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by **I2MQP**

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

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL Info
3A	Monaco	Apr 1 - Jun 30	3A90 will be on for special operations for IARU	3A2AEM
3X	Guinea	Feb - Apr	PA5M will be there for two months and operate during spare time	PA7FM
6Y	Jamaica	May 2 - May 8	W8ERI will be /6Y5	H.C. dir
9M	Malaysia	Apr 23 - Apr 26	9M4TI group will be on from AS-073	9M2RDX dir only
9M	Malaysia	Now - Apr 29	R6AF is now on /9M2 from AS-073	H.C. dir & bur OQRS
A5	Bhutan	Apr 29 - May 6	JH3AEF, JA3ARJ, JA3IVU and JH3LSS will be active as A52AEF, A52ARJ, A52IVU and A52LSS	
C6	Bahamas	Apr 22 - Apr 28	G3USR will be on as C6AGM	H.C. dir only

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CY0	Sable	Now - Jun 1	VA1AXC is on /CY0 when free from his work duty	JE1LET
D4	Cape Verde	Apr 16 - Apr 24	HB9FDT will sign D44TDK from AF-086	H.C.
DL	Germany	Apr 30 - May 3	DL0DFE & DK=RZ group will be on from EU-042	H.C.
DU	Philippines	Mar 16 - Apr 25	ON5SM will be /DU9 from OC-130	H.C. dir bur LoTW
EK	Armenia	Apr 23 - May 4	DL7UCK & DK7AO will be /EK	H.C.: dir & bur
F	France	Apr 18 - Apr 25	TM9B group will be on from EU-048	ON4ZD
F	France	May 2 - May 7	TM0D group will be on from EU-048	ON3HO & LoTW
FR	Reunion	Apr 16 - Jun 16	F5PLC will be /FR	H.C. dir & bur
FS	S. Martin	Apr 24 - Apr 26	F6AJA & F9IE will sign FS5PL	Dir only
GM	Scotland	Apr 26 - May 2	MM0KLR group will be on from EU-008 IOSA NH06	H.C. bur MM0GHM .C. dir & burdir
GM	Scotland	Apr 30 - May 9	GM0LVI will be /p from EU-010 IOSA OH11	H
HB0	Liechtenstein	Apr 11 - Apr 18	PA2HW, PA2RDK, PA3DFR, PA3HK, PE0MGB, and PA2HGJ will be /HB0	
HR	Honduras	Feb 20 - May 14	F2JD will be again on /HR5	F6AJA
J5	Guinea Bissau	Apr 11 - Apr 30	J52HF by IZ3BUR	OQRS
J7	Dominica	Now - May	EI3JZ as J79MM	EI4JY dir
JA	Japan	Apr 29 - May 3	JE1HXZ & JR1LZK will be /6 from AS-024	H.C.
JD	Minami Torishima	Now - Jun 15	JG8NQJ is now /JD1 mainly CW during spare time	JA8CJY dir
JD	Ogasawara	Apr 29 - May 5	JI5RPT will sign JD1BLY	H.C.
JD	Ogasawara	May 2 - May 11	JD1YBT group will be on all bands and modes	JP1IOF dir/bur
JT	Mongolia	Now - Feb 2017	HL2WP will stay in Mongolia 2 years as JU1WP	
JW	Svalbard	Nov 2014 Apr 2015	LA9JKA will operate as JW9JKA from EU-027	H.C. dir

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OJ0	Market reef	Jun 28 - Jul 4	ON8VP ON6QO ON5TQ will sign OJ0V	ON5TC
P2	Papua	Jan 15 - Jun 15	DH1NK will be on as P29NK mainly digital & SSB	H.C. bur & dir
P4	Aruba	Apr 12 - Apr 24	VE7NX will be (P4	P.C.
P4	Aruba	APRIL	IV3YIH is in Aruba /P4	
PY0F	F. de Noronha	Apr 20 - Apr 27	PY0F/PP1ZC are on from SA-003	H.C. dir or OQRS
PY	Brazil	May 1 - May 3	PW2C group will be on from SA-024	PY2DX
PZ	Suriname	Mar 5 - Jun 5	PA1LP will sign PZ5LP	H.C.
RI1	Antaqrctica	Now -March 2016	RX3ABI will sign RI1ANM from AN-016 WAP RUS-09	
S7	Seychelles	May 2 - May 8	DL2RPS will be on as S79RPS, only one qso per call	H.C. dir & bur ClubLog
SU	Egypt	Now - Jun 15	OM3CGN is on all bands and modes as SU9IG	H.C.
SV9	Crete	Apr 18 - Apr 24	SX9PL operation By SP9KAT Group	
SV9	Crete	May 1 - May 10	J49TSL will be on from EU-015	SV2DGH dir & bur
T8	Palau	Apr 27 - May 1	JH2DFJ will ne in use by T88DF	H.C. bur & dir
TK	Corsica	Apr 25 - May 9	ON6KE will be /TK	LoTW & ClubLog
V6	Micronesia	Apr 17 - Apr 25	JA7HMZ will be again on as V63DX	H.C. dir
VK	Australia	Apr 25	VK3UUI will be active from OC-136	H.C. LoTW
VK9N	Norfolk	Apr 24 - May 5	VK3HJ, VK3GB and VK3XDX/5 will sign VK9NT	VK2CA dir bur LoTW & ClubLog
W	U.S.A.	Apr 25 - Apr 26	N4F group will be active from NA-112	
YB	Indonesia	Apr 18 - May 18	PD1SA will sign /YB1 from OC-021	H.C. bur
YB	Indonesia	Apr 21 - May 20	YC9MKF & group will be active from several islands in the OC-241 group	Operators instructio n

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YB	Indonesia	Apr 22 - Apr 26	YB4IR will be active /8 from OC249	H.C. dir & bur OQRS LoTW
YB	Indonesia	Apr 27 - May 1	YB4IR & YB8RW will be /8 from OC-274	OQRS
YJ	Vanatu	Apr 21 - May 5	JA0RQV will sign YJ0MT	H.C. dir & bur
Z2	Zimbawe	NOW	PA3CPG is on as Z21DX	PA3CPI
Z8	S. Sudan	Apr 21 - Apr 24	Z81Z will be used by K4ZW	H.C.
ZD9	Gough	Jan - Sep 2015	ZS1BCE is working in the island and will sign ZD9A	ZS1LS
ZF	Cayman Island	Apr 25 - May 2	ZF2CI will be used by MM0NDX Could also use /ZF9	IW7EGQ

TOP 10 DX NEXT WEEK

PFX	24/4	25/4	26/4	27/4	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5	3/5
A5						X	X	X	X	X
JD						X	X	X	X	X
VK9N	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Z2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Z8	X									
AS024						X	X	X	X	X
OC241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OC274				X	X	X	X	X		

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3A	Monaco	Jun 5 - Jun 7	3A/IU2CIQ will be on	H.C. bur IZ1UJE dir only
3B8	Maldives	May 10 - May 19	EA5IDQ will be on /3B8	EA5IDQ
3B9	Rodrigues	May 19 - May 24	EA5IDQ will be on /3B9	EA5IDQ
3D2	Fiji	Sep 23 - Sep 28	JA1NLX will be on as 3D2YA from OC-156	OQRS dir
3Y	Bouvet	Jan 16-Apr 15 2016	One man expedition could take place by ON4WW. See below	
3Y	Bouvet	Dec 17 - Jan 10 2016	3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ	
5H	Tanzania	Sept 2015	NK80 will be signing probably 5H3CP	EA7FTR LoTW
5U	Niger	May 30 - Jun 16	F4WBN will sign 5U5U during his holiday	H.C. dir only
6Y	Jamaica	May 27 - Jun 2	DK9PY will sign 6Y6N also during the contest	H.C: dir bur LoTW
8Q	Maldives	May 10 - May 17	DG4ABE will sign 8Q7BI	H.C.
8Q	Maldives	Jun 5 - Jun 18	G0VJG will sign 8Q7CQ	G4DFI
A3	Tonga	Jan 15 - Feb 15	KC0W will be on low bands for Europe	H.C. dir
C5	Gambia	Oct 20 - Oct 27	F5RAV will be on as C5LT also in the contest	Dir only to H.C.
C6	Bahamas	Apr 22 - Apr 30	C6AGM will be used by G3USR	H.C. dir
C6	Bahamas	May 9 - May 16	C6ASZ will be used by N8YSZ	H.C. bur & Lor
C6	Bahamas	May 27 - Jun 1	K9GY will be in C6 as C6AYM	H.C. LoTW dir/bur
E5	S. Cook	May 16 - May 23	W6HB & W0VFT will sign E51DLD & E51VFT	H.C.
E6	Niue	May 15 - May 25	JA2AAU, JA2ATE, JA2LSS and JA2Z will sign E6NZ, E6TE, E6SS and E6ZS all bands/modes a	H.C. dir & bur

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E6	Niue	Sep 15 - Sep 30	7 G operators will be on	
EI	Ireland	Aug 22 - Aug 27	EJ7NET will be in the contest	
F	France	May 10 - May 15	TM5U by a ON group from EU-074	ON8AZ dir & bur
F	France	May 10 - May 16	TM5U will be activated by an ON group from EU-074	ON8AZ
F	France	Jul 5 - Jul 11	DL8JJ will be /F from EU-081	LZ1JZ dir & bur
F	France	Aug 26 - Aug 28	G3RTE, G3SWH & MJ0ASP will operate as F/G6AY/p from EU-157	LoTW OQRS G3SWH
FP	St. Pierre & Miquelon	Jul 15 - Jul 21	NY4G will sign /FP	LoTW
FR/J	Juan de Nova	March 2016	See Below all details	
FS	St.Martin	May 28 - Jun 16	K9EL will be /FS	H.C. LoTW
FT5X	Kerguelen	Nov / Dec	An expedition is planned for the last part of the year	
GD	Isle of Man	May 8 - May 11	MS0IXD will be on	M00XO
GI	N.Ireland	Jul 24 - Jul 26	GI50 group will be on from EU-122	M5KJM
GJ	Jersey	May 14 - May 18	ON6EF, ON6VJ and ON1CH will be /MJ. ON6EF will make a short trip to EU-144 (MU)	H.C. dir & bur
GJ	Jersey	May 27 - Jun 1	M0CFW will sign MJ0CFW and MJ5Z during the contest	LoTW & OQRS
GM	Scotland	Jul 3 - Jul 5	MM0NDX will be on from EU-009 IOSA OR01	IW7EGQ
GM	Scotland	Jul 22 - Jul 28	MM8C group will be in the contest from EU-059	G4DFI
GM	Scotland	Jul 25 - Jul 26	GM7A group will be in the contest from EU-008	
GU	Guernsey	Jul 25 - Jul 26	GU9V will be in the contest	OQRS
GW	Wales	Jul 24 - Jul 27	GW3TTC/p from EU-124	G3TTC
HB0	Lietchenstein	Jun 21 - Jun 26	ON6ZV ON6OM ON7EG ON4MW as HB0/OO6P	ON6ZV
HC	Galapagos	Jul 1 - Jul 14	G80FQ will be /HC8. Operation could continue till sep 30	HA3JB
HC	Galapagos	Jul 1 - Sep 30	G80FQ will sign /HC8 during his stay as volunteer	HA3JB

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HR	Honduras	Jul 23 - Jul 28	HD2DMR will operate from NA-212 signing H76W	KD4POJ
I	Italy	Jun 17 - Jun 27	IK5BCM & IU5BLZ will be on deom EU-051	
J3	Grenada	May 23 - May 21	W6NN & KE1B will be on as J38NN & J38MM	H.C dir & OQRS
JA	Japan	Jul 24 - Jul 28	ON7JA will operate /JA4 from AS-117	H.C. bur
KH5	Palmyra	JAN 2016	See below	
KH8	A. Samoa	Oct 21 - Oct 26 Nov 25 - Nov 30	JH3PRR will be active as KH8B	H.C. OQRS
KH9	Wake	Sep 4 - Sep 19	AG6IP will be there	
LA	Norway	Jun 17 - Jun 27	SP7IDX will be /LA from EU-046	H.C. & ClubLog
OJ0	Market Reef	May 23 - May 31	OH3WS will sign OJ0W during his free time	H.C. dir & bur
OX	Greenland	Jun 3 - Jun 12	DL7DF, DJ6TF DK1BT DL7DF DL7UFR will be /OX from NA-151	DL7DF dir bur LowTW
OZ	Denmark	May 5 - May 9	OZ1KZX will sign 5P1ANH from EU-088	H.C. & LoTW
OZ	Denmark	May 23 - May 31	DL7UZ0 will sign 5P9Z from EU-125	H.C. dir & bur
OZ	Denmark	Jul 4 - Jul 18	DF2SD will sign /OZ from EU-125	H.C. dir bur LoTW
P4	Aruba	May 19 - May 26	K3LP as P40CD, VK3FN as P40FN, VK3FY as P40FY	M0OXO
P4	Aruba	May 26 - Jun 2	N4QS & NU4n will be on	NU4N
P5	N.Korea	Jan 15 - Feb 15 2016	3Z9DX could be active from N.Korea	
PJ5	St. Estatus	Jun 25 - Jul 6	K5AND, W3CMP & K8RX will be /PJ5	K5AND OQRS
PY0F	F. de Noronha	Oct 17 - Oct 27	AA4NC will be (PY0F all bands and modes	LoTW
S7	Seychelles	Jul 7 - Jul 18	EI6DX will sign S79OWZ	RX3RC dir & bur
S7	Seychelles	Aug 9 - Aug 23	IZ2DPX will be on	H.C.
SM	Sweden	May 16 - May 23	DK3PZ will be /SM7 from EU-037	
SM	Sweden	Jun 8 - Jun 14	SM6CUK will be on from EU-037 signing SA6G/7	H.C.
SM	Sweden	Jul 25 - Jul 26	G0CKV will sign SM5CKV from EU-177	LoTW

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T32	E.Kiribati	Oct 27 - Nov 3	KH600, W0ZRJ & N0PJV will be on as T32DX	
T3	KIRIBATI	Nov 2015	JA1XGI plans to use T30XG, T33X& & T33XG	
TX3	Chesterfield	Oct 2 - Oct 12	12 operators will be on from OC-176 signing TX3X	LoTW & QRS
UA	Russia	JULY	RI1PC & RI1PK from EU-160 RI1PT from EU-188	
UA0	A.Russia	August 2015	R7A1 & R6AL will go to AS-127	
UA0	A.Russia	Early sept	RT9K/0 team will be on from AS 203	RX9KM
V6	Micronesia	Aug 26 - Sep 3	W7GJ will operate as V6M focusing on 6 meters	H.C: dir only
VK	Australia	Dec 29 - Jan 1	VK2IAY will sign /3 from OC-136	G0UIH dir & bur
VK0	Heard	Nov 17 - Dec 23	VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group	
VK9L	Lord Howe	Dec 16 - Dec 23	G0UIH will sign VK2IAY/9	H.C. dir /bur
VK9X	Christmas	May 7 - May 10	JA0JHQ will be /VK9X	H.C.
VP8	South Georgia	Jan - Feb 2016	Large tam will be on as VP8SGI	ClubLog
VP8	South Sandwich	Jan - Feb 2016	Large team will be on VP8STI	ClubLog
VP9	Bermuda	May 28 - Jun 1	DL3YM will be /VP9	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	May 4 - May 6	WA0SPG will be on from NA-079	
W	U.S.A.	May 9 - May 10	KG4DRP will be /p from NA-079	H.C.
W	U.S.A.	May 9 - May 16	K5TEN will operate /4 from NA-085	H.C. dir & bur
W	U.S.A.	May 18	KG4JSZ will make a one day stop in NA-142	H.C. dir & LoTW
XT	Burkina Faso	May 20 - May 25	XT2AW by DF2WO	M0OXO
XV	Vietnam	Nov 23 - Dec 5	RM2D will sign XV2D	Dir only
YB	Indonesia	May 14 - May 17	YB5M group will be on from OC262	
YB	Indonesia	Jul 25 - Jul 26	YC8ROP will be /p from OC-210	LoTW

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YN	Nicaragua	Jul 23 - Jul 28	HR2DMR plans to be on from NA-212	
ZF	Cayman Island	May 9 - May 15	W8ERI will be on as ZF2ZL	
ZF	Cayman Island	May 20 - May 25	25N8PR & NZ5N as ZF2EM mainly EME	M8PR
ZF	Cayman Island	Jul 7 - Jul 12	W6NN as ZF2LL	H.C. & LoTW
ZL7	Chatham	May 7 - May 13	G8FUA will be /ZL7	H.C. Club Log

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
4U	ITU	Feb 13 - Nov 27	4U0ITU	Bureau
9A	Croatia	May 1 - May 31	9A2AJ celebrating 50 years of radio signing 9A50AJ	H.C.
9V	Singapore	All 2015	All 9V stations can use the S61 prefix	
CT	Portugal	Apr 13 - Apr 19 Apr 18	CS2015WARD CR5PS	CT1REP CS5NRA
CX	Uruguay	April	CX90IARU	W3HNK
CU3	Azores	Apr 25	CQ1R	Dir only
DL	Germany	May2014 -Apr2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DM20KIDS DJ90IARU DA300KA DL50MER DL1965WH	Bureau DH2ES Bureau DL1WH
DL	Germany	Jun 1 - Jun 30 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DP7BVBG DG150ZRS, DK65DARC DJ90IARU, DL65DARC SQ1200HI DK60ZAB	DF7AA Bureau Bureau Bureau Bureau
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DQ70ELBE DM700LSW DF50USLAR DQ40AIX	DJ9ZZZ Bureau Bureau Bureau

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DL	Germany	All 2015 Now All 2015 Now - Oct 31	DA300CFG DM750FOR DL60BUND DC0LGST	Bureau Bureau Bureau
E5	N.Cook & S.Cook	All 2015	Stations in the two countries can use the E50 prefix	
EA8	Canary Islands	Apr 2015	AM890CNR	LoTW e-qs1
EA	Spain	Apr 2015	Several Prefixes EA, AM90, EB, ANAG, EG90, EH90	
EI	Ireland	All 2015	EI150ITU	EI6AL
F	France	Jan 1 - May 30 All 2015 Apr 12 - Apr 26 Apr 18 - Apr 25	TM5CW TM320NEO TM30UFT TM9B	F5SJB F1EOY BUREAU ON4ZD
F	France	Apr - Jul April Apr 1 - Apr 25 Apr 25 - Apr 26	TM200CCAE TM70IO TM35AMRA TM2F	F6FMT F5BZK F-11734 F4GTT
G	England	All 2015 May 2015	G50FRS GB100MFA	G0UVX
HA	Hungary	All 2015	HG90IARU	HA5MA
HB	Switzerland	2015 April	HB970IARY HB75FCTCP	HB9JOE HB9EFJ
HL	Korea	Now - Jul 31	HL60HQ	HL0HQ
JA	Japan	All 2015	8J1FUYO	Bureau
LZ	Bulgaria	2015	LZ883PI (April), LZ102SIB (May), LZ293MA (June), LZ429PS (July), LZ250MM (August), LZ129WNLS (September), LZ130SAK (October), LZ259PA (November) and LZ362MT (December)	Bureau
LZ	Bulgaria	LZ112RF	LZ112RF	LZ1YE
OE	Austria	Apr 24 - Apr 26	OE15M	OE1WHC
OK	Czech	Now - Jul 31	OL750CB	Bureau
ON	Belgium	Apr 2015 April 2015	ON1418KNH ON15CLEP	ON6KNH ON6FF
OZ	Denmark	May 17	OZ150ITU	LoTW & ClubLog

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PA	Netherland	All 2015 All 2015 April May 9 - May 10 May 11 - Jun 7 Now - May 12	PA90IARU PI25COM PA70ASN PA05MILL PA125VVG PA2015 KDD	Bureau PA3CAL PC9C Bur Bur Bur
PY	Brazil	Mar 28 - Apr 26	PQ150ITU, PV150ITU, PW150ITU, PX150ITU, ZV150ITU, ZW150ITU, ZX150ITU, ZY150ITU and ZZ150ITU	PR7AYE
SM	Sweden	Mar 1 - Aug 30	SF90IARU	SM6JSM
SP	Poland	Jan 1 - Apr 30	3Z85PZK, HF85PZK, SN85PZK, SP85PZK, SQ85PZK, SO85PZK, 3Z90IARU, HF90IARU, SN90IARU, SP90IARU, SQ90IARU, and SO90IARU.	OQRS
SV	Greece	Apr 2015	SX150ITU	OQRS & LoTW
UA	Russia	Apr 2015	R120RA - R120Z stations	
VK	Australia	Feb 22 - May 31 Apr 25	VII10 ROTARY AX2IMD	Bureau
VU	India	Apr - Dec 2015	AT150ITU	OQRS LoTW
YL	Latvia	Feb - Nov 2015	YL800TM	YL3GBC
YO	Romania	Oct 2014 - Sep 2015 Mar - Nov 2015	YO55BU, YP555BU, YQ555BU, YR555BU YP10EURO	 YO9KYO
YO	Romania	All 2015	YO90IARU, YP90IARU, YQ90IARU, and YR90IARU	
YU	Serbia	All 2015 Mar 1 - Dec 31 Apr 1 - Jul 31	YT90NS All Serbian CW Club can sign YT45 & YU45 YU738SB	YU7BPQ YU1KN
ZL	New Sealand	Apr 25 - May 25	ZL100ANZAC	ZL3PAH

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Apr 24

NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 24

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital: 0001Z, Apr 25 to 2359Z, Apr 26

QRP to the Field: 0900-1800 local, Apr 25

SP DX RTTY Contest: 1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26

Helvetia Contest: 1300Z, Apr 25 to 1259Z, Apr 26

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Florida QSO Party: 1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26
BARTG Sprint 75: 1700Z-2100Z, Apr 26
CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Apr 29 and 1900Z-2000Z, Apr 29
0300Z-0400Z, Apr 30
432 MHz Spring Sprint: 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 29

FR/J, JUAN DE NOVA (7th Most Wanted DXCC Entity).

Juan de Nova in 2016! -- We are about to turn the page on FT4TA. We still have a number of presentations to make to share this experience with as many people as possible.

Logistics-wise, the equipment in our 3 crates is on its way. Upon delivery, we will clean, check and repackage everything. The various debriefings with TAAF services have all been extremely positive. Our work has been appreciated in all areas and by all our interlocutors: schools, philatelic enthusiasts, and of course our primary objective: ham operators.

Specific attention has been paid to present and explain our activity with the authorities, journalists and the general public. All these efforts on the side of the expedition were positively received and are obviously carriers for future activities.

The goals we set were achieved. The 71,000 contacts made it possible to pull Tromelin out of the Top 10 most wanted countries. In line with what we had announced, significant efforts were made to allow the radio amateurs of the most remote areas to work us.

Building on these positive results, we initiated a new project that has received the approval of the TAAF. We appreciate all the more the new token of confidence that 2015 is a very important year for all their services because of the celebrations for their 60th anniversary.

We are proud and happy to announce that our team was allowed to go on the island of Juan de Nova in March 2016.

The islands of Juan de Nova and Europa are one DXCC entity. Like other Scattered Islands, they have been on the air in the past mainly by the weather forecast staff as part of their professional duties. Since the automation of weather stations and the gradual disappearance of amateur radio in the military stationed on the Scattered Islands, no activity was carried out. The last DXpedition from this DXCC entity goes back to 2003, the year a military team made 34,000 contacts using the callsigns TO4E / TO4WW from Europa. As for Juan de Nova, one must go back to the 80s for the last true dx-pedition. Demand is very important, regardless of the band or mode.

Access to these islands is extremely limited and subject to prior approval of the TAAF. These territories are sensitive and protected areas. After a positive experience on Tromelin, the administration has renewed their confidence for us to lead this project. Protective measures of the fauna and flora introduced on Tromelin will be continued so that our radio

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activity and protected animal species can live together harmoniously.

The Project -- The exact conditions and dates still need to be tweaked, but the main lines are already defined and validated. After taking into account all the constraints and imperatives, a team of 10 people has been allowed for a period of 15 days.

Our experience on Tromelin allows us to see the things that we clearly can reproduce and areas for improvement, taking into account the specific characteristics of the site and the restrictions imposed. We will need to consider the environmental impact of our activity and ensure strict compliance of instructions.

Again, we will make every effort to allow a maximum of radio amateurs around the world to establish contact with Juan de Nova. Special attention will be given to the most difficult areas and to the low bands, especially underutilized in previous DXpeditions.

Like on Tromelin, we know that success can only be achieved by a small group with a very strong cohesion and shared past experiences. This group is already made. You'll find out soon on our website and the names/callsigns will be very familiar to you.

Budget/Sponsoring -- During the period going from late 2015 to early 2016, many projects for some Top 10 DXCC countries have been announced. Let's hope that all will be completed. This means that overall more funding will be needed in a short period of time.

The budget for this work is relatively large and greater than the one needed for FT4TA. Although some aspects are facilitated by the ability to dock with a boat, other constraints make things more complicated and therefore more expensive. Initial projections give an estimated budget of \$ 130,000 from Mayotte. Despite our optimization efforts, some items of expenditure are incompressible. To carry out this project, we ask the entire community to renew their confidence by giving us their support, mainly financial. Many clubs foundations and associations were with us in 2014 to achieve FT4TA. We hope that these generous sponsors can renew their efforts with this new expedition.

"Juan de Nova 2016" is officially launched and now depends on the support of all. You can trust us to carry out this operation with all the seriousness and the necessary rigor.

How to Help? -- Our website <<http://www.juandenovadx.com>> was just launched.

Over the next 12 months, you will discover more about the ops, the preparation & our destination. You can also follow us on various social networks such as Twitter (@JuandeNovaDX) and Facebook.

A page dedicated to Foundations / Clubs / Associations will be available. We will post the logos of our sponsors with links to their websites. To allow all DXers ??and supporters to join the project, we also implemented a "Donation" button on our website. Donations of at least ?25 will automatically get your QSL card direct.

We are at your disposal for further information.

73, Seb, F5UFX, Team Leader for Juan de Nova 2016

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VP8SGI/VP8STI News from Paul N6PSE

The Intrepid DX Group's VP8SGI/VP8STI team is pleased to announce our "Early Donor" program for donations prior to departure to the Islands.

For all donations of \$25 or more, we will perform an early LoTW upload and we will include all \$25 donors in the first batch of QSL processing. We will have more news on this feature soon!

We are extremely pleased that DX Engineering has become a major equipment sponsor for this Dxpediton. This saves the team considerable funds that can be used elsewhere to improve the quality and performance of the Dxpediton team. "DX Engineering has always supported us but on this effort they have really stepped up in a big way-this is a real shot in the arm for our team and enables us to perform at higher levels" said Team Co-Leader David Collingham-K3LP.

We are delighted to report that our QSL Cards are being sponsored and printed by Tony-LZ1JZ. LZ1JZ Print Service has an outstanding reputation for printing the finest QSL cards and we are very grateful to have this sponsorship.

Our plans are moving forward in all aspects including our team's first \$54,000 installment being paid to the Braveheart.

To date, we have raised \$95,000 towards our goal of raising \$215,000. This puts us 44% of our target. We would welcome additional support from the many DX Clubs around the globe, particularly those in Europe and Asia who have not yet supported our efforts.

We are seeking a Sponsor for our Inmarsat-BGAN Internet terminal lease and satellite time. "It will cost us \$1200 to lease the BGAN terminal and another \$500 is projected for satellite air time" Said Dxpediton Co-Leader Paul Ewing-N6PSE. The BGAN terminal is essential for us to upload our logs to Clublog on a daily basis. We would welcome a corporate, club or individual sponsor of our Clublog upload capability.

At the time of our activations, South Sandwich will be the #3 most wanted entity, while South Georgia will be the #7 most wanted DXCC entity.

All information about our plans can be found on our website: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>

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Lastly, many of the VP8STI/VP8SGI Team members will be attending the 2015 International DX Convention in Visalia this weekend. If you'll be in Visalia, please visit us at our Dxpedition Tent inside the Convention Center and say hello.

Thank you,

The Intrepid-DX Group VP8 Team

KH5, PALMYRA ATOLL (Press Release #1, April 18th)

Craig/K9CT) and Lou/N2TU are proud to announce a DXpedition to Palmyra Atoll. Palmyra (KH5) ranks in the top ten on the Most Wanted List and #2 in Europe.

After many months of negotiations with US Fish and Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy, the Palmyra Island DXpedition Group has been awarded permission to activate Cooper Island in the Palmyra Atoll during January 2016.

Craig is a veteran of many of the "Most Wanted" DXpeditions. He co-led Sint Maarten and Swains, and operated from Conway Reef, Midway, Cocos Island, Wake Atoll and Amsterdam Island. Lou was a member of the Swains Team and led the Wake Atoll Commemoration. Craig and Lou have just returned from the Navassa Island K1N DXpedition.

A team of 12 highly experienced operators and veterans of many DXpeditions has been formed. Team members include Craig/K9CT, Lou/N2TU, Jerry/WB9Z, Tom/ND2T, Mike/K9NW, Ralph/K0IR, John/K6MM, Bob/K4UEE, Hal/W8HC, Dick/W3OA, Jim/N9TK, and Glenn/W0GJ. They plan to operate five stations over a 14 day period, 160 to 6 meters on all modes, using a callsign to be announced at a later date.

Critical to major DXpeditions are the immediate, up-front commitment costs. INDEXA and NCDXF have been most generous in their support of Palmyra 2016 and this support is sincerely appreciated. Logistical support for this operation is being provided by Kimo/KH7U and Don/N1DG. Joe/W8GEX and Janet/W8CAA have volunteered to assist the team in fund raising. Their experience in this area is highly valued.

Our website, <Palmyra2016.org>, developed by team member John, K6MM, will provide updates as they become available. The Donation page of the website is currently active. The group will also have an OQRS link on the website for easy QSLing.

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DXAC Staff Liaison, Dave Patton, NN1N, informs that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

**TI9/3Z9DX - 2015 Operation
3XY5M - Guinea; 2015 Operation
E30FB - Eritrea; 2015 Operation
C21EU - Nauru; 2015 Operation**

RW6HS QSL mgr for:

**EV70GA Belarus R1945HS Russia
RP70C Russia RP70ER Russia
UP70MIR Kazakhstan UP70V Kazakhstan**

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