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# DX ITALIA

## DX NEWS

by **I2MQP**

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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
3B8	Mauritius	NOW - Apr 6	G8AFC is now on /3B8 20, 10 & 6 meters	H.C. dir
3D2/ R	Rotuma	Dec 20 - Jan 20	3D2AG has confirmed his expedition but start date could be later	H.C. dir
3V	Tunisia	Now - Jan 9	3V8HQ Club will sign TS4NP	Bureau
4S	Sri Lanka	Jan 3 - Jan 8	EA3Bt & EA3WL will be on as 4J7JTG & 4S7NTG. Will also try to activate AS-171	EA3BT dir & bur & ClubLog
4S	Sri Lanka	Now - Apr 15	UX4UL is on CW & digi	UY5ZZ
5W	Samoa	Jan 1 - Jan 7	G4BUO will be on signing 5W0UO	H.C.
5Z	Kenya	Now - Early Jan	M0LEP will be /5Z and will operate also 5Z90IARU	
6W	Senegal	Dec 26 - Jan 12	VA3DX will be active /6W1, /6W6 & 6W7	H.C.

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<b>6W</b>	<b>Senegal</b>	Jan 1 - Mar 4	EA1HFI is on /6W during free time from his job. End of operations could be extended to April	H.C. dir & bur LoTW
<b>6W</b>	<b>Senegal</b>	Jan 3 - Jan 31	F6BLP will be on as 6W7SK holiday style 160 to 6 meters	H.C dir & bur LoTW
<b>6Y</b>	<b>Jamaica</b>	Now - Jan 16	W8YCM is now /6Y5	H.C.
<b>7P</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	Jan 4 - Jan 7	DD0VR will be on holiday style as 7P8VR	H.C dir & bur
<b>8P</b>	<b>Barbados</b>	Jan 16 - Feb 4	KB8YRX will be on as 8P9CA	H.C. LoTW
<b>8T</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Now - Dec 2016	VU3BPZ is active as BT2BH	I1HYQ
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Jan 15 - Feb 15	KC0W will be on low bands for Europe	H.C. dir
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Nov 15- Mar 16	9H5G will operate as C6ATS and will try to activate NA-048-054-113-80-001	M00XO
<b>CN</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	Now - March	F5LYF will be on as CN2JJ	H.C.
<b>CY0</b>	<b>Sable</b>	Nov 28 - Jan 31	VA1AXC will be /CY0 after his work duties	JE1LET dir
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Dec 19 - Jan 11	DF8HS will operate from EU-128	H.C: bur
<b>DP</b>	<b>Antartica</b>	Nov - Feb	DP1POL base will be active thanks to DL5XL	DL1ZBO and LoTW
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Dec 14 - Jan 8	SM6WET will be on as E51WET	H.C. dir
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Dec 19 - Jan 9	OZ6TL will spend his holiday as E51TLA	H.C.
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Jan 2016	VK3SN will be active as E51JNH	H.C
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Jan 2016	E51AND will operate as E5SKCC	H.C: dir LoTW
<b>E5</b>	<b>S. Cook</b>	Jan 12 - Jan 21	JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3IVU, JA3UJR, JF3HPN, JH3LSS and JH3PBL will operate. Call will be E51J	
<b>EK</b>	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	Now - Jan 8	HB9DUR is signing /EX	H.C. ClubLog
<b>ET</b>	<b>Ethiopia</b>	JAN ??	ET7L will be used by an UR team	US0LW
<b>FR</b>	<b>Reunion</b>	Dec 16 - Jan 8	F5UOW will be /FR during spare time	LoTW
<b>FT4X</b>	<b>Kerguelen</b>	Now - Jan 15	F4EGX is now active as FT4XU till Dec 15. Will be again after a few days till middle of Jan	F1ULQ

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HH	Haiti	Jan 1 - Apr 30	Haiti Radio Club will use the call 4V1TL	W3HMK dir
HP	Panama	Jan 7 - Jan 12	WJ20 will sign /HP3	N2ZN
J7	Dominica	Now - Jan 30	HB9MFM is on as J79WTA	H.C. dir & bur
JD	Ogasawara	Dec 30 - Jan 9	JG7PSJ will be on sign JD1BMH	
KH5	Palmyra	<b>Jan 11 - Jan 26</b>	<b>Big team will operate several stations signing probably KH5/p</b>	<b>OQRS LoTW</b>
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 7 - Jan 22	PA8A will sign PJ4B	H.C. dir
PY	Brazil	Jan 2 - Jan 9	ZP9MCE will be on /PP5 from SA-026	ZP9MCE Paypal
PY	Brazil	Jan	ZY2QG group will be on from SA-071	PY2DS dir & bur
T8	Palau	Dec 24 - Jan 7	JH0IXE will be on all bands	H.C. dir JA0FOX bur
T8	Palau	Jan 7 - Jan 14	JA6EGL as T88SM, JA6KYU as T88HS, JA6UBY as T88RR	H.C.
T8	Palau	Jan 7 - Jan 14	JH7IPR will sign T88UW	H.C. dir bur & LoTW
UA0	A.Russia	Jan ???	Russian team will be on from AS-203	
UT	Ukraine	Dec 31 - Jan 9	DK2HM will be /UT on 40 & 20	H.C.-
V2	Antigua	Now - Jan 10	OM3AG is on as V25LK	H.C.
V2	Antigua	Jan 6 - Jan 14	GW4DVB will sign V25GB	H.C. dir & bur
V3	Belize	Jan 3 - Jan 12	K7YB will be on as V31YB	H.C.
V3	Belize	Jan 9 - Jan 21	DJ4KW & DK9GG will sign V31YN & V31GW	H.C. dir & bur
V5	Namibia	Dec 10 - Jan 10	DD0VR will be /V5	H.C. dir & bur
V5	Namibia	Jan 9 - Feb 18	DC8QT, DD8ZX & DJ9KM will be /V5	H.C.
V6	Micronesia	Jan 1 - Jan 8	V63GG by JR2GAG	H.C. dir & bur
VK	Australia	Jan 10 - Jan 17	G0UIH will be /6 from OC206	G0UIH dir & bur
VK	Australia	Jan 13 - Jan 16	F9IE will be on /VK4 from OC-142	H.C.
VP8	South Sandwich	Jan 17 - Jan 25	Large team will be on VP8STI	Club Log
VU	India	Jan 9 - Jan 16	8T5GSM club will be on from AS-153	VU2NRO

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<b>XW</b>	<b>Laos</b>	Now - Jan 24	3W3B is on as XW4XR	
<b>YJ</b>	<b>Vanatu</b>	Dec 27 - Jan 13	DL7VOA will sign YJ4AO	H.C.
<b>YJ</b>	<b>Vanatu</b>	Jan 2 - Jan 10	VK4AFU will sign YJ0AFU	LoTW & NA5U
<b>Z2</b>	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Now - Jan 7	DE1ZHB will be QRV as Z21LS	H.C.
<b>ZF</b>	<b>Cayman Islands</b>	Jan 10 - Jan 19	K8PGJ will sign ZF2PG	H.C. die & LoTW
<b>ZL9</b>	<b>Sub Artic Islands</b>	Jan 7 - Jan 11	VE3LYC VK5CE SQ8X KD1CT will be on from the new one OC-286	VE3LYC OQRS

**TOP 10 DX NEXT DAYS**

PFX	8/1	9/1	10/1	11/1	12/1	13/1	14/1	15/1	16/1	17/1
3D2R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
A3								X	X	X
CY0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FT4X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
HP	X	X	X	X	X					
<b>KH5</b>				<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>VP8S</b>										<b>X</b>
YJ	X	X	X	X	X	X				
ZL9	X	X	X	X						

**FUTURE OPERATIONS --- OPERAZIONI FUTURE**

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<b>3B8</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>	Jan 23 - Feb 8	3B8HC will be on during HB9ARY holiday	NI5DX
<b>3B8</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>	Feb 11 - Mar 1	OE4AAC will operate signing 3B8HD	H.C. dir & bur
<b>3B8</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>	Apr 15 - Apr 18	M0RCX will be on /3B8	ED7BX
<b>3C</b>	<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	Mar 4 - Mar 13	LA7GIA had to postpone his expedition as 3C7GIA	H.C. dir only
<b>3D2</b>	<b>Fiji</b>	Feb 13 - Feb 19	DF6PW will sign 3D2PW	H.C. bur LoTW
<b>3W</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>	Mar 5 - Mar 18	3W2BR by DK2BR during his holiday in AS-130	H.C. dir
<b>3X</b>	<b>Guinea</b>	Feb 18 - Mar 4	3XY1T expedition will take place from AF-051	I2YSB dir only
<b>3Y</b>	<b>Bouvet</b>	<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>3Y0F will be the call of the expedition managed by UN7PCZ</b>	
<b>5W</b>	<b>Samoa</b>	Apr 12 - Apr 20	5W0XG by JA1XGI	H.C.
<b>5Z</b>	<b>Kenya</b>	Mar 26 - Mar 28	TA1HZ will be /5Z	LZ3HI dir LoTW
<b>7P</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	FEB	7P8C will be a big group expedition. More details follow	
<b>7P</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	Jun 5 - Jun 8	F6GNZ will be on as 7P8VR	
<b>A3</b>	<b>Tonga</b>	Feb 18 - Feb 24	W5MJ K5NA K5DU ZS6RJ VA7DX VE7KW W5PF will sign probably A35T	MOURX
<b>A9</b>	<b>Bahrain</b>	Apr 28 - May 1	A9 group will be on from AS-202 using the call A92HI	A92AA
<b>C6</b>	<b>Bahamas</b>	Feb 8 - Feb 18	N2RFA as C6ABB	H.C & LoTW
<b>CE0Y</b>	<b>Easter Isl.</b>	Feb 10 - Feb 14	W7YAQ will be /CE0Y	LoTW
<b>CT9</b>	<b>Madeira</b>	Mar 11 - Apr 7	DL3KWR will sign /CT9	H.C. dir & bur
<b>CY</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	Aug 19 - Aug 29	CY9C will be on by a 9 operators group	WA4DAN OQRS
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Now - Jan 2	DL1WH is /p from EU-047	H.C. dir & bur
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Now - Jan 11	DF8HS is /p from EU-128	H.C. dir & bur
<b>EA8</b>	<b>Canary Islands</b>	Mar 5 - Mar 6	S59M will be in the contest as ED8W	W3HMK

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<b>FG</b>	<b>Guadeloupe</b>	Jan 20 - Feb 2	F6ITD as T06D or /FG from NA-102	H.C. dir LoTW
<b>FH</b>	<b>Mayotte</b>	Mar 18 - Mar 24	F2DX will be /FH	OQRS
<b>FK</b>	<b>N.Caledonia</b>	Jan 30 - Feb 15	F9IE will be on for a few days	H.C.
<b>FO</b>	<b>F.Polynesia</b>	Feb 6 - Feb 7	W7YAQ will be /FO	LoTW
<b>FP</b>	<b>St. Pierre</b>	Mar 17 - Mar 29	KV1J will be /FP	H.C dir bur LoTW
<b>FR/J</b>	<b>Juan de Nova</b>	<b>Mar 29 - Apr 11</b>	<b>FT4JA Operation will take place</b>	
<b>FS</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	Feb 2 - Feb 10	WZ1P, W3FF, KC4VG, W6HFP, W7ZT, K8EAB, KB9AVO and WG0AT will be in FS 40-10 meters all modes.	
<b>FS</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	Feb 10 - Feb 26	F8AAN will sign /FS	H.C. dir & bur
<b>FT4X</b>	<b>Kerguelen</b>	<b>Nov / Dec</b>	<b>An expedition is planned for the last part of the year</b>	
<b>H4</b>	Salomon	Jan 19 - Apr 14	DL2GAC will be on as H44MS	H.C. dir & bur
<b>H44 H40</b>	<b>Solomon Temotu</b>	Sep 25 - Oct 25	LZ1GC plan to be on as H44GC & H40GC. More details will follow	
<b>HB0</b>	<b>Liechtenste in</b>	<b>Apr 15 - Apr 18</b>	EA5IDQ will be /HB0 SSB & RTTY	H.C dir & bur OQRS
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S.Andres</b>	<b>March</b>	A SP team will be on as 5J0P	
<b>HK0</b>	<b>S.Andres</b>	<b>March/April</b>	N4THW is planning an expedition to NA-133	
<b>HR</b>	<b>Honduras</b>	Feb 15 - Feb 25	AA4W will sign /HR8	H.C.
<b>J7</b>	<b>Dominica</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 23	WJ20 will be on /J7 befor his trip to Heard	N2ZN
<b>KG4</b>	<b>Guantanamo</b>	Feb 19 - Mar 4	W4WV as KG4WV and W6HGF as KG4HF	H.C.
<b>P4</b>	<b>Aruba</b>	Mar 2016	PA7DA will be on HF /P4	H.C.
<b>P5</b>	<b>N.Korea</b>	<b>Feb 2016 ???</b>	<b>3Z9DX is planning and expedition Details still not available,</b>	<b>ClubLog</b>
<b>PJ6</b>	<b>Saba</b>	Feb 17 - Feb 22	PJ6A team will be in the contest. 5 operators will sign /PJ6 out from the contest	
<b>PJ7</b>	<b>S.Naarten</b>	Feb 16 - Mar 12	AA9A as PJ7AA	H.C.
<b>PY0F</b>	<b>F. de Noronha</b>	Jan 19 - Jan 26	PP1CZ will be /PY0F	H.C.

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<b>S9</b>	<b>Sao Tome</b>	Feb 25 - Mar 25	S9BK will be used by HB9BEL	H.C.
<b>T32</b>	<b>E. Kiribati</b>	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
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 21 - Jan 26	JA9FIO as T88UC	JA9FIO
<b>T8</b>	<b>Palau</b>	Jan 29 - Feb 2	JE6DND as T88HK	H.C.
<b>V2</b>	<b>Antigua</b>	Feb 21 - Mar 4	OH2IS will be on as V26IS	H.C. dir bur LoTW
<b>V3</b>	<b>Belize</b>	Feb 4 - Feb 11	NN7A will be on as V31JZ	H,C, dir dir & bur
<b>V4</b>	<b>St.Kitts</b>	Feb 5 - Feb 25	K1KA will sign V47KA	H.C.
<b>V4</b>	<b>St.Kitts</b>	Feb 13 - Feb 21	K8AQM will be on as V47TR	H.C.
<b>V6</b>	<b>Micronesia</b>	Feb 19 - Feb 24	JA7HMZ as V63DX	H,C, dir
<b>VE</b>	<b>Canada</b>	Jan 21 - Jan 24	VE7ACN will be /7 from NA-091	OQRS dir & bur
<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Jan 17 - Jan 19	F9IE will be on /VK4 from OC-160	H.C.
<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Mar 1 - Mar 8	VK5MAV & VK5CE will be /6 from OC-243	H.C. dir & bur
<b>VK0</b>	<b>Heard</b>	<b>Mar 6 - Apr 20</b>	<b>VK0EK will be the call of the expedition by a large group (HB9BXE K2ARB K3EL KM4MXD N6TQ NG2H NP4IW UT6UD VK2BAX VK6CQ WJ20 KK6EK W7XU)</b>	<b>KY6R</b>
<b>VK9C</b>	<b>Cocos Keeling</b>	Mar 14 - Mar 26	VK9CK will be the call of a large LA group	LA6OP dir & bur
<b>VK9C</b>	<b>Cocos Keeling</b>	Sep 20 - Oct 4	8 operators are planning an expedition	VK6IR
<b>VK9N</b>	<b>Norfolk</b>	Apr 23 - May 2	VK4ADC will be on as VK9NU	H.C. dir & bur
<b>VP2M</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	Feb 20 - Feb 25	NE9U, KK9K and Jim will be in the contest	
<b>VP6</b>	<b>Pitcairn</b>	<b>Sep 3 - Nov 25</b>	<b>DL2AH as VP6AH</b>	<b>DL2AH</b>
<b>VP8</b>	<b>S.Georgia</b>	Feb 1 - Feb 11	Large team will be on as VP8SGI	Club Log
<b>W</b>	<b>U.S.A.</b>	Feb 12 - Feb 17	DF8DX will be signing KT3Q/6 from NA-066	H.C. dir bur LoTW

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<b>XZ</b>	<b>Myanmar</b>	Feb 14 - Mar 15	Expedition planned from AS-182, AS-183 and AS-184. Period could shift to April 15 - May 15	
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## SPECIAL CALLS AND PREFIXES

<b>PFX</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Info</b>	<b>QSL Info</b>
<b>9A</b>	<b>Croatia</b>	All 2016	9A1700SBD	9A4J
<b>CE</b>	<b>Chile</b>	Dec 11 - Jan 31	XR400AA	XQ4CW
<b>DL</b>	<b>Germany</b>	May 1 - Apr 30 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016 All 2016	DM700BURG DF90KWTJ DP65HSC DL40RCE DG500BIER DF90KWTJ	DF1XC DL2APJ  DL5DCL Bureau DL2APJ
<b>EI</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	All 2016	EI1916E	EI3GC
<b>F</b>	<b>France</b>	Feb 2016	TM13AAW	F8DVD
<b>G</b>	<b>England</b>	Dec 28 - Jan 24	GB0HNY, GB2HNY, GB4HNY, GB5HNY, GB6HNY, GB8HNY	
<b>GI</b>	<b>N. Ireland</b>	Dec 2016	GB50MU	MN0VFW
<b>HL</b>	<b>Korea</b>	Jan 1 - Jan 27	HL16RI	Bur
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Now - Sep 19	8N1KCJ, 8N2KCJ, 8N3KCJ, 8N5KCJ, and 8N8KCJ	JO3OMA
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	Dec 25 - May 27 Jan 10 - Feb 11	8J2SMT 8J8SSF	Bur Bur
<b>JA</b>	<b>Japan</b>	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	
<b>LX</b>	<b>Luxembourg</b>	Jan 1 - Jun 30	LX95J	Bur
<b>LZ</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	Jan 2016	One special call per month LZ1012SGM, LZ389SGB, LZ300MSP,	Bur

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			LZ1700SIP, LZ1867SEI, LZ425STA, LZ1886PGS, LZ1043PMU, LZ304MED, LZ935MWC, LZ960SPA and LZ463PP.	
<b>PY</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	Now - Jan 12	ZW400BEL	QRZ
<b>SP</b>	<b>Poland</b>	Dec 28 - Jan 15 Dec 15 - Jan 31 All 2016 Jan 1 - Jun 30 Jan 1 - Mar 31 Jan 2016	3Z16HNY SN3WOSP SN800L SNOWIN HF360JG 3Z6DOBREZEN	SP6IEQ SP3CGK SP4RKZ SP9MZX SP9KAJ SP6PAZ
<b>UA</b>	<b>Russia</b>	Jan 1 - Apr 1	R70RAA	UA3RF
<b>UR</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	Jan 1 - Jun 30	EM10UFF	UR7UT
<b>VE</b>	<b>Canada</b>	Dec 13 - Jan 11	XM7100AS	VA7DP
<b>VK</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Jan 3 - Jan 13	VI2AJ2016	VK2KDP

## Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

**NCCC RTTY Sprint: 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 8**

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

**NCCC Sprint Ladder: 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 8**

**Old New Year Contest: 0500Z-0900Z, Jan 9**

**SKCC Weekend Sprintathon: 1200Z, Jan 9 to 2400Z, Jan 10**

**UBA PSK63 Prefix Contest: 1200Z, Jan 9 to 1200Z, Jan 10**

**North American QSO Party, CW: 1800Z, Jan 9 to 0559Z, Jan 10**

**NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB: 0630Z-0830Z, Jan 10**

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

**NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW: 0900Z-1100Z, Jan 10**

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## FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION

**(Press Release dated December 18th)[from OPDX]:**

Hi Friends -- In three months, FT4JA will be on the air. The exact dates of the operation were confirmed both by the authorities and by our skipper. We will be there from March 29th to April 11th, 2016. These dates include the unloading and loading phases.

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For nearly a year, we have been working in detail on every aspect of the operation. While it is unrealistic to think that we have everything under control in such an adventure, we make sure to have alternative solutions to overcome any deficiencies while controlling our expenses.

In early January, the 4 crates of equipment will be shipped to Mayotte, which will again be our starting point. Part of the team will be on site a few days before loading and a few days after our return to manage, if necessary, last minute details. For now, we are in the process of finishing testing the hardware and are packing it for transport to optimize the time of loading / unloading. Each well-anticipated subject will be extra time at our disposal there.

Our luck with FT4JA is that we are able to rely on a more robust team than last year with Tromelin and over a period of operation extended by a few days. We will benefit from these two "bonuses" by being able to make more contacts and allow more of you to contact us. Furthermore, we officially welcome EA3NT, Christian, who has joined the team. His many experiences on islands around the world, many with members of the group, will be an asset.

Budget -- Judging by the support already received, the popularity of our operation is palpable and shows tremendous expectations. Many clubs and associations have confirmed their support and we thank them. Other solicited clubs are still studying our request.

Our pilot for Asia, Joe, JJ3PRT, has surrounded himself with a team to mobilize the JA community that is fully invested in the project. Arigatoo! The other countries are not far behind. We record a great generosity on the part of hams around the world and cannot but be touched by this needed mobilization.

Remember that anyone with a donation of ?/\$ 25 or more can automatically receive confirmation of contacts directly to their mailbox. If the pace of donations continues, and in the absence of unforeseen expenses, we are confident to complete the budget of our operation by April.

Bandplan -- Following the change of dates of the expedition to Heard, most wanted DXCC countries # 4 and # 5 will be on the air at the same time! To minimize problems on the bands, we suggested to the VK0EK team to adopt a common band plan to share the segments on the different bands, taking into account the specificities of each region. Each of us will benefit in terms of clarity and efficiency. It is available on our website. Again, all comments are welcome now through our pilot stations.

50 MHz -- The period during which FT4JA expedition will take place is conducive to 6m. We will be in effect during a period of trans-equatorial propagation (TEP), which suggests many QSO on the magic band. We have planned some 50 MHz high-performance equipment including a dedicated station consisting of a DXBeam 6 element Yagi, an Elecraft K3, and an SPE Expert 1.3 KFA amplifier. The team will also include several operators that usually practice DX on this band and therefore know its subtleties.

The 6-meter station will operate mostly in a CW beacon mode ("CQ FT4JA") whose frequency will be published in our plan. As our satellite internet access will be very limited, we cannot

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monitor the cluster. We will switch to a transmitting position (CW or SSB only) as soon as we hear someone respond. It is a method that has already proven its worth, particularly on Tromelin. In an attempt to satisfy everyone, and because the technical challenge is very motivating, we also plan to try EME (JT65). Despite limited resources to work stations via the moon, it will be a first from Juan de Nova. It is important for us to satisfy the greatest number, and having real ambitions on 6m is part of the adventure. However, to be consistent with our key objectives, our 6-meter QSOs will be in addition to the rest of the contacts and not to the detriment of our presence on the HF bands.

In conclusion, we wish good luck and good contacts to our friends at VP8STI/SGI and K5P who will open in early January the "party" of the Top 10 DXCC DXpeditions planned for 2016. Soon new information will be provided. Be sure to follow us on our website <<http://www.juandenovadx.com>>, Facebook, Twitter (@juandenovadx).

## **P5, NORTH KOREA.**

As reported last week, Dom, 3Z9DX, is expected to travel to North Korea sometime before Christmas to continue talks with government officials. Well, Dom has been in Pyongyang since December 16th, and is meeting with telecom officials and other representatives. He did bring his equipment into the country and surprisingly was able to begin an operation (demonstration) early Sunday morning on 21222 kHz. Reports indicate he was very weak. The excerpts from "DXNEWS" and "DX-World" reports that Dom made +350 QSOs during his demonstration. His antenna is on a metal fence post 2m above the ground among government high rise buildings. The lowest noise level on 15m was 59+10, and on 20m it was 59+30. Dom was surrounded by a lot of people as he operates (officials coming in and out). Dom points out this operation is only a presentation so it's possible a different QTH will be found for the real activity planned for early next year. His equipment will remain in P5 for his potential future activities in January/February. Dom will return home to Poland on December 22nd (DXNEWS) or Christmas Day (DX-World). This all sounds good for possibly opening the door to amateur radio in P5.

## **VP8SGI/VP8STI DXPEDITION NEWS**

Paul, N6PSE, sent out the following on December 31<sup>t</sup> ( from OPDX)

[edited]: In just two short weeks, members of the VP8STI/VP8SGI team will be meeting the Braveheart in Stanley, the Falkland Islands. All of our plans are going very well. We have raised 73% of the funds needed to complete our Dxpediton. We are very grateful for all Foundation, Club

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and Individual support.

We have updated our QSL page and OQRS will be live as soon as we complete each activation. We will make every effort to upload our logs to Clublog each day. We expect to have challenges in doing so as at 59 degrees South, Southern Thule Island is outside of the Inmarsat BGAN coverage footprint.

The team is very focused and committed to satisfying the need for contacts with South Sandwich and South Georgia. We ask that everyone follow the DX Code of Conduct. We will not work stations that are calling out of turn. We will be in communications with our Chief Pilot each day and we ask you to work with our team of Regional Pilot stations to help us meet the demand for contacts.

We are very excited to be activating the #3 and #8 most wanted DXCC entities on a combined trip. Adding South Georgia on to our itinerary cost us an extra \$120,000. If you have not already donated, won't you please consider a donation? For our US donors, your end of year donations are tax deductible to the Intrepid-DX Group as we are a 501.C.3.

You can view all details of our Dxpediton at: <http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8>

Please watch for updates and announcements in The Daily DX, DX-World, DX Coffee and DX News. [ed. as well as the OPDX]

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

Paul N6PSE - Co-Leader, VP8 Team

## **ZL9, NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS (Update/Rare IOTA). (From OPDX)**

Team Antipodes is scheduled to set sail less than two weeks from now. Cezar is already in New Zealand, and confirms that two full sets of equipment (rigs and antennas) are already with the Department of Conservation office in Invercargill, where the quarantine is scheduled for January 3. All team members will meet in Invercargill on January 2, and in preparation for the quarantine need to treat all clothing and footwear in a trigene solution, a powerful antibacterial. We of us are a little apprehensive that the trigene will affect long term at least some of the materials and metal bits, but there is no way around it. Most of all, we are concerned of all electronic components, including photo/video cameras and laptops, as they will have to be wiped with a cloth soaked in

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trigene solution too.

If everything goes according to plan and weather cooperates, the team will board Evohe by noon local time on January 4, and attempt landing by mid-afternoon on January 7. It will likely take a few hours before they will be QRV, since landing will require some serious hiking back and forth between the shore and camp. One of their stations will be located inside the Castaway Depot, while the other a few tens of meters away, in a small tent. While the landing and operating permit is very strict in terms of where the radio equipment should be located, the tent allows for some mobility to reduce interference between stations. To reduce it even further, the team will have at their disposal a full set of Dunestar filters.

The list of group and individual donors continues to be updated on a daily basis, and we wish to express our gratitude to everyone who is able to contribute financially to reduce our personal costs. The original budget had to be increased by almost 7%, due to unforeseen costs, to which we had to add another 8% due to the strengthening of the NZD versus the USD during the last few months. Please keep support coming, we do need it dearly!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a wonderful, Happy and Prosperous New Year 2016!

ADDED NOTE: This operation will count under the new DXCC entity name "New Zealand Subantarctic Islands" (the old name - Auckland and Campbell Islands [ZL9]) for DXCC purposes. A Web page has been activated to provide more details and help collect funds for this operation at:

<http://iotahunter.org>