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*425 DX News* is a weekly bulletin that has gained broad appreciation and favour in the Amateur Radio community worldwide for twenty years.

It originates from a group of local amateurs who used to meet and exchange DX information on 145.425 MHz. Soon they moved on the HF bands (10m at first, then 80m) and organized a weekly info net for Italian DXers. In the early nineties, as Packet Radio got a footing and the Packet Cluster Network links became more and more reliable, the information started being circulated in written form and the weekly bulletin was born. It was called *425 DX News* in memory of the early meetings' frequency.

On entering the Internet era, the website and the mailing list [425eng] (currently hosted by Google Groups and administered by Stefano Turci, IK4WMH) were created, soon gathering visitors and subscribers from all over the world. *425 DX News* is also available on other mailing lists such as Yahoo Group's [DX IS], and in other languages (for instance in Russian, translated by Alexander Venderovich, UA9MHN).

Complementary to the weekly bulletin are:

- The website ([www.425dxn.org](http://www.425dxn.org)), currently administered by Leonardo Lastrucci (IZ5FSA) and deliberately "no frills", whose main purpose is to preserve the memory of the world of DX as reported by 425DXN over the years, and to provide a depository of searchable information
- The *425 Magazine*, currently edited by Nicola Baldresca (IZ3EBA), which retrospects a month of DX by assembling the weekly bulletins and merging them into a single document with pictures for readers to collect
- The popular piece of software developed by Leonardo Lastrucci (IZ5FSA), which allows to query the 425DXN Archive from the PacketCluster
- the 425DXN App for Android, developed by Massimiliano Laconca (IK8LOV) and available on Google Play, which provides access to the website's main functions

In 2005 *425 DX News* became the DX Bulletin of the IARU member society for Italy (ARI).

In May 2007 the Editors of *425 DX News* – Mauro Pregliasco, I1JQJ and Valeria Pregliasco, IK1ADH – were inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame, "in recognition of their extraordinary and unselfish contribution to the sport of Amateur Radio DXing".

The *425 DX News* project is a labour of love. Its resources are accessible free of charge and do not contain advertisements.

**Proposal:** to adopt *425 DX News* as the *IARU DX News Bulletin*, and to distribute it to the HF Managers of IARU member societies.

**Financial Implications:** none