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RED = Important operation GREEN = Details not yet fixed
ON NOW OR WITHIN NEXT WEEK -- IN ARIA ORA O ENTRO UNA SETTIMANA

PFX	COUNTRY	DATE	INFO	QSL
3D2/ R	Rotuma	Dec 20 - Jan 20	3D2AG has confirmed his expedition but start date could be later	H.C. dir
3D2	Fiji	NOW	DL9HCU is active as 3D2HC	H.C. dir & bur
6W	Senegal	Dec 26 - Jan 12	VA3DX will be active /6W1, /6W6 & 6W7	н.С.
7P	Leshoto	December	MW6GOZ will be on as 7P8GOZ sometime in December	H.C: \$ LoTW
8P	Barbados	Dec 15 - Jan 5	J69AZ will sign 8P9JB	H.C. dir
81	Antartica	Now - Dec 2016	VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH	I1HYQ
A2	Botswana	Dec 22 - Dec 30	M0XUU will sign A25GR	н.С.

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В	China	Dec 2016	B90IARU group will activate the	BA4EG
			call during the month of December	
C6	Bahamas	Nov 15- Mar 16	9H5G will operate as C6ATS and	MOOXO
			will try to activate NA-048-054-	
			113-80-001	
СО	Cuba	Now Dec 31	CO90IARU will be on till the end	W3HNK
			of the year	
CY0	Sable	Nov 28 - Jan 31	VA1AXC will be /CYO after his work duties	JE1LET dir
DP	Antartica	Nov - Feb	DP1POL base will be active thanks	DL1ZBO and
DI	Ancarcica	de 1 von	to DL5XL	LoTW
E5	S. Cook	Dec 14 - Jan 8	SM6WET will be on as E51WET	H.C. dir
E 5	S. Cook	Dec 19 - Jan 9	OZ6TL will spend his holiday as	H.C.
			E51TLA	
E5	S. Cook	Dec 20 - Dec 28	DL7LL will be on as E51LLA	
EL	Liberia	Nov 8 - Dec 17	KD4UDU will be on as EL2DW	н.С.
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FJ	S.Barthele	Dec 19 - Dec 19	K2HVN will be /FJ all bands CW & SSB signing TO2EE	H.C dir & bur
FR	my Reunion	Dec 16 - Jan 8	F5UOW will be /FR during spare	LoTW
EK	Rediiioii	Dec 10 dan 0	time	LOIW
FR	Reunion	Dec 19 - Dec 26	DR4QT will be on as TO90R	H.C.
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FT4X	Kerguelen	Now - Jan 15	F4EGX is now active as FT4XU till	F1ULQ
			Dec 15. Will be again after a few	
			days till middle of Jan	
H44	Solomon	Dec 2 - Dec 31	WL7HP is signing H44MK and will	H.C.
D	77d	NI D 00	try to activate some islands	11. 0
HR	Honduras	Now - Dec 20	N9EAW is signing /HR9 from NA-057	H.C.
J7	Dominica	Now - Jan 30	HB9MFM is on as J79WTA	H.C. dir &
	20211200	Now oan so	INDSTITUTE ON US OF SWITT	bur
JA	Japan	Dec 25 - Jan 4	JS6RRR will be on from AS-079.	JI3DST bur
	-		Will also use 8N3KCJ/6	
OA	Peru	Now - Dec 31	OA4CD will be on as OA850	OA40 &
				LoTW
PZ	Surinam	Dec 11 - Dec 31	PA1LP will sign PZ5LP. Probably	H.C.
	- 1	D 00 = 00	will continue up to early march	
T 8	Palau	Dec 22 - Dec 29	JHOCKF as T88MZ	H.C. dir &
T8	Palau	Dec 22 - Dec 29	I2DMI will be on as T88RY RTTY.	bur LoTW
10	Falau	Dec 22 - Dec 29	Updated info will be on QRZ.com	11.0.
Т8	Palau	Dec 24 - Jan 7	JH0IXE will be on all bands	H.C. dir
	- 3200	Doo 21 July	on all bands	JAOFOX bur
TZ	Mali	Dec 7 - Dec 19	F4WBN & F5DUX are active as TZ9A	F4WBN dir

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V2	Antigua	Dec 17 - Dec 20	N6GT will sign V26GT	LoTW
V2	Antigua	Dec 23 - Jan 10	OM3AG will sign V25LK	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 10 - Jan 10	DDOVR will be /V5	H.C. dir & bur
V5	Namibia	Dec 17 - Dec 28	DL3DXX will be /V5	
VE	Canada	Dec 13 - Dec 20	VE2JCW will sign VY0JCW from NA-047	н.С.
VK	Australia	Dec 29 - Jan 1	VK2IAY will sign /3 from OC-136	GOUIH dir & bur
VK9L	Lord Howe	Dec 16 - Dec 23	GOUIH will sign VK2IAY/9	H.C. dir & bur
VP2M	Montserrat	Dec 23 - Dec 26	N6GT will sign VP2MGT	LoTW
VU	India	Now - Dec 31	AU90IARU will be on	VU2CDP OQRS
YJ	Vanatu	Dec 27 - Jan 13	DL7VOA will sign YJ4AO	н.С.
ZF	Cayman	Dec 6 - Dec 19	N2GG will sign ZF2EA	Н,С,
ZF	Cayman	Dec 31 - Jan 5	WW4LL will sign ZF2LL	LoTW

TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS

PFX	18/12	19/12	20/12	21/12	22/12	23/12	24/12	25/12	26/12	27/12
3D2/A			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A2			A	A	X	X	X	X	X	X
CY0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FT4X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
J7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PZ	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
V2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
V5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VK9L	X	X	X	X	X	X				

FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE

PFX		DATE	INFO	QSL Info
3B8	Mauritius	Feb 11 - Mar 1	OE4AAC will operate signing 3B8HD	H.C. dir & bur
3B8	Mauritius	Apr 15 - Apr 18	MORCX will be on /3B8	ED7BX
3D2	Fiji	Feb 13 - Feb 19	DF6PW will sign 3D2PW	H.C. bur LoTW
3W	Vietnam	Mar 5 - Mar 18	3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday	H.C. dir
3x	Guinea	Feb 18 - Mar 4	3XY1T expedition will take place from AF-051	I2YSB dir only
3 Y	Bouvet	2016 - 2017	3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ	
5 W	Samoa	Jan 1 - Jan 7	G4BUO will be on signing 5W0UO	н.С.
5 W	Samoa	Apr 12 - Apr 20	5W0XG by JA1XGI	н.С.
5Z	Kenya	Mar 26 - Mar 28	TA1HZ will be /5Z	LZ3HI dir LoTW
6W	Senegal	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be active signing 6W7SK holiday style160 to 6 meters	H.C dir & bur LoTW
7P	Lesotho	Jan 4 - Jan 7	DDOVR will be on holiday style as 7P8VR	H.C dir & bur
A 3	Tonga	Jan 15 - Feb 15	KCOW will be on low bands for Europe	H.C. dir
A 3	Tonga	Feb 18 - Feb 24	W5MJ K5NA K5DU ZS6RJ VA7DX VE7KW W5PF will sign probably A35T	MOURX
C6	Bahamas	Feb 8 - Feb 18	N2RFA as C6ABB	H.C & LoTW
CE0Y	Easter Isl.	Feb 10 - Feb 14	W7YAQ will be /CE0Y	LoTW
CT9	Madeira	Mar 11 - Apr 7	DL3KWR will sign /CT9	H.C. dir & bur

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CY	St. Paul	Aug 19 - Aug 29	CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group	WA4DAN OQRS
E4	Palestine	CANCELLED	S500 S59M HB9OCR MM0NDX EA4AK EA7JX group will be on signing E44Y	EB7DX dir OQRS
E5	N Cook	Jan 12 - Jan 21	JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3IVU, JA3UJR, JF3HPN, JH3LSS and JH3PBL will operate. Call will be E51J	
EA8	Canary Islands	Mar 5 - Mar 6	S59M will be in the contest as ED8W	W3HNK
FG	Guadeloupe	Jan 20 - Feb 2	F6ITD as T06D or /FG from NA-102	H.C. dir LoTW
FH	Mayotte	Mar 18 - Mar 24	F2DX will be /FH	OQRS
FO	F.Polynesia	Feb 6 - Feb 7	W7YAQ will be /F0	LoTW
FP	St. Pierre	Mar 17 - Mar 29	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir bur LoTW
FR/J	Juan de Nova	March 2016	F Operation will take place	
FS	St. Martin	Feb 2 - Feb 10	WZ1P, W3FF, KC4VG, W6HFP, W7ZT, K8EAB, KB9AVO and WG0AT will be in FS 40-10 meters all modes.	
FT4X	Kerguelen	Nov / Dec	An expedition is planned for the last part of the year	
нв0	Liechtenste in	Apr 15 - Apr 18	EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY	H.C dir & bur OQRS
HK0	S.Andres	March	A SP team will be on	
HK0	S.Andres	March/April	N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133	
HP	Panama	Jan 7 - Jan 12	WJ2O will sign /HP3	N2ZN
HR	Honduras	Feb 15 - Feb 25	AA4W will sign /HR8	н.С.
J7	Dominica	Feb 17 - Feb 23	WJ20 will be on /J7 befor his trip to Heard	N2ZN
KH5	Palmyra	Jan 11 - Jan 26	Big team will operate several stations signing probably KH5/p	OQRS LoTW
P4	Aruba	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	H.C.
P5	N.Korea	Jan - Feb 2016	3Z9DX is planning and expedition Details still not available,	
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 7 - Jan 22	PA8A will sign PJ4B	H.C. dir
РЈ7	S.Naarten	Feb 16 - Mar 12	AA9A as PJ7AA	н.С.
PY0F	F. de Noronha	Jan 19 - Jan 26	PP1CZ will be /PY0F	н.С.

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S9	Sao Tome	Feb 25 - Mar 25	S9BK will be used by HB9BEL	н.С.	
Т32	E. Kiribati	Mar 1 - Mar 16	K8AQM as T32TR, KG8CO as T32CO, K8QKY as T32SB, K8MU as T32MU, AC8W as T32WW, N8LJ as T32LJ, N6FS as T32FS	LoTW	
Т8	Palau	Jan 7 - Jan 14	JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6KYU as T88HS, JA6UBY as T88RR	н.С.	
т8	Palau	Jan 7 - Jan 14	JH7IPR will sign T88UW	H.C. dir bur& LoTW	
Т8	Palau	Jan 21 - Jan 26	JA9FIO as T88UC	JA9FIO	
Т8	Palau	Jan 29 - Feb 2	JE6DND as T88HK	н.С.	
UA0	A.Russia	Jan	Russian team will be on from AS-203		
V2	Antigua	Jan 6 - Jan 14	GW4DVB will sign V25GB	H.C. dir & bur	
V2	Antigua	Feb 21 - Mar 4	OH2IS will be on as V26IS	H.C. dir bur LoTW	
V3	Belize	Jan 3 - Jan 12	K7YB will be on as V31YB	н.С.	
V3	Belize	Jan 9 - Jan 21	DJ4KW will sign V31YN		
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 5 - Feb 25	K1KA will sign V47KA	н.С.	
V4	St.Kitts	Feb 13 - Feb 21	K8AQM will be on as V47TR	н.С.	
VK	Australia	Jan 10 - Jan 17	GOUIH will be /6 from OC206	GOUIH dir & bur	
VK0	Heard	Mar 6 - Apr 20	VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group (HB9BXE K2ARB K3EL KM4MXD N6TQ NG2H NP4IW UT6UD VK2BAX VK6CQ WJ2O KK6EK W7XU)	KY6R	
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Mar 14 - Mar 26	VK9CK will be the call of a large group		
VK9C	Cocos Keeling	Sep 20 - Oct 4	4 or 5 VK6 operators are planning an expedition	VK6IR	
VP2M	Montserrat	Feb 20 - Feb 25	NE9U, KK9K and Jim will be in the contest		
VP6	Pitcairn	Sep 3 - Nov 25	DL2AH as VP6AH	DL2AH	
VP8	South Georgia	Jan 17 - Feb 27	Large tam will be on as VP8SGI	Club Log	

VP8	South Sandwich	Jan 15 - Feb 15	Large team will be on VP8STI	Clublog
VP8	S.Georgia	Feb 1 - Feb 11	Large team will be on as VP8SGI	Clublog
XW	Laos	JAN 15 - Jan 24	XW4ZW by K4ZW	LoTW
XZ	Myanmar	Feb 14 - Mar 15	Expedition planned from AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Period could shift to April 15 - May 15	
YJ	Vanatu	Jan 2 - Jan 10	VK4AFU will sign YJ0AFU	LoTW & NA5U
ZF	Cayman	Dec 31 - Jan 5	WW4LL will sign ZF2LL	LoTW
ZL9	Sub Artic Islands	Jan 7 - Jan 11	VE3LYC VK5CE SQ8X KD1CT will be on from the new one OC-286	OQRS

SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
9J	Zambis	Sep - Dec 2014	9J2J0CV	JE1EMO
9V	Singapore	All 2015	All 9V stations can use the S61 prefix	
A9	Bahrain	Now - Dec 18	A93AR/45 A92AA/45	A92AA A92AA
BV	Taiwan	Sep 1 - Dec 31 Nov 1 - Dec 31	BV60CRA BV90IARU	QRZ BV2FP
CE	Chile	Dec 11 - Jan 31	XR400AA	XQ4CW
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DJ901ARU DA300KA DL50MER DL1965WH	DH2ES Bureau DL1WH
DL	Germany	All 2015 All 2015 All 2015 All 2015	DG150ZRS, DK65DARC DJ90IARU, DL65DARC SQ1200HI DK60ZAB	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	DA300CFG	Bureau
	_	All 2015	DL60BUND	Bureau
		May 1 - Apr 2016	DM700BURG	DF1XC
DL	Germany	Jun - Mar 31	DR100MF	DJ6ZJ
		Oct 1 - Dec 31	DG150ZRS	Bureau
		Oct 1 - DEC 31	DF60VGZ	Bur OQRS
E5	N.Cook &	All 2015	Stations in the two countries con	
	S.Cook		use the E50 prefix	-
EI	Ireland	All 2015	EI150ITU	EI6AL
			EI90IARU	EI6AL
		All 2016	EI1916E	EI3GC
EU	Belarus	Now - Dec 31	EV90IARU	EW1I
F	France	All 2015	TM320NE	F1EOY
FR	Reunion	Jun 27 - Dec 26	TO90R	FR4QT
G	England	Dec 10 - Dec 13	GB200ADA	
GI	N. Ireland	Dec 2016	GB50MU	MNOVFW
		777 0015	W000778W	TTD 5.47
HA	Hungary	All 2015	HG90IARU	HA5MA
		All 2015	HA45KHW	Bur OQRS
		Oct 2015	HAO4ITU, HA5BPITU, HA69ITU,	
	0 11	0015	HGO9ITU, HA150ITU, and HG150ITU	1100 700
HB	Switzerlan d	2015	HB970IARY	HB9JOE
HB0	Liechtenst	Dec 2015	HB0IARU	
	ein	Dec 2013	IIDUTAKO	
HS	Thailand	Dec 2015	HS0IARU	E21EIC
		2013		
JA	Japan	All 2015	8J1FUYO	Bureau
		Now - Nov 30	8N2IKUJU	Bureau
		Now - Dec 2015	8J7XMAS	JH7YES
JA	Japan	Now- Sep 19 2016	8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and 8N8KCJ	JO30MA
JA	Japan	2015 - 2016	90 YEARS OF JARL	
	_		Jun 12 2015 - Dec 07 2015 8J190Y	
			Nov 09 2015 - Mar 31 2016 8J290Y	
			Jun 12 2015 - Mar 30 2016 8J490Y	
			Sep 01 2015 - May 31 2016 8J590Y	
			Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J690Y	
			Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J790Y	
			Oct 10 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J890Y	
			Jun 12 2015 - Jun 30 2016 8J090Y	
JT	Mongolia	May 1 - Dec 31	JV150ITU 30 2010 330901	JT1CD dir
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LX	Luxembourg	2015	LX60H	Bur

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Austria	Oct 1 - Dec 31	4U79VIC	4U1VIC
Slovak Rep	2015	OM20OTC	
Belgium	Jun 1 - Dec 31	OR90VL	ON5VL
Aruba	Now - Dec 22	P490IARU	P43E
Netherland	All 2015	PA90IARU PI25COM PD15XMAS	Bureau PA3CAL PD7DX
Brazil	Now - Jan 12	ZW400BEL	QRZ
Slovenia	Dec 4 - Jan 4	S508PMC	S50X
Poland	Now - Dec 31 Dec 5 - Dec 27 Dec 18 - Jan 10	SP500YFF 3Z15XMS HF2016HNY	SP9WAN SP6IEQ SQ2JK
Russia	Now - Dec end	RL170GS	RL5G
Kazak	Nov 5 - Dec 31	UP90IARU	RW6HS
Canada	Dec 13 _Jan 11	XM7100AS	VA7DP
Bermuda	Dec 2015	VP90IARU	Bur
India	Apr - Dec 2015 Nov 27 - Dec 13 Dec 18 - Dec 21	AT150ITU AU2JCB 8T5APS	OQRS LOTW VU2DSI VU2NRO
Romania	All 2015	YO90IARU, YP90IARU, YQ90IARU, and YR90IARU	
Serbia	All 2015 Mar 1 - Dec 31 Now - Dec 31	YT90NS All Serbian CW Club can sign YT45 & YU45	YU7BPQ Bureau
Macedonia	Now - Dec 31	Z390IARU	Z37RSM
	Austria Slovak Rep Belgium Aruba Netherland Brazil Slovenia Poland Russia Kazak Canada Bermuda India Romania Serbia	Austria	Austria

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 16 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec

16 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 17

NAQCC CW Sprint: 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 17 NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 18

QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 18 NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 18

Russian 160-Meter Contest: 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 18

AGB-Party Contest: 2100Z-2400Z, Dec 18 Feld Hell Sprint: 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 19

OK DX RTTY Contest: 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 19 RAC Winter Contest: 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 19

Croatian CW Contest: 1400Z, Dec 19 to 1400Z, Dec 20

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW: 1800Z-2359Z, Dec 20

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest: 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 21

SKCC Sprint: 0000Z-0200Z, Dec 23 Phone Fray: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 23

CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 23 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec

23 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 24

Heard Island Expedition Newsletter (Vol. 1, No. 7)

You are receiving this because you subscribed to it, or you made a donation to the expedition, or you are a team member or a corporate sponsor, or I just happen to know you and think you would like to have it. This issue goes to 1369 different people. In addition, Bernie W3UR, will distribute it with his Daily DX newsletter. There is no charge or obligation for this—we just want to help you make a QSO with VKØEK, or to collaborate in the scientific work, or to just enjoy the evolution of the project..

Future Newsletters will be issued now and then, when we have something to say, probably every few weeks. If you missed a previous Newsletter and would like to have a copy, you can click on the cover image above.

The expedition is scheduled to begin in early March, 2016, and end in late April. You can see the current status of the project on the main website www.heardisland.org, and on the blogsite www.vk0ek.org.

I hope you like this Newsletter and find it useful. If you have suggestions, comments, subjects you would like to see addressed, etc., or wish to be removed from the distribution list, please write to me.

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ZL9A OC-286 EXPEDITION

Since our project was approved by the Department of Conservation of NZ as a partnership, we have been working very hard to prepare all the logistics and build in the necessary contingencies for the very difficult tasks ahead. In the following I would like to share with you briefly some of the aspects involved:

- The team will meet in Invercargill on Jan 2 and spend the evening/night treating all their clothing, boots, sleeping bags, backpacks, etc. with an antibacterial and disinfectant approved by DoC for quarantine.
- A comprehensive quarantine is scheduled on Jan 3, which will additional include a careful spraying and treatment of all equipment (which we must bring and carry in waterproof pelican cases).
- All food provisions must be purchased from a specially approved DoC quarantine depot to comply with their regulations.
- Following the quarantine, we will rent a van and drive to Dunedin on Jan 4, where we will board the boat.
- It will take 3 days to sail to the Antipodes. Landing is only possible in cold, southerly winds. There are only two landing spots, both of them involving wet landing, one more dangerous than the other.
- Unless the sea conditions are perfect, landing can only be done away from the vertical cliffs on top of which the research hut is located, and will involve more than a couple of miles of steep hiking through boulders and slippery terrain.
- All equipment, personal effects and provisions will have to be carried out by our backs. It will take several trips back and forth to finish this work.
- We expect rainy, misty and foggy weather, with temperatures of 13-14C, hopefully with some sunny breaks. Same time last year, the DoC team was hit after landing by a strong hailstorm while the temperature plummeted to 3C.
- Please keep in mind that delays can occur at any step of this project!

We regret to inform that we have already incurred additional expenses as a result of higher cost of plane tickets over the holidays, baggage surcharges, and quarantine requirements. Any delays will obviously lead to yet additional costs.

Over the last few days we received several messages in which IOTA chasers expressed doubts that they will be able to make it through, either because of the propagation path (western EU), the anticipated pile-ups (ZL9 being a relatively rare DXCC), etc. While we cannot possibly guarantee that we will be able to log every single station which will be calling us, we wish to assure the IOTA chasers that our operators are familiar with the IOTA community, and that we will do every possible effort to provide it with a satisfactory service world-wide.

Meanwhile, as we continue to look for financial support from the amateur radio community, we will have to divide our attention to satisfy the needs and expectations of all groups and individuals who will step in and support this project. We would like to use this opportunity to ask once again the IOTA chasers who haven't yet committed to this project to come on board!

We do need your help now, so please, please support our team at http://iotahunter.org/

Thank you and best regards,

Cezar, VE3LYC

PALMAYRA K5P

In about a month, the Palmyra Team will be assembling in Hawaii on the first leg of their journey to Palmyra and our excitement is growing!

Palmyra ranks in the top ten of the Most Wanted List and #2 in Europe!

As with major DXpeditions, there has been a change of plans due to unforeseen events. Based on the original award received in January 2015, a Team of 12 operators was assembled.

The air charter is provided by our host, The Nature Conservancy, as part of the award. Earlier this year, the air strip was decertified and as a result the aircraft type had to be changed to allow access to the Palmyra. The aircraft

selected will only seat 9 persons, which is a major change of plans for the DXpedition.

Several alternate options were examined but were unsuccessful.

It was with great pain that three of the operators stepped back from the Team to allow the DXpedition to proceed.

All equipment has been received, being pretested and packaged for shipment to Hawaii. The Team plans on leaving Hawaii for Palmyra on 11 January 2016 and being active from 12 January through 25 January.

Future Palmyra Atoll activations may not happen for many years, as access is severely restricted. Permissions to operate on these rare and extremely controlled locations are very difficult to obtain. We wish to thank The Nature Conservancy and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for their cooperation and support. Without this, K5P Palmyra2016 would not occur.

Check the K5P Palmyra2016 web page for future updates, propagation predictions and donation page.

http://palmyra2016.org/

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