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DX ITALIA

DX NEWS

by **I2MQP**

TNX NG3K, ARRL, OPDX, DX World, DXNL, ICPO Bulletin & Six Italia

RED = Important operation

BLUE = Delayed or cancelled

GREEN = Details not yet fixed

E-QSL only operations are not included in this newsletter

ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA ORA O ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
4S	Sri Lanka	Nov 17 - Apr 15	DX0KK will be again on as 4S7KKG maili CW & digi	Bureau
5H1	Tanzania	Jan 4 - Jan 12	I2GPT will be on from AF-032	RW6HS dir & bur
5Z	Kenya	Jan 3 - Jan 28	WA5A will be /5Z4	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be again on as 6W7SK	H.C. dir & bur
8Q	Maldives	Jan 4 - Jan 11	OE1SSS will be on as 8Q7SM	H.C.
9G	Ghana	Aug 2013 - Dec 2014	W7JVN & his wife WB7NLY will be on a missionary activity and hopes to get on the air as 9G5AC	

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9L	Sierra Leone	Dec 1 - Feb 31	9A3A will be in 9L signing 9L1A mainly CW	9A2AA
9L	Sierra Leone	Dec or Jan	G7XBU plans to be active as 9L1BXU	H.C.
9M2	West Malaysia	Dec 31 - Feb 23	PA0RRS will operate again as 9M2RRS from AS-015	H.C.
9X	Rwanda	Now - Mar 2014	JR1IZM has got the call 9X0ZM and will be soon on mainly 20 m	JO1CRA
C5	Gambia	Jan 11 - Jan 26	ON7WP will be active as C5WP from different areas	NI5DX & LoTW
C6	Bahamas	Jan 1 - Jan 31	9H5G will be /C6A from NA-001, NA-113, NA-054 & NA-048	NI5DX & LoTW
C9	Mozambique	NOW	ZS6ALB is active4 as C91KHN. Has been signing C91C in contest	LoTW and OQRS
CE	Chile	NOW	UA4WHX is now /CE9 from SA-050	H.C.
DP	Antartica	Now - Feb 2015	DL1HB will activate the DP0GVN station	DL5EBE
DP	Antartica	Now - Feb 8	DL5XL will be active signing DP1POL	DL1ZB0 & LoTW
FK	New Caledonia	Oct end - Feb	F5IRO will be /FK from OC-032	F5IRo OQRS/LoTW
FM	Martinique	Jan 13 - Jan 19	TO3JA from NA-107	JA3AVO OQRS
FM	Martinique	Jan 15 - Jan 16	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /FM	H.C.
H40	Temotu	Dec 21 - Jan 10	DK9FN is planning to be on from OC-100 signing H40FN & H40TA	H.C. dir & bur
I	Italy	Dec 1 - Apr 30	II8IDXC special call will be on all bands and modes	IZ8EDJ dir & bur
J7	Dominica	Jan 15 - Jan 16 Jan 23 - Jan 29	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be on as J79VC & J79PB	H.C.
JD	Minami Torishima	Dec 16 - Mar 18	JG8NQJ is now /JD1 during time left from his work in the weather station.	JA8CJY dir & bur
JW	Svalabard	Dec - May	LA2US will be on during time left from his job signin JW2US (EU-027	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
JY	Jordan	NOW	E78A is now active as JY9FC. He works for UN and will be there for three years	H.C dir & bur OQRS
OD	Lebanon	Nov 2013 -May 2014	EA1CYK will be /OD5	EA7LS
OH0	Aland	Jan 3 - Jan 14	OG0A will be on 160/80 meters	OH2BH

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OX	Greenland	2013 - 2015	OZ5MD will sign OX5M for 2 years OZ5BD will sign OX5T for 2 years	OZ0J OZ0J
PJ2	Curacao	Dec 14 - Jan 15	SM4KYN will be on	H.C dir & bur
PJ2	Curacao	Jan 17 - Jan 29	K8ND will be again on /PJ2	W3HNK
PY	Brazil	Dec 26 - Dec 30 Delayed to middle January	PT7CG & PY7RP will be on from SA-025 signing ZD8DX	H.C. & LoTW
RI	Antartica	Dec 15 - Mar 14 Now - Apr 6	RW1ANT will be on from AN-016 RI1ANR is on	RW1AI RK1PWA
S0	Western Sahara	NOW	S01MZ has been worked on 20 meters	EA1BT
S7	Seychelles	Dec 15 - Jan 15	UA3DJY as S79ACR	H.C.
SU	Egypt	NOW	RW3AH has got his license and now is signing SU9AF	UA3DX
T8	Palau	JAN 8 - Jan 14	JA6EGL (T88SM), JH6WDG (T88AQ), JA6KYU (T88HS), and JE6DND (T88HK) will be on all bands + 6 m and modes	H.C.
TZ	Mali	NOW	TZ6BB is often on in the afternoon	W3HNK
V4	St. Kitts	Jan 21 - Feb 21	N3ME will be on as V47AJ	H.C. dir & bur
V5	Namibia	Dec 14 - Jan 18	DJ2HD & DK1CE will be /V5	DJ2HD & DH3WO
VK0	Antartica	Now - Feb 2014	G3WIP is on as VK0GB	
VP2V	British Virgin Isl	Dec 1 - Jan 15	SP3IPB is again /VP2V	H.C.:
VP8/ A	Antartica	Now - Jan 2014	VK6JJJ will be active as VK0JJJ from AN-016	K7CO
VP8/ A	Antartica	Now - Feb 2014	ZS7V is on duty at the SANAE base	ZS1HF
VR2	Hong Kong	NOW	IV3TAN is now /IV3	H.C. dir
VU	India	Jan 9 - Jan 16	AU2MQT group will be on from AS- 153	VU2JFA
XU	Cambodia	Jan 9 - Jan 14	M6CFW as XU7AEU	H.C & LoTW
XW	Laos	Jan 15 - Jan 30	JA8BMK will operate with the call XW8BM all bands	H.C.
YA	Afghanista n	Now - May 2014	KB2RLB will be on as T6MT	KB2RLB

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YA	Afghanistan	May 15-Aug 2014	KB2OBQ will be again on as T6JP	LoTW Qrz.com
YB	Indonesia	Jan 11 - Jan 14	YF1AR will be on OC177 signing /YB0	N200
ZF	Cayman	Jan 11 - Jan 19	K8PGJ will sign ZF2PG	H.C. LoTW
ZF	Cayman	Jan 18 - Jan 23	N4BFR & N4EWT will be on as ZF2JS & ZF2KO	H.C: & LoTW
ZS8	Marion Island	Apr 2013 - May 2014	ZR6CWI is active from AF-021 as ZS8C. ZS1BCE is signing ZS8Z	ZS1HF
ZS8	Marion Island	NOW	Another station is on signing ZS8Z	

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

3B8	Mauritius	Apr 18 - Apr 25	M0RCX will be /3B8	H.C.
3B9	Rodriguez	Feb 10 - Feb 18	OE4AAC will be /3B9	H.C.
3C 3C0	Eq. Guinea Annobon	SOON ??	EA5BYP is planning an expedition that will happen very soon	H.C.
3D2	Fiji	Mar 23 - Mar 31	K0UU will be on as 3D2FJ all bands CW only OC-016	H.C. dir & LoTW
4S	Sri Lanka	Mar 10 - Mar 23	DK1BT DH7KU DJ6TF DK1BT DK7LX DL4WK DL7DF DL7UFN DL7UFR SP3CYY SP3DOI all bands/modes	DL7DF dir & bur & LoTW
5H	Tanzania	Feb 5 - Feb 24	An Italian group will be on as 5I0DX & 5H3AN	IK7JWX dir/bur
5V	Togo	2014	F5MVB will be active as 5V7MP F5AOW will sign 5V7BJ	
5X	Uganda	Feb 25 - Mar 16	G3XAQ will be on as 5X1XA	G3SWH & LoTW
7P	Lesotho	Feb 11 - Feb 16	DK3ID will be on as 7P8ID mainly SSB	H.C. dir
8Q	Maldives	Feb 12 - Feb 24	DL2SBY will sign 8Q7KB	H.C. dir & bur
A2	Botswana	Apr 2014	ZS2DL & group will be on as A22D	ZS2DL dir & LoTW
A3	Tonga	Feb 24 - Mar 7	DK1ZX & DK1MA will be on as A35AX	OQRS
A3	Tonga	Aug 16 - Aug 24	AC8W K8AQM KG8CO KN8R N8LJ will be on all bands and modes	

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A5	Bhutan	Jan 31 - Feb 4	PP5JR PU5FJR PU5BIA JH1AJT will be on aigning A52JR	PP5VB OQRS/LoTW
C2	Nauru	Apr 3 - Apr 16	DL2AWG DL6JGN K5YY will be on all modes and bands	
CE	Chile	Feb 23 - Feb 28	3G7PM group will be on from SA-018	
CN	Morocco	Feb 6 - Feb 9	5C2P by IK2PZC	H.C. dir bur/ LoTW
E5	South Cook	Jan 21 - Jan 27	BA4DW will be on holiday in E5 and will sign E51DW	H.C.
E5	South Cook	November	N7QT will be on all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
EA8	Canary Islands	Feb 15 - Feb 16	EA8AY will use the call EF8USA in the contest	W2GR
F	France	Feb 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 Feb 14 - Feb 23	TM11AAW special activity for Antarctic week	F8DVD dir & bur
FG	Guadeloupe	Feb 20 - Mar 6	F6HMQ will work again as TO22C	H.C.
FH	Mayotte	Mar 21 - Apr 4	TO7BC will be used by DL7BC	H.C.
FK	New Caledonia	Feb 18 - Feb 26	JE2EHP will sign FK/K1HP all bands + 6 & all modes	H.C: OQRS & LoTW
FM	Martinique	Feb 8 - Feb 22	F5GN & F4BMR will sign TO4YL	F5GN
FM	Martinique	Mar 1 - Mar 2	F5VHJ will be again in the contest as TO5A	H.C. dir & bur
FM	Martinique	Mar 26 - Apr 1	M5RIC will be on as TO4C	M0OXO
FO/A	Austral Isl	Mar 20 - Apr 1	G3BJ G3SVL G3TXF G3WGN G3XTT G4JKS G4TSH will be on all bands and modes signing TX6G	G3TXF & OQRS/LoTW
FO0/A	Austral Islands	October	N7QT will be on as TX5D all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
FR	Reunion	Feb 5 - Feb 17	TO7CC by F6KOP radio club ALL BANDS AND MODES	
FR/T	Tromelin	Oct 30 - Nov 10	F5UFX is organizing an expedition to Tromelin. See below	
FS	St. Martin	Feb 9 - Feb 27	F6ITD will be on /FS and as TO6D during contest	Die, bur & LoTW
FS	St. Martin	Jun 8 - Jun 27	K9EL will be / FS all bands and modes	H.C. OQRS Lotw
FT5Z	Amsterdam	Jan 24 - Feb 12	14 operators will be on with 8 stations signing FT5ZM	N200
HI	Dominican Rep	Apr 7 - Apr 14	ZP9MCE will be operating from HI7	EA5ZD
HK0	S. Andres	Apr 18 - Apr 25	LW9EOC will be /HK0	H.C.

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HK0	S. Andres	April	N7QT will be /HK0 all modes and bands	H.C. LoTW dir & bur
J3	Grenada	Mar 3 - Mar 10	G3PJT will be on as J34G	H.C.
J3	Grenada	Feb 6 - Feb 18	DL5AXX will sign J38XX	H.C.
J7	Dominica	Jan 29 - Feb 28	AD8J will use the call J79JG	H.C. & LoTW
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing N5E	ZL3CW & LoTW
KH9	Wake	2014	N7XR will be /WH) all bands and modes. Will also sign WH9/W1AW	NN1N dir & LoTW
OX	Greenland	Jan 31 - Feb 4	OX5T will be on from NA-018	OZ0J
P4	Aruba	Mar 13 - Mar 18	JR3QFB & JS6RRR as P40JH & P40R	H.C.
PA	Netherland	Apr 5 - Apr 19	PD5MVH will be /P from EU-038 LH-NET001	H.C.
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 29	DK5ON will be /PJ2 from SA-099	DK5ON
PJ4	Bonaire	May 24 - May 25	WJ20 will be in the contest as PJ4G	N2ZN
PJ7	S. Maarten	Feb 22 - Mar 16	AA9A will be again active signing PJ7AA	H.C. & LoTW
PY0F	F. de Noronha	Jan 23 - Jan 29	PP1CZ will be /PY0F on all bands and modes	H.C.
PZ	Suriname	Mar 1 - Mar 28	ON4AVT will sign PZ5VC mainly PSK	H.C.
S9	Sao Tome	Feb 1 - Feb 13	Three IK5 operators will be on as S9TF from AF-044	IK5CRH
T32	E. Kiribati	Mar 2014	3 operators will be on from OC-280 & OC-282	
T8	Palau	Jan 25 - Jan 30	JN3MXT will sign T88MX	H.C.
T8	Palau	Apr 29 - May 7	JR3STX will be on as T88ST 80 - 6 M all modes	H.C.
TF	Iceland	May 11 - May 22	EA5IDQ will be /TF	H.C.
TY	Benin	Jan 26 - Feb 5	ON6DX will be n as TY1TT	
V2	Antigua	Jan 21	SP7VC, SP3IPB and SQ7OYL will be /V26	H.C.
VK0	Heard Island	Between Jan 1 - Jan 31 2015 Rescheduled	Big group will be on Details will follow	

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VK9M	Mellish Reef	Mar 28 - Apr 9	Large team will be on	M0URZ
VK9X	Christmas	Mar 1 - Mar 10	K7CO will sign /VK9X	H.C. dir & OQRS
VK	Australia	Feb 3 - Feb 10	VK5MAV will be on from OC-139	OQRS
VP2M	Montserrat	Jan 18 - Jan 22	SP7VC, SP3IPB will be on signing VP2MPG & VP2MTK	H.C.
VP9	Bermuda	Feb 19 - Feb 27	G7JVR will be /VP9	M0OXO
VQ9	Diego Garcia	2014	N7XR will be on as VQ9XR twice all bands + 6 m and modes. A second operation with N6MZ	NN1N
VU	India	Jul 23 - Jul 31	VU3ARF & VU2GMT will be active as VU3ARF/p from AS-153	VU3ARF dir/bur
XE	Mexico	Mar 14 - Mar 17	XF1T group will be on from NA-189	IT9EJW and OQRS
XU	Cambodia	Feb 25 - Mar 21	KF0RQ will go to XU to visit family and will sign XU7ACQ	H.C.
XV	Vietnam	Feb 15 - Mar 5	JA8BMK will operate with the call XV2BM all bands	H.C.
YJ	Vanuatu	Feb 11 - Feb 25	N7OU & NE7D will be on	LoTW and H.C.
YW0	Aves Island	Jan - Feb	Operations is planned during this period. As YW0A	
ZF	Cayman	Feb 15 - Feb 16	WJ20 will be in the contest	N2ZN

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
DL	Germany	Jan 1 - Dec 31	DM60JMZ from DOK60K07	Bureau
DL	Germany	April 2014	DR175LDE	Bureau
EI	Ireland	All 2014	EI30T	OQRS
F	France	Feb 15 - Mar 2	TM11WAP (WAP-247)	F8DHE
G	England	Now - Jan end Jan 25 - Jan 30	GB100L GB1RNLI	G4SJX Bureau
I	Italy	Feb 17 - Feb 23 Feb 17 - Feb 23 Feb 17 - Feb 23	II3MNA IA2IPY II5ANT	IQ3TS I2MQP IZ5BTC

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JA	Japan	Dec 8 - Mar 2	8J6HAM	Bureau
JA	Japan	Now - Mar 2014 All 2014	8J7JE400 8J1T from new JCC 0316	Bureau
JA	Japan	Jul 28 - Mar 14 Nov 20 - Mar 31	8N1FUJI special call 8J1TS50A	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Oct 1 - Mar 31 Oct 1 - Mar 31	8JI30MUT 8J7JE400	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Nov 20 - Apr 30 Now - Feb 28	8J5SSS 8J9OKB	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	Mar 1 - Jun 16	8N2HHH	
LA	Norway	2014 2014	LA stations may use LI prefixes LB stations may use LJ prefixes	
LZ	Bulgaria	2014	Z1375PRB January LZ1950SAS February LZ1246SIT March LZ1808SNS April LZ1555WNS May LZ1816PAS June LZ1810PPW July LZ1680MTS August LZ37MP September Z1375IKA October LZ1164SIM November LZ1784SMH December	Bureau
OZ	Denmark	Jan 1 - Jan 31	5P14EHC	
PA	Netherland	Feb 17 - Feb 23 Jan 2014	PA6ANT PH6SKCC	PA3FOE PA3CLQ
SM	Sweden	2014	7S400K	SM7BHM
SM	Sweden	2014	SC2014ECC SB2014ECC SC2014ECC SD2014ECC SE2014ECC SF2014ECC SG2014ECC SH2014ECC SI2014ECC SJ2014ECC	SK2AT
SP	Poland	Jan 8 - Jan 28	HF120MK SN0MMK SN120MK SN120MMK HF0RN SN0RN SN75RN	
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Mar 31	RO0000	UA1OJL
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Feb 7	R1980M R1980L R2014HQ	R5AX RX1CQ dir RO6L
UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Mar 3	RG22RQ RJ22DX	RN3RQ RN3RQ
UA	Russia	Dec 1 - Mar 1	R2014CC	

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UA	Russia	Jan 1 - Mar 31 Jan 1 - Mar 31	R2014HS special olimpic games call R22GG	RW6HS RW6HS
UR	Ukraine	Jan 2014	EM75V EO90WF	UR2VA US5WE
YU	Serbia	2014	YT0PUPIN	YT7WA

DXCC DESK

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

**ZD9KX - Tristan Da Cunha & Gough Is
2012 and 2103 Operation**

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Awards Branch Manager

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Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 8

**CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 8 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 8 and
0300Z-0400Z, Jan 9**

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 10

NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 10

YL-ISSB QSO Party, SSB: 0000Z, Jan 11 to 2359Z, Jan 12

Old New Year Contest: 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 11

MI QRP January CW Contest: 1200Z, Jan 11 to 2359Z, Jan 12

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon: 1200Z, Jan 11 to 2400Z, Jan 12

UK DX BPSK63 Contest: 1200Z, Jan 11 to 1159Z, Jan 12

North American QSO Party, CW: 1800Z, Jan 11 to 0559Z, Jan 12

NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW: 0630Z-0830Z, Jan 12

DARC 10-Meter Contest: 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 12

NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB: 0900Z-1100Z, Jan 12

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QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 15

AWA Linc Cundall Memorial CW Contest: 2300Z, Jan 15 to 2300Z, Jan 1 and 2300Z, Jan 18 to 2300Z, Jan 19

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Special Press Release).

The following was posted/sent on Saturday, January 4th, on the VK9MT Web page

"To better distribute the workload and keep as many stations on the air as possible the Mellish Reef 2014 DX-pedition team will add one additional operator to the team, bringing the total to 12. We are seeking an experienced SSB and RTTY operator. The pile-ups will be energetic and, at times, challenging. Candidates must have the 'Determination - Time - Finances' to join this exciting DX-pedition.

As with all projects of this type the team will share in the cost to launch the project. Each operator is putting up about \$12,000(USD) to pay the costs associated with this DX-pedition. Surplus funds will be evenly divided across the team after the books close. Each operator will pay their own way to and from Australia, as well as their living expenses before and after the DX-pedition.

Previous DX-pedition experience is preferred but not required. We welcome a seasoned DXer who is capable of operating over an 11 day period on a rotating shift schedule. The team will sail to Mellish Reef on a 25 meter (crewed) passenger vessel with previous DX-pedition experience. You would need to be at Mackay, Australia no later than March 23, 2014 and plan to leave Mackay on April 16, 2014.

If this opportunity interests you please send a short biography of your ham radio experience to: info@vk9mt.com As the time is short, we would appreciate hearing only from candidates who can commit to the project before January 15, 2014. We hope to hear you in the pile-ups..... Team Mellish Reef 2014"

FR Tromelin

Most of the DXers consider entities as check boxes to tick once the country is worked and confirmed. That's the game! However, we hope to bring you a lot more than just a simple check mark as you discover our next destination.

Let's talk about the 9th most wanted DXCC entity according to the Clublog statistics, an empty box for 75% of the amateur radio community.

Tromelin, as well as Glorioso, Juan de Nova, Europa, belongs to the 'Eparses', a French word to name these small islands scattered around Madagascar. These

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French territories are administered by the TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises). Their access is strictly controlled and regulated in particular for ecological reasons. Tromelin is the smallest one (1 square km) and the human impact is all the more sensitive.

That's the only island where there are no French military troops and only 2 agents of the TAAF are posted there continuously. The last operation took place in 2000. A 4 men team made 50,000 contacts with the callsign FR/F6KDF/T. No authorization has been given ever since. 2014 will be the 60th anniversary of the 1st hamradio activity from Tromelin. The operator was Marc FB8BK/T.

Today, after some successful collaborative work with the TAAF authorities, we are proud to announce that we received our landing permission and got the green light to conduct an amateur radio operation on this remote island. We'll be active on Tromelin from October 30th to November 10th, 2014. 6 operators have been allowed to stay of the island. They have been selected for their experience and all six are ready to face the challenge. The team is made up of Seb F5UFX, Michel FM5CD, Flo F5CWU, Eric F5SIH, Franck F4AJQ, Fred F5ROP.

The request is huge and we are conscious of this. For this reason, we are working hard in order to prepare our operation in depth. Some places in the world will have short openings and we'll do our best to exploit these short moments with proper planning adjusted with the help of pilots. The coming months will be devoted to the search of sponsors. We already have part of the equipment but partnership with equipment suppliers will be essential. On the other hand, we will contact foundations, clubs, organizations to request assistance to help us balance our budget, estimated at \$90,000, most of which is devoted to logistic costs.

Our website is online. All details regarding the progress, plans of the DXpedition and sponsorship opportunities will be accessible through dedicated pages.

<http://www.tromelin2014.com>

We will regularly keep updating you until our departure. Team Tromelin 2014

Seb F5ufx, leader@tromelin2014.com

LATEST PRESS RELEASE - FT5ZM

(Press Release dated January 4th, 2014): "Amsterdam Island DXpedition

We are now 6 days from departure from the U.S.

The Braveheart is making its way across the Great Australian Bight and the North Corridor

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Radio Group of Western Australia has a stockpile of supplies queued up and waiting for us. Momentum has taken over now and there is no turning back.

Upon arrival in Fremantle, the Braveheart will re-provision and refuel to 90,000 to 100,000 liters of fuel. We will load the materials we've obtained from the NCRG, do a little shopping for personal supplies, set up our maritime mobile station, take our sea sickness pills and patches, and be prepared to sail on January 15th.

We'll be passing through some rare grids on the way to Amsterdam Island and we are anxious to hand out QSO's from them. Be sure to look for us on the bands and track us on our website in near real time. Landing on Amsterdam can be 'exciting.' Wish us good luck with this. We'll have some heavy work to do upon landing and expect our set up time to take at least a full day. We'll let you know when we get there.

This will be our last press release. It has been a long time of preparation and a great deal of work, but that is behind us now. The next time you hear from us, it will be a signal from the Braveheart or from Amsterdam Island.

As you can see from our financial status on our home page, we still need help. If you haven't helped us yet, please consider doing so. If you've supported us, thank you - you've kept us afloat to date.

73 - The Amsterdam Island DXpedition Team"

Posted on January 4th, by Stan, SQ8X, on the FT5ZM Web page: "FT5ZM under budget! -- The budget for this entire project is about \$450,000. Vessel charter, Operator travel costs, Equipment. Logistics and Housing/Per diem imposed by TAAF make up the costs. The largest cost by far, it the cost of chartering the M/V Braveheart for 40 days and re-positioning the vessel to/from New Zealand.

[ed. See pie budget at: <http://www.amsterdamdx.org/ft5zm-under-budget>]

The trip requires a large financial commitment from each team member. The minimum team member contribution is \$10,000. Travel to and from Fremantle, Australia will cost each team member another \$3,000- \$3,500. In addition there are six weeks away from home and family, a very long boat ride, and the physical and financial risks inherent to a DXpedition of this magnitude. I believe you will agree that the DXpedition team members are doing their part to make this successful. We have heartened by an extremely generous grant from INDEXA. Within hours of receiving the group's request for funds, INDEXA offered their support. Then, NCDXF followed-up with one of the largest grants they've awarded. Dozens of clubs and hundreds of individual DXers worldwide have made contributions up-front when they are most needed. We are deeply indebted to them and appreciate their confidence. However, we are still short , if you have already made a contribution....THANKS, if not please consider doing so."

DXpedition leader Ralph Fedor, K0IR, states: "We simply cannot do this without help from the DX community. We need to raise about a quarter of a million dollars overall. And, it has to be international financial support - we need our DX friends from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania to help us on this one. This is truly an International effort."

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Excerpts from the press release state that "Following his visit to the Australian Antarctic Division offices in Hobart, Tasmania, Expedition Organizer Dr. Robert Schmieder made the final decisions that will define the expedition. The expedition is scheduled for Jan., 2015." A group will use the Belgian vessel Cmdr. Fourcault, taking a team of 35 persons and sail from Capetown, South Africa, directly to Heard Island. After landing, the team and equipment will be off-loaded by helicopter onto the island, and the team will stay at the island for 30-days, providing support, emergency capability, and movement of personnel and supplies to various locations on the island. Following recovery of the team and equipment, it will return to Capetown. The entire journey will take about 50 days. The team will be made up of several sub-teams, each with its own goals: mountaineering team, cryptobiology team, marine science team, documentation team, and the communications team who will use amateur radio to make up to 150,000 individual contacts worldwide using the callsign VK0EK, and provide real-time reporting of data and images to the internet, including automatically updating websites that display the activities of the team. The expedition will be carried out under the auspices of Cordell Expeditions, a nonprofit research organization that has done expeditions to remote islands for more than 30 years. For further information, please contact Dr. Schmieder at <schmieder@cordell.org>, and visit the expedition

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