# La Newsletter di R.R.

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## Festeggiamo anche noi i primi 50 anni dello IOTA

*Tempo di vacanze, tempo di attivazioni, tempo di divertirsi con la radio.*
*Cosa c'è di meglio che un'isola sulla quale innalzare una antenna e lanciare segnali per catturare e farsi catturare on air? La sublimazione di questa attività, come tutti sapete si chiama IOTA, Island On The Air.*
*La RSGB che rappresenta il grande ombrello sotto il quale il programma IOTA è nato e ha riscosso successo in tutto il mondo dei radioamatori si prepara a celebrare con grande spolvero il 4 Luglio il 50° Anniversario dello IOTA.*
*Questa NL rappresenta da parte nostra non solo un remind per ricordarvi di partecipare, se potrete, al grande appuntamento. Ma anche un omaggio ad una delle più stimolanti opportunità di fare radio divertendosi. Ecco dunque tutto quello che dovete sapere, rigorosamente nella lingua originale dello IOTA.*

*73 de Gabriele, I2VGW*

# IOTA 50th Anniversary celebration next month

**T**HE RSGB's IOTA programme is celebrating its 50th anniversary at a conference at Beaumont House, Windsor on 4 to 6 July. Full details of the conference are in the July RadCom that will arrive with Members next week, or can be found on the website at www.rsgb.org/iota50.

Visitors will be interested to know that DXCC card-checking is being provided by Lionel, G5LP on the Saturday. He has asked that those bringing their cards for checking should e-mail him via g5lp@lppsltd.co.uk before the event.

Anyone considering attending as a day visitor should note that pre-booked tickets from www.rsgbevents.org attract savings over those purchased on the day.

### RSGB IOTA 50th Anniversary Convention

2014 is the 50th Anniversary of the IOTA Programme and the Society will celebrate the event at Beaumont House over the weekend of 4-6 July 2014.

Many will remember the annual HF and IOTA Convention at the Beaumont from 1991 to 2001 and will recall its beautiful setting in 40 acres of countryside just by the River Thames.

This will be a truly international celebration of IOTA.

Well-known island enthusiasts both from the UK and overseas have already booked.

Some were at the Beaumont in those early years, particularly at the 30th anniversary party in 1994 or at the millennium celebration, and want to experience the pleasure of "HF and IOTA Convention Revisited" in such attractive surroundings.

The occasion is not just for returning visitors but for new ones who want to enjoy the camaraderie of IOTA island chasers and activators mingling together and discussing their experiences on near and remote islands. The dates were chosen to encourage overseas visitors intending to attend Friedrichshafen 2014 (27-29 June) to make it a summer holiday by travelling across to Britain afterwards. You will find the warmest of welcomes here in July.

### Venue

Many of you will remember the annual HF and IOTA Convention at the Beaumont from 1991 to 2001 and will recall its beautiful setting in 40 acres of countryside just by the River Thames.

Nearby is Magna Carta Island where the famous charter of civil rights was sealed, and Windsor with its attractions is just up the road.

The Beaumont has undergone major refurbishment and is now one of the most popular hotels and conference centres in the area.

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## Programme

### Friday
**17.00** · Welcome of the Guests by the IOTA Manager
**19.15** · *The 50 Years of IOTA Barbecue*
Contributions from the Guests about their Experiences in IOTA DXpeditioners' Highs and Lows

### Saturday
**09.15** · Formal opening by John Gould, G3WKL, RSGB President
**09.20** · CW5F, Timoteo Dominguez Island by Ghis Penny, ON5NT
**09.50** · The IOTA Marathon or the 623 IOTA Success Story by Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC
**10.35** · Coffee break
**11.00** · Additions of new IOTA groups by Roger Balister, G3KMA



**11.45** · HP0INT/x—Panama IOTA tour by Christian Cabre, EA3NT
**12.20** · IOTA Contest by Ed Taylor, GW3SQX. IOTA Contest Committee
**13.00** · Lunch
**13.45** · Highlights of IOTA's 50 years by Roger Balister, G3KMA
**14.15** · RRC–20 and IOTA-50, a commemoration by the Russian Robinson Club
**14.45** · TX6G, operation from Raivavae Island, Austral Islands by Don Field, G3XTT
**15.15** · Coffee break, entertained by the Chobham Morris Dancers
**16.00** · LU6W, operation from Escondida Island by Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC
**16.30** · Corsica IOTA 2013 —TKxINT activities by Christian Cabre, EA3NT
**17.00** · IOTA Forum, questions and answers
**17.30** · End of afternoon session
**19.15** · *Gala Dinner*
Musical Entertainment
Presentation of Marathon Awards by Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC
Presentation of DX World's IOTA DXpedition of the Marathon Awards by Colin McGowan MM0NDX
Quizzes

### Sunday
**09.15** · Decisions on remaining two new IOTA groups
**09.20** · Taking of raffle
**09.45-09.45** · Activating rare IOTAs
**10.15** · Financing of IOTA operations
**10.40** · QSLing, the Way Forward
**11.00** · Formal end of Convention
**11.30** · River boat trip for those who want it and maybe other local excursion (guests will be asked their wishes in early June)