28480
DIGITAL	-	3583	7035	10143	14083	18103	21083	24923	28083

QSL for all calls via UR3HR, direct or bureau. The website for the expedition can be found at www.uz1hz.com/pacificodyssey.html

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AEGEAN RTTY CONTEST ---> The first Aegean RTTY Contest will be held from 12 UTC on 15 May through 12 UTC on the 16th. Complete information can be found on the Aegean DX Group's web site (www.aegeandxgroup.gr) [TNX SV8CYV]

CQ 2010 HALL OF FAMERS ---> CQ Magazine announced on 14 May its 2010 Hall of Fame inductees. The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in

January 2001 to recognize individuals - radio amateurs or not - who significantly affected the course of Amateur Radio, as well as radio amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. This year's inductees are: Chester Buchanan (W3DZZ, SK); Calvin Cotner (K4JSI); Forrest Dana (4AGR); Gene Harlan (WB9MMM, SK); George Hart (W1NJM); Ralph Hollis (4AFC); Dave Ingram (K4TWJ, SK); Paul Kangas (W4LAA); Dr. Arnall Patz (ex-WA3EVC; Howard Schmidt (W7HAS); Bill Schneider (K2TT); Jim Smith (VK9NS, SK); George Smith (AA2EJ); Mark Stenning (AA1AC); George Wilson (W4OYI, SK).
The CQ Contest Hall of Fame (established in 1986) and the CQ DX Hall of Fame (established in 1967) honour those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of amateur radio, but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways. This year's inductees to the CQ Contest HoF are Don Hill (AA5AU) and Larry Weaver (N6TW). The 2010 inductees to the CQ DX HoF are Robert Locher (W9KNI) and Lynn Lamb (W4NL).

EUROPEAN CASTLES DAY ---> The ninth edition of the European Castles Day will be held on 16 May between 6 and 16 UTC. Several stations are expected to operate from fortresses and castles in Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and United Kingdom. Information on the event can be found on Jean-Pierre's (F6FNA) web site at http://f6fna.perso.sfr.fr/WEB/jecregle.html

MY SUMMIT ---> After the soft launch and tests conducted by a first wave of 500 users, "My Summit" will be opened for for an unlimited number of users at 10 UTC on 15 May. The new function establishes "a new two-way personalized channel from you to DX Summit", and enables users to specify what DX information (e.g. needed callsigns, DXCC Entities, bands, modes) they would like to receive and to be alerted when it appears. Details and instructions can be found at www.dxsummit.fi (there is also a new discussion forum thrashing out and seeking new application ideas).

QSL LZ2010KM ---> Please note that the QSL manager for this year's activity is LZ1BJ (not LZ1PJ, as reported in 425DXN 992].

QSL V44KAI ---> As of 10 May, W5TFW is the new QSL manager for V44KAI. Requests should be sent to Richard J. Fiero II, 1054 Cajun Ln, Magnolia MS 39652-3902, USA ("please have a little patience while I get his cards ordered and delivered", he says). [TNX K1XN]

QSL V47KP ---> K2SB has been the QSL manager for V47KP, V47Z and V48M for twenty years, but he is no longer able to continue owing to health problems. Please refrain from sending anything more to K2SB, and be patient while a new QSL manager is being sought. [TNX The Daily DX]

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

VOACAP GOES ONLINE ---> The VOACAP Online service uses VOACAP (Voice of

America Coverage Analysis Program) "which is arguably one of the best HF prediction engines available on the market today", Jari Perkiomaki (OH6BG) says. "The prediction is given as a "circuit reliability" graph that shows the probability of achieving a CW-grade transmission quality between the transmitter and the receiver". VOACAP Online is free and easy to use - give it a try by going to http://online.voacap.com

+ SILENT KEYS + S. Surenjav, JT1BH passed away suddenly on 12 May at 58 years of age. Licensed since 1978, he was "the best CW operator in Mongolia", JT1CS says. Other recently reported Silent Keys include Paul "Tom" Varney (K8PV), Glenn Gilley (KD5EZM), Donald Moses (W6UY), Richard E. Sanner (W9NG) and Joseph Rozploch (ZS2JSR), as well as as well as Norbert Taferner (ZS6ANL) and Anton Matthee (ZS6A), who were on board the Afriqiyah Airways flight that crashed on 12 May in Tripoli (Libya).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9WR, 4K1V, 4S7NE, 4S7ULG, 5B8AD, 5H3EE, 5N0OCH, 5R8ZO, 5W0MW, 5W0OU, 5W0YA, 5Z0H, 6Y0A, 6Y9V, 7P8BA, 7P8OK, 7Z1HL, 8P9NX, 8Q7IA, 8Q7QX, 9H3TX, 9J2FM, 9L5A, 9M6TMT, 9N7JO, 9Y/DL2DBE, 9Y4VU, A25NW, A65CA, A71CT, A92GR, AP2TN, BD1ISI, C56KR, CN8KD, CO8LY, CX4CO, D2CQ, E21EJC, EP3PTT, ER3ZZ, EX2T, EY8/K4ZW, FO/SP9PT, FO5JV, FS/KT8X, FS/W6IZT, GU4CHY, H40FK, HC1HC, HC2SL, HC8GR, HI3K, HP1/IZ6BRN, HZ1AN, HZ1SK, J38CW, J38XX, J6/VE3CZF, J6/W5JON, J68JA, J7N, JR6GIM, KH2JU, KH6/K3Y, KH7XS, KH7Y, KP2YL, LX30AK, ON100PES, OX2A, OY2J, OY4TN, P29VKJ, P29VLR, P40V, PJ6/W6IZT, PW2TA (SA-071), PX8W, R1ANB, R1ANR/A, RA9LI/0 (AS-086), RW2F, ST2AR, SU8LH, SV5BYR, SV9CVY, T30KT, T88CI, TC098A, TI7XX (NA-191), TK5A, TK5EP, TK5MH, TO7RJ, TR8CA, TX3A, TX4T, TX5SPA, UK8AR, V21ZG, V26M, V31RI, V63T, VE7QCR (NA-051), VF0X, VK9XX, VP2V/K9NW, VQ9JC, VQ9LA, WH7V, XR0Y, XV2RZ, XW3DT, YJ0MM, YN2DD, YN2WW, YS1/W3MKT, YS1G, ZC4VJ, ZF2UL, ZK3YA, ZL1BYZ, ZY0T.

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