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### Introduction

Behaviour on the HF bands continues to be a major source of concern to society members. The RSGB, in conjunction with other IARU member societies, continues to be a strong supporter of the DX Code of Conduct and encourages all members and DXers to read and abide by its guidelines.

### Background

IARU Region 1 endorsed the DX Code of Conduct in 2011 with its recommendation SC11\_C4\_06 that 'urges its member societies to publicise and recommend it to their members'.

Until recently, the focus of the DX Code of Conduct has been on the behaviour of the DX chaser. Some recent high profile DXpeditions have highlighted the need to ensure that a similar expectation for operating behaviour lies in the hands of the DXpedition operators themselves. It has been very apparent that cases of deliberate interference occur much more readily with poor or inexperienced operators at the DX station, and cases of infrequently identifying, or failing to maintain control of the spread of the pile-up, is contributing to frustration and unruly behaviour. Thus the DX Code of Conduct now has a section for DXpeditions also, and the RSGB will encourage and promote adherence the DX Code of Conduct for both DX chasers and expeditioners.

The DX Code of Conduct now has two sections, one for DX chasers and one for DXpeditioners. The full details can be found at [www.dx-code.org](http://www.dx-code.org) and the key elements of the DXpedition code are at:

<http://www.dx-code.org/DXpednew.html>

It should also be noted that certain organisations providing funds to DXpeditions are now requiring adherence to the DX Code of Conduct for sponsorship. In addition and in conjunction with the DX University, a friendlier version has been developed and this can be seen at:

[http://www.dxuniversity.com/showpage.php?id=20&title=Best Practices for DXpedition Operating](http://www.dxuniversity.com/showpage.php?id=20&title=Best_Practices_for_DXpedition_Operating)

and in summary in Annex 1 of this paper. This link with the US based DX university is seen as an important contact to US DXpedition funds.

## **Recommendation**

That member societies endorse and promote the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions.

## **Annex 1. The DX Code of Conduct**

The key points of the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions are:

- 1. Check transmit and receive frequencies before starting.**
- 2. Use split operation from the beginning.**
- 3. Maintain a rhythm of regular transmissions – no long silences.**
- 4. Do not use excessive speed on CW. Slow down when signals are weak.**
- 5. Reduce speed further on CW to pass information to the pileup.**
- 6. Identify with call sign at least every minute.**
- 7. Issue calling instructions after every QSO, for example 'UP5 EU' on CW or 'NA UP 5-10' on SSB.**
- 8. Minimize pile-up width: suggest max 5-8 kHz CW and 10-15 kHz SSB.**
- 9. Move receive frequency in a generally regular pattern.**
- 10. Repeat corrected call signs so everyone is confident of being correctly logged.**
- 11. Work and log dupes; it's quicker.**
- 12. Don't leave the pile-up hanging. Keep the callers informed about QRT/QSY, etc.**
- 13. Maintain a moderate, but 'in-charge' attitude.**

The full DX Code of Conduct can be found at [www.dx-code.org](http://www.dx-code.org) along with further descriptions of the points above.