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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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Owing to the ongoing and fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation globally, announced activities might be postponed or cancelled at any time and without notice.

4X - 4X0AAP is a special callsign for the Israel Amateur Radio Club to celebrate the recently signed Abraham Accords Peace Agreement (the treaty of full normalization between the United Arab Emirates and Israel) between 16 October and 1 November. More than seventy operators will be QRV from their home stations, and will append a serial number to the special callsign (4X0AAP/1, 4X0AAP/2, etc). QSL via 4X6ZM.

7Q - Russian Robinson Club's members RA1ZZ, R7AL and RZ3K plan to be active as 7Q7RU from near Embangweni, Malawi on 7-18 November. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H mode) on 160-10 metres with three stations and a focus on the low bands . QSL via Club Log'OQRS and LoTW. See https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/7q7ru for more information.

9M2 - 9M4S, the amateur radio station of the World Scout Bureau, will be activated this weekend from Kuala Lumpur (West Malaysia) during the 63rd Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).

A6 - Similarly celebrating the Abraham Accords Peace Agreement, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will be active as A60AAP between 16 October and 1 November. QSL via EA7FTR. Also look for A60AAP/1, A60AAP/2, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).

CE - Radio Club Copiapo (CE1CPI) will operate special callsign XR33M from 13 October to 13 November. Look for activity on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and digital modes. This operation commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Copiapo mining accident, when 33 miners were rescued after being trapped 700 metres underground in a copper-gold mine in the Atacama Desert for 69 days. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via LZ1JZ.

CN - 5E1EC is a special callsign that a group of friends will be using on 23-31 October in memory of the late Boumehdi El Moujahid (CN8EC) who passed away on 16 September. QSL via RW6HS.

9M6 - Saty, JE1JKL will be active again as 9M6NA (East Malaysia) during the CQ WW DX SSB (24-25 October). He will be QRV on 40-10 metres; the station will be remotely operated, thus this activity will not be eligible for IOTA credit. QSL via LoTW and Club Log's OQRS. [TNX NG3K]

F - The Radio Club EME Phoceen, F5KDK will be active from Ile Ratonneau (EU-095) on 17-18 October for the Jamboree On The Air. The operators will be F4IDX, F4VSQ and F5SDD, along with some 20 scouts and guides. Look for activity on 3690, 7090, 7190 and 14290 kHz. QSL

via F5SDD.

F - The Radio Club Vendeen (F6KUF) will be active as TM9VG on 1-15 November to celebrate the ninth edition of the Vendee Globe, which will set sail from Les Sables d'Olonne on 8 November. QSL via F6KUF (bureau) or F5OEV (direct). The Vendee Globe is the only round-the-world single-handed yacht race that is sailed non-stop and without assistance.

G - Larry, G4HLN will be active as GB4CKS on 1-14 November. He will operate CW and some SSB on 40-10 metres. The special callsign commemorates the 85th anniversary of the death of Australian record-setting aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, who disappeared off the coast of Myanmar whilst attempting to break the England-Australia speed record (8 November 1935). QSL via G4HLN, direct or bureau.

I - ARI Firenze will run scout station II5BP during this weekend's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). QSL via the bureau to IW5EGT.

LU_ant - Ramon, LU3HRS is active throughout October as LU1ZG from the Argentine Antarctic base "General Belgrano II". "He is a novice operator, first time on the air", The Daily DX reports, "and is on the FT8 mode, QRV since 4 October with activity on 40 and 15m". QSL for this activity via LoTW, or by the bureau via LU4AA. Please note that this Antarctic base is located on the Bertrab Nunatak within the Confin Coast of Coats Land, and IOTA wise counts for AN-016 (not AN-011 as reported elsewhere).

P4 - Depending on travel restrictions, John, W2GD will be active again as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) on 20-27 October. Main activity will be during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest; outside the contest he will be QRV on 160, 30, 17 and 12m as time permits. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to N2MM. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Frank, PF1SCT will be active as PA5150EVH from 28 October until at least 31 January 2021 as a tribute to Eddie Van Halen (1955-2020), legendary guitarist of the rock band Van Halen. QSL via the bureau to PF1SCT.

SM - Jef DD2CW, Dirk ON3UN and Francis ON6LY will be active again from SI9AM, the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society's station, on 21-28 October, including an entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL for this activity via ON3UN, direct or bureau.

SV - Markus, DJ4EL has been active as SV8/DJ4EL since 13 October, and will remain QRV until 22 October. He is visiting the islands of Kythira, Antikythira and Makrokythira, which all count for IOTA group EU-113. He operates SSB mainly on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW.

V3 - Jim, W2JHP will be active holiday style as V31TA from the Turneffe Islands (NA-123), Belize from 12 October to 8 November. He will operate SSB and "maybe some digital". QSL direct to EA5GL.

VK - The Australian Rotarians Of Amateur Radio (ROAR) will operate special event station VK65PFA between 24 October and 24 November. The suffix stands for Polio Free Africa, and celebrates the eradication of the virus that causes poliomyelitis in Africa as announced by the World Health Organization a couple of months ago. The campaign to eradicate polio by Rotary International was initiated by Queensland-born Sir Clement Renouf (1921-2020).

VP9 - Jeff, N1SNB will be active as VP9/N1SNB from Bermuda (NA-005) on

21-26 October, with a focus on the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

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CANCELLATIONS ---> Travel restrictions as well as general health and safety issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic are again affecting quite a number of operations:

HB0/HB9HBY	Liechtenstein	16-18 October	cancelled
FG4KH	Guadeloupe	16 October-5 November	postponed to 2021
TG9BBV	Guatemala	01-30 November	cancelled
XT2MAX	Burkina Faso	20 November-7 December	cancelled
YN5AO	Nicaragua	21 November-5 December	cancelled
J88PI	NA-025	23 November-1 December	postponed to 2021
TO9W	Saint Martin	02-11 December	postponed to 2021

IARU NEWS ---> The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU, https://www.iaru.org) held its annual meeting on 8-10 October 2020. The AC is responsible for the policy and management of the IARU and consists of the three IARU international officers and two representatives from each of the three IARU regional organizations.

Originally planned to take place in Novi Sad, Serbia, just before the IARU Region 1 Conference in that city, both the AC meeting and the conference had to be held virtually owing to Covid-19 travel restrictions. The virtual meeting format had the benefit of allowing participation by additional observers from the regional organizations and real-time presentations of reports to the AC from the specialized IARU coordinators and advisors.

Recently appointed EMC Coordinator Dr. Martin Sach (G8KDF) reported on what is being done on behalf of the IARU in CISPR, the International Special Committee on Radio Interference. Martin and his predecessor, Tore Worren (LA9QL), continue to work together to address the need for reasonable standards to limit the increasing threat of radio spectrum pollution from proliferating digital devices and wireless power transmission.

IARU Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings (AB6WM/VE3SUN) reported on the status of the HF time-shared beacon network that is supported by the Northern California DX Foundation and the IARU. He explained recent and planned upgrades and the many applications and uses being made of the network.

Satellite Advisor Hans Blondeel Timmerman (PB2T) described the work of the Satellite Frequency Coordination Panel. Steps are being taken to address the growing number of non-amateur satellites using amateur-satellite spectrum.

Special Advisor for Emergency Communications Rod Stafford (W6ROD) explained his work representing the IARU in the ITU Development Sector (ITU-D), particularly with regard to disaster communications, and preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference scheduled for

November 2021. He highlighted an opportunity to promote amateur radio in ITU-D as a training platform for youth.

Preparations are already underway for the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), currently expected to be held in 2023. A team of some 20 IARU volunteers from all continents led by IARU Vice President Ole Garpestad (LA2RR) is engaged in the preparatory processes of the ITU and the regional telecommunications organizations (RTOs). The AC reviewed a draft of preliminary IARU positions on the WRC-23 agenda items of concern to the amateur and amateur-satellite services. The Action Plan for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 was reviewed; it will be subject to continual adjustment in response to the continuing impact of the pandemic on international travel.

In 2019 a committee was formed to address the growing pressure on amateur spectrum allocations, particularly the secondary allocations, at 144 MHz and above. The committee reported on its work to date in defining present and future spectrum requirements. Additional information will be sought from the amateur community on how this spectrum is being utilized.

The AC received and discussed an in-depth report from its Working Group on the Future of IARU and agreed to steps for evolving toward a more flexible organization and strengthened relationships with all stakeholders in the global amateur radio community and telecommunications ecosystem.

An application for IARU membership from the Amateur Radio Union of the Kyrgyz Republic was received and will be submitted to the member-societies for approval.

Noting the many ways that the global amateur radio community has responded positively to the challenges posed by the pandemic, the AC agreed to develop a related theme for World Amateur Radio Day, 18 April 2021.

AC members attending the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam (VE6SH/G4HUA), Vice President Ole Garpestad (LA2RR), Secretary David Sumner (K1ZZ), regional representatives Don Beattie (G3BJ), Hans Blondeel Timmerman (PB2T), Ramon Santoyo (XE1KK), George Gorsline (VE3YV), Wisnu Widjaja (YB0AZ) and Ken Yamamoto (JA1CJP). Participating as observers were regional executive committee members Sylvain Azarian (F4GKR), Mats Espling (SM6EAN), Jose Arturo Molina (YS1MS), Jay Bellows (K0QB) and Peter Young (VK3MV), and IARU Assistant Secretary Joel Harrison (W5ZN).

Additional virtual meetings of the AC will be scheduled in the coming months. It is hoped that an in-person meeting can be held in October 2021.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4U1UN, 5T5PA, 9A5Y, 9J2LA, CU3EQ, EK6SI, FY4PU, HU1DL, IF9A (EU-054), IM0DTF (EU-041), JT5DX, LZ10CWO, OJ0JR, OX3LX, SV5DKL, SV9ANK, T77C, TO80SP, VK6MIT, VR2ZQZ/p (AS-006), YJ40IND, YJ8RN, Z35T.

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