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by **I2MQP**

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RED = Important operation **GREEN** = Details not yet fixed

ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA OR A 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
3B8	Maldives	May 10 - May 19	EA5IDQ will be on /3B8	EA5IDQ
3XY	Guinea	Apr 16 - May 31	PA5M operates during spare time signing 3XY5M	ClubLog
6Y	Jamaica	May 2 - May 8	W8ERI will be /6Y5	H.C. dir
8P	Barbados	May 5 - May 11	K2HVN will operate from Barbados, call still pending	K2HVN dir & bur
8Q	Maldives	May 10 - May 17	DG4ABE will sign 8Q7BI	H.C.
A5	Bhutan	Apr 29 - May 6	JH3AEF, JA3ARJ, JA3IVU and JH3LSS will be active as A52AEF, A52ARJ, A52IVU and A52LSS	

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A9	Bahrain	NOW	Special station A9150ITU is on	IZ8CLM
BY	China	May 3	B3CRAC and B7CRAC will be on	BA4TB
C6	Bahamas	May 9 - May 16	C6ASZ will be used by N8YSZ	H.C. bur & Lor
CT9	Madeira	May 5 - May 10	DF5AU will be active /CT9	H.C. dir & bur LoTW
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	DL0DFF & DK0RZ group will be on from EU-042	H.C.
EK	Armenia	Apr 23 - May 4	DL7UCK & DK7AO will be /EK	H.C: dir & bur
F	France	May 2 - May 7	TM0D group will be on from EU-048	ON3HO & LoTW
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
FR	Reunion	Apr 16 - Jun 16	F5PLC will be /FR	H.C. dir & bur
FS	S.Martin	May 1 - May 3	FS5PL will be on from NA-199	
GD	Isle of Man	May 8 - May 11	MS0IXD will be on	M0OXO
GM	Scotland	Apr 26 - May 2	MM0KLR group will be on from EU-008 IOSA NH06	H.C. bur
GM	Scotland	Apr 30 - May 9	GM0LVI will be /p from EU-010 IOSA OH11	H
HR	Honduras	Feb 20 - May 14	F2JD will be again on /HR5	F6AJA
J7	Dominica	Now - May	EI3JZ as J79MM	EI4JY dir
J7	Dominica	Now - May 20	HB9MFM is on as J79WTA	
JA	Japan	Apr 29 - May 6	JS6RRR/JI3DST will be /6 from AS-079	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.

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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 Monglia 2 years as JU1WP	
JW	Svalabard	Nov 2014 Apr 2015	LA9JKA will operate as JW9JKA from EU-027	H.C. dir
OJ0	Market reef	Jun 28 - Jul 4	ON8VP ON6QO ON5TQ will sign OJ0V	ON5TC
OZ	Denmark	May 5 - May 9	OZ1KZX will sign 5P1ANH from EU-088	H.C. & LoTW
P2	Papua	Jan 15 - Jun 15	DH1NK will be on as P29NK mainly digital & SSB	H.C. bur & dir
PJ6	Saba	Now - May 11	NM1Y is now on /PJ6	H.C.
PY	Brazil	May 1 - May 3	PW2C group will be on from SA-024	PY2DX
PY	Brazil	Apr 31 - May 3	PU2POP will sign ZW2WCA from SA-024	PY2DS dir & bur
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	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
V3	Belize	Now - May 6	VO1OK is on as V31OK	H.C.
V3	Belize	Now - May 13	HB9LCA is now on signing V31CS	H.C.
VK9N	Norfolk	Apr 24 - May 5	VK3HJ, VK3GB and VK3XDX/5 will sign VK9NT	VK2CA dir bur LoTW & ClubLog
VK9X	Christmas	May 7 - May 10	JA0JHQ will be /VK9X	H.C.

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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
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 instruction
YB	Indonesia	Apr 27 - May 1	YB4IR & YB8RW will be /8 from OC-274	OQRS
YB	Indonesia	May 1 - May 3	YF1AR is active /7 from OC-166	N200 dir & bur OQRS
YJ	Vanatu	Apr 21 - May 5	JA0RQV will sign YJ0MT	H.C. dir & bur
Z2	Zimbabwe	NOW	PA3CPG is on as Z21DX	PA3CPI
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
ZF	Cayman Island	May 9 - May 15	W8ERI will be on as ZF2ZL	
ZL7	Chatham	May 7 - May 13	G8FUA will be /ZL7	H.C. Club Log

TOP 10 DX NEXT WEEK

PFX	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5
A5	X	X	X	X	X	X				
J7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
JD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SU	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VK9N	X	X	X	X	X					
VK9X							X	X	X	X
OC241	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OC166	X	X	X							

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FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

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3A	Monaco	Jun 5 - Jun 7	3A/IU2CIQ will be on	H.C. bur IZ1UJE dir only
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
3W	Vietnam	Oct 30 - Nov 10	3W3MD will be an expedition by the Mediterraneo DX Club	
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	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	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
E6	Niue	Sep 15 - Sep 30	7 G operators will be on as E6GG	G3TXF
EI	Ireland	Aug 22 - Aug 27	EJ7NET will be in the contest	

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F	France	Jul 5 - Jul 11	DL8JJ will be /F from EU-081	LZ1JZ dir & bur
F	France	Aug 16 - Aug 19	G3RTE, G3SWH & MJ0ASP will operate as F/G6AY/p from EU-157	LoTW OQRS G3SWH
FJ	S.Barthelemy	Oct 20 - Oct 27	G4XUM, M5RIC, GM4AFF, N0VD will be on /FJ. TO4K during the contest	H.C G3NKC
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	
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	G8OFQ will be /HC8. Operation could continue till sep 30	HA3JB
HC	Galapagos	Jul 1 - Sep 30	G8OFQ will sign /HC8 during his stay as volunteer	HA3JB
HR	Honduras	Jul 23 - Jul 28	HD2DMR will operate from NA-212 signing H76W	KD4POJ
HS	Thailand	May 30 - May 31	E2X team will be in the contest	E20GMY and LoTW
I	Italy	Jun 17 - Jun 27	IK5BCM & IU5BLZ will be on deom EU-051	

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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 23 - May 31	DL7UZO 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. Eustatius	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 S790WZ	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 1 - Jul 31	SM5EFX will be on as SF2X/p from EU-135	H.C. dir & bur
SM	Sweden	Jul 25 - Jul 26	G0CKV will sign SM5CKV from EU-177	LoTW
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	

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TF	Iceland	May 24 - May 30	F5LIT will be on /TF	H.C. dir & bur
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
VE	Canada	JUL 25 - Jul 26	VA2SG will be /p from NA-128	H.C. & LoTW
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	May 30 - Jun 3	DL1YAF will be on /VK9L	H.C. dir & bur
VK9L	Lord Howe	Dec 16 - Dec 23	G0UIH will sign VK2IAY/9	H.C. dir /bur
VP8	South Georgia	Jan - Feb 2016	Large team 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 18	KG4JSZ will make a one day stop in NA-142	H.C. dir & LoTW
W	U.S.A.	May 29 - May 31	K4KGG will be on from NA-142	H.C. dir
W	U.S.A.	Jul 10 - Aug 5	NA-055 will be activated by W2IY	H.C. dir & bur
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
YN	Nicaragua	Jul 23 - Jul 28	HR2DMR plans to be on from NA-212	

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ZF	Cayman Island	May 20 - May 25	N8PR & NZ5N as mainly EME some HF also	N8PR or LoTW
ZF	Cayman Island	Jul 7 - Jul 12	W6NN as ZF2LL	H.C. & LoTW

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	May 16	CR6AG	
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
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

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F	France	Jan 1 - May 30 All 2015 May 5 - May 19	TM5CW TM320NEO TM45PAX	F5SJB F1EOY F5JYD
F	France	May 3 - May 17 May 5 - May 19	TM150 ITU & TM150UIT TM45PAX	Bureau F5JYD
G	England	All 2015 May 2015 May 1 - May 30	G50FRS GB100MFA GB7'VE	G0UVX G0TOC
HA	Hungary	All 2015	HG90IARU	HA5MA
HB	Switzerland	2015	HB970IARY	HB9JOE
HL	Korea	Now - Jul 31	HL60HQ	HL0HQ
JA	Japan	All 2015 MAY	8J1FUYO 8J1ITU	Bureau Bureau
JA	Japan	May 1 - Jun 30 May 1 - Sep 30 May 1 - Oct 31 May 1 - Nov 15 May 5 - Nov 8	8J1KJ 8N13ARDF 8J1TRD 8N3ARDF 8N2AI	Bur Bur Bur Bur Bur
LZ	Bulgaria	2015	LZ102SIB (May), LZ293MA (June), LZ429PS (July), LZ250MM (August), LZ129WNLS (September), LZ130SAK (October), LZ259PA (November) and LZ362MT (December)	Bureau
LZ	Bulgaria	LZ112RF	LZ112RF	LZ1YE
OK	Czech	Now - Jul 31	OL750CB	Bureau
ON	Belgium	May 1 - Jun 30	ON10EURO	ON4VRA
OZ	Denmark	May 17	OZ150ITU	LoTW & ClubLog
PA	Netherlands	All 2015 All 2015 May 9 - May 10 May 11 - Jun 7 Now - May 12	PA90IARU PI25COM PA05MILL PA125VVG PA2015 KDD	Bureau PA3CAL Bur Bur Bur
PA	Netherlands	MAY	PA45FREE, PB45FREE, PC45FREE, PD45FREE, PE45FREE, PF45FREE, PG45FREE and PH45FREE	Bureau
PY	Brazil	May 1 - May 30	PT70FEB	PS7AB
SM	Sweden	Mar 1 - Aug 30	SF90IARU	SM6JSM
SP	Poland	May 1 - May 31	3Z0VD, 3Z70VD, SN0VD, SN1945VD, SN70VD, SO70VD, SP70VD, and SP0VD	Bureau

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UA	Russia	May 1 - Jun 12 Apr 25 - May 7	RM30SM R175PIT	R3LO Bureau
VK	Australia	Feb 22 - May 31	VI110 ROTARY	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 YP10EURAO	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 Zealand	Apr 25 - May 25	ZL100ANZAC	ZL3PAH

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, May 1

NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, May 1

AGCW QRP/QRP Party: 1300Z-1900Z, May 1

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW: 0001Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3

SBMS 2.3 GHz and Up Contest and Club Challenge: 0600 local, May 2 to 2359 local, May 3

Microwave Spring Sprint: 0800-1300 local, May 2

ARI International DX Contest: 1200Z, May 2 to 1159Z, May 3

7th Call Area QSO Party: 1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3

Indiana QSO Party: 1600Z, May 2 to 0400Z, May 3

Delaware QSO Party: 1700Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3

FISTS Spring Slow Speed Sprint: 1700Z-2100Z, May 2

New England QSO Party: 2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB: 1900Z-2030Z, May 4

MIE 33 Contest: 2300Z, May 4 to 0300Z, May 5

ARS Spartan Sprint: 0100Z-0300Z, May 5

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, May 6 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 6

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and 0300Z-0400Z, May 7

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 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.

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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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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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