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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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4X - Special event stations 4X01I and 4X02I will be active from Moa (WWL KM70nm, Holyland Square J31BS) and Kasra (WWL KM70nn, Holyland Square H31BS), respectively, on 10-11 March. Both sites are located in the World Heritage-designated area of the "Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev". QSLs via 4X6ZM, and logserach on https://www.iarc.org/incense/. The Incense Trade Route was an ancient network of major land and sea trading routes linking the Mediterranean world with eastern and southern sources of incense, spices and other luxury goods.

9G - Alan, G3XAQ will be active again as 9G5XA from Ghana from 28 February to 14 March. He operates CW only, and his main focus will be the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (11-12 March). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to G3SWH (OQRS on https://www.g3swh.org.uk/).

9U - Vlad, 9U4WX (OK2WX) went QRT on 1 March at 05.42 UTC, after 27,822 QSOs (see https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/log-search/ for logsearch and statistics). Elvira, 9U5R (IV3FSG) will remain in Burundi until 7 March, operating SSB and FT8 (also on 6 metres, if conditions are right). Logsearch and statistics on https://www.ik2duw.it/9u5r.html

D4 - Luca, HB9OBD will be active holiday style as D44KIT from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde from 8 March to 5 April. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via EB7DX.

D6 - Hiro, JF1OCQ will be active as D67AA from the Comoro Islands (AF-007) on 10-22 March. He will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and FT4 on 160-10 metres (see https://www.qrz.com/db/D67AA for the band plan). QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JF1OCQ; he will upload his log also to Club Log and other platforms.

FO/M - The "Magnet" [425DXN 1660] is heading to the Marquesas Islands (OC-027), where she is expected to arrive around 18 March and stay until 30 March. Plans are for George, AA7JV and Mike, KN4EEI "to put ashore a small DXpedition with three stations": one full power station will be operated locally on 160-10 metres CW and SSB; two 100-watt stations will be operated remotely on 80-6 metres FT8. Bookmark https://www.qrz.com/db/AA7JV for updates.

FT/W - The QO-100 equipment that Thierry, FT8WW was using is broken, so there will be no more satellite activity. As for the HF bands, he will have to cease operations on 5 March for one week. He will then resume activity on 13 March for a few more days, until around 16 March. [TNX Les Nouvelles DX]

GI - GB1PAT and GB2PAT are the special callsigns for members of the Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club (MN0GKL) to use on 1-28 March to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. QSLs via LoTW only. Three certificates will be available for making contact with both callsigns on

different bands, see https://www.qrz.com/db/GB1PAT.

GM - Special event station GB5SC will be active on 4-6 March to celebrate the 100th anniversary since BBC broadcasting in Scotland officially began (6 March 1923). QSL via operator's instructions.

HI - Loma del Toro DX Club's members will be active as HI0LT from Isla Cabras (NA-122) on 12-19 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4, Q65) on 160-10 and 2 metres. QSL via EB7DX.

HP - Look for Phil, VA3QR to be active holiday style as HP9/VA3QR (1-10 March), HP3/VA3QR (11-20 March) and HP1/VA3QR (21-30 March) while visiting Panama. He will operate SSB and various digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call; he will upload his logs to LoTW and Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

HV - HV1CN will be QRV again from Vatican Radio's headquarters for the International Marconi Day. Look for activity on 22 April from 7 to 13 UTC. QSL via IQ0CV, bureau or direct. Vatican Radio, the official broadcasting service of Vatican City, was established in 1931 by Guglielmo Marconi.

JA - Moto, JA1GZV will be active again as JS6UKY/6 from Okinawa Island (AS-017) on 2-8 March. He operates CW on 40-15 metres. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to JA1GZV. [TNX DX World]

JD1_oga- Look for JD1BOI (QSL via JI1LET and LoTW) and JD1BON (QSL via JA1UII and LoTW) to be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 9-24 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4) on 160-6 metres.

J8 - Thomas, F4HPX will be active holiday style as J8/AG7JQ from "several islands" within Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 7-14 March. He will operate mainly SSB, with some FT8/FT4 and maybe some computer aided CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via F4HPX (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) around 15 March, his QSL manager reports. He will remain there for two months, and will be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his limited spare time. He operates mainly CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY (direct), JG8NQJ (bureau) and LoTW.

TZ - Ulmar, DK1CE has been active again as TZ1CE from Mali since 25 February, and will remain there until 16 March. He operates mainly FT8 and SSB on various bands (60 metres excluded). "On FT8, DX stations outside of EU have precedence at all times", he says, and adds that he does not operate Fox & Hound because "based on my experience, there is not advantage". QSL via DK1CE (all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau); he will upload his log to LoTW and Club Log.

V2 - Members of the EI DX Group (namely EI2II, EI2JD, EI2KM, EI4BZ, EI4HH, EI4L, EI5GM, EI5IX, EI6FR, EI9FBB and EI9HQ) will be active as V26EI from Antigua (NA-100) from 24 March to 2 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands (hopefully including 60 and 6 metres) with up to four stations. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. See http://v26ei.eidxg.com/ for updates.

V4 - Pete, G0TLE will be active again as V4/G0TLE from St Kitts (NA-104) on 5-17 March. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call; he will upload his log to both LoTW and Club Log.

VE - Pierre, VK3KTB will be active again as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) between 15 March and 12 April. In his spare time he will operate SSB, FT8 and CW on 20, 15, 10, 17 and 12 metres (maybe also on 40 metres and via satellite). QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - John, N9EAJ will be active as VP5/N9EAJ from Grand Turk Island (NA-003) on 9-22 March. Activity will be mainly on SSB with some CW, and he also plans to be QRV from the Columbus Landfall National Park for POTA. QSL via home call; he will upload his log to Club Log and possibly to LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

XE - Special callsign 4B0T will be used until the end of June. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4B0T will primarily operate on 10 and 12 metres FT4, and on 6 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

XU - Tom, DL7BO has been active as XU7GNY from Cambodia since 27 February and will remain there until 9 March. He operates mainly FT8 on 80-6 metres. QSL via DJ6TF, LoTW, eQSL, Club Log. [TNX DX World]

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ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC Entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while DX stations (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE amateurs in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at https://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will be held on 4-5 March (00.00-23.59 UTC).

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2023 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been posted on the IOTA website https://iota-world.org/: click on PERFORMANCE LISTINGS in the dropdown menu under PROGRAMME INFORMATION. They show the position as of 31 January 2023.
The Honour Roll lists the stations with a checked score equalling or exceeding 50% of the total of numbered IOTA groups, excluding those with provisional numbers, at the time of preparation. The Annual Listing lists the stations with a checked score of 100 or more IOTA groups but less than the qualifying threshold for entry into the Honour Roll.
IOTA rules limit inclusion in the listings to those participants who have updated their scores at least once in the preceding five years (i.e. since February 2018) and have opted to have their scores published.
"The Honor Roll and Annual Listing includes a total of 1511 entries, while 36 chasers chose to not be listed, compared to 1158 and 26 in 2022", Roger,

G3KMA and Cezar, VE3LYC observe. "There are 239 record-holders with scores of 1000 or more IOTA groups, and 559 with scores of at least 750 groups, the number required for the IOTA Plaque of Excellence. Scores at the top show 64 record-holders breaking through the 1100 mark and 20 of them within 10 of the top score of 1132 out of 1136 groups activated to date. The VHF/UHF listing includes now 36 entries, a 50% increase compared to 2020". Congratulations to all who have joined the IOTA family or updated in the last year".

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 21,163 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2013-22), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

QSL SV2ASP/A ---> Monk Chariton has the last two logbooks for the late SV2ASP/A, covering the period from 1 January 2015 until Monk Apollo's death (5 May 2019). QSL requests can be mailed to: Monk Chariton, Docheiariou Monastery, 630 87 Agion Oros, Greece. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A/G4PVM, 3B8/F6HMQ, 3D2AG, 3D2AG/p, 3DA0AQ, 3X1A, 5D5D, 5E2E, 7Q6M, 7X4LV, 8P2K, 8Q7PR, 8Q7TD, 9K2NO, 9N7AA, A35GC, A44A, CE6TK, D44KS, D4D, ET3AA, FT8WW, HI3T, J28MD, JD1BMH, JW0A, KG6JDX, KP2B, P29RO, PZ5MA, S21DX (AS-140), S79/DL2SBY, T88WA, TO3Z, VK9CM, VK9DX, VU2GSM, XV9BPO, Z62NS, ZC4GR, ZD7MY.

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