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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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3D2/R - Sailing to Rotuma (OC-060) is now confirmed for 14 December [425DXN 1490], and Tony, 3D2AG expects to be active as 3D2AG/p starting around 17 December until around mid-January 2020. He plans to operate CW, RTTY, FT8 (FT4) and SSB on 160-6 metres, with a focus on the low bands and "QRO when required". On FT8 (FT4 he will be using a multi answer protocol (not to be confused with the Fox & Hound mode). He will have no access to the Internet while on the island. The FT8 QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log after the end of the expedition, while contacts made on CW, SSB and RTTY will be recorded on paper logs as usual. QSL direct to 3D2AG (or Club Log's OQRS for FT8 only); see https://www.qrz.com/db/3D2AG/P for PayPal instructions and tentative operating schedule and frequencies.

4X - Five special callsigns are expected to be QRV on 26-29 December from different locations: 4X20HNY from Jerusalem, 4X2XMAS from Kfar Nahum (Capernaum), 4X3XMAS from Caesarea, 4X7XMAS from Haifa and 4X9XMAS from Latrun. QSL via LoTW and eQSL only; a certificate will be available on http://iarc.org/livelog/.

6W - The annual 6V1A expedition to the island of Goree (AF-045) will be conducted on 13-15 December. Activity will be on various bands SSB and CW. QSL via LoTW, or PayPal 6v1a.aras[@]gmail.com for a direct card. [TNX The Daily DX]

E4 - The Radio Club de Provins (F6KOP) will be active as E44CC (not E44C as expected, 425DXN 1487) from Palestine on 5-17 February 2020. A large team will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via F5GSJ (direct or bureau. See https://palestine2020.wordpress.com/ for more information and updates.

EA - The Mike Delta Victor DX Group will be active as EG3PCD on 2-5 December for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. QSL via LoTW only. See http://eg3pcd.mikedeltavictor.com/ for more information. [TNX DX Newsletter]

HR - Gerard, F2JD will be active again as HR5/F2JD from Copan, Honduras from 12 December to 4 April 2020. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau; logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

HS - Brad, VK2BY will be active again as HS0ZNR from Nam Yuen, Thailand from 14 December to 8 January. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to VK2BY. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - Special callsign L50JT will be active on 1-14 December to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the underwater road tunnel that crosses the Parana River and connects the provinces of Entre Rios and Santa Fe in Argentina. Look for activity on 80, 40 and 20m SSB,

CW and digital modes. The log will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and Club Log.

ON - UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as OR75NUTS on 13-15 December to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The suffix of the special callsign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. QSL via ON5UB.

PY - The Guara DX group will be active as ZW132GBA between 26 November and 15 December to celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the city of Guarabira, in the Brazilian state of Paraiba. QSL via the bureau, or direct to PR7AX.

S5 - Special event station S589PMC will be active from 6 December to 5 January 2020 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 4-5 January (see http://www.s59dcd.si/ for complete information).

VE - Jeff, VY2ZM and Miriam, VY2NA will be active as VY2NA/VE2 from Zone 2 (WWL FO60te) on 6-12 December. Their main objective is to try and give Zone 2 on 160 metres to more stations in Japan and the Pacific basin. Plans are to operate CW for JA "starting 0700-0800Z on 1825.5 QSX down at 1824.5 initially each morning. If no propagation exists on CW, we will switch to FT8 transmitting on either 1840 (or perhaps 1838) QSX at 1908 for JA and other callers. There will be some operating time devoted generally to other areas at other times on Topband". [TNX The Daily DX]

YO - Special callsign YR2019REV will be active between 1 December and 1 February 2020 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Romanian Revolution of 1989. A certificate will be available; information can be found on the Romanian Amateur Radio Federation's website: http://www.hamradio.ro/revolutie2019/index.php.

YV - The YW5F operation from Farallon Centinela (SA-058) [425DXN 1488] has been postponed to 29 November-2 December. YV5EED, YV5IUA, YV5NR and YV5ZV plan to operate SSB, CW and FT8 on all bands. See qrz.com for their bandplan. QSL via YV5DTA (W4DTA); logsearch on Club Log.

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4U1UN ---> Adrian, KO8SCA was active on 40 metres SSB from the United Nations Amateur Radio Club for about one hour (23.00-00.00 UTC) on 27 November: "more good things to come in future, now that the remote setup is working correctly". QSL via HB9BOU.

REAL PROPAGATION IN 2018 ---> This new service offers 18,000+ real-life propagation charts from one ITU zone to another ITU zone over 2018: https://voacap.com/visualprop. The raw data came from HamSCI, while data processing and visualization have been done by VE3NEA. The raw spot dataset included some 8 billion FT8 spots spanning from 6 to 160 metres (60 metres included) that were collected from sources such as PSK Reporter during the entire year.

WSJT-X 2.1.2 ---> The latest release of WSJT-X, the software suite that includes the FT4 and FT8 protocols, is now available. WSJT-X 2.1.1 (released on 25 November) was a bug-fix release to address several regressions in version v2.1.0. WSJT-X 2.1.2 (released on 26 November) is "an emergency bug-fix release" to correct errors that crept into the Hamlib package bundled with v2.1.1 and affected control of certain Icom radios. The installation packages for Windows, Linux and Macintosh, as well as the User Guide, can be found on http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html. Upgrading from earlier versions of WSJT-X should be straightforward. There is no need to uninstall or move any files.

YOTA MONTH ---> The Youngsters On The Air group will be active again during the entire month of December. The idea for this event is to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youngsters to be active on the ham radio waves. Announced participating stations include 5B19YOTA, 7X2YOTA, 7X3YOTA, 9A19YOTA, DH0YOTA, E71YOTA, EF4YOTA, EG2YOTA, EI0YOTA, EM5YOTA, EM6YOTA, ET3YOTA, GB19YOTA, HA6YOTA, HB9YOTA, HG0YOTA, II4YOTA, II8YOTA, K8A, K8O, K8T, K8Y, LY5YOTA, OH2YOTA, OL19YOTA, ON4YOTA, PA6YOTA, PD6YOTA, SH9YOTA, TC19YOTA, TC3YOTA, TM19YOTA, XR2YOTA, YO0YOTA, YT19YOTA, ZL6YOTA, ZS9YOTA, QSLs via LoTW. Paper cards via Club Log's OQRS ("this year we have decided to remove Bureau options to help save resources, money and time"), or direct to M0SDV. Information about the event and the awards can be found on https://events.ham-yota.com/

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2AG, 3W9KJ (AS-132), 4Z5LA, 5T2KW, 6O7O, 6Y5WJ, 8R1/AH0G, 9X2AW, A35JT, A82X, A82Z, CY9C, DS2GOO/3 (AS-080), DS3EXX/2 (AS-122), EA9RY, EI0NMMI, EX0QP, F6CUK/p (EU-058), HB0/S59A, HP3AK, HR9/SP4Z, IS0HQJ, JA8COE/0 (AS-206), JI3CEY/0 (AS-206), JT1CO, KH7M, KH7XS, KL7SB, MI0SAI, MW0YVK, NL0H/p (NA-040), OJ0A, OZ2LP (EU-172), PJ2/K8PGJ, PJ7PL, R205NEW (AS-205), R26RRC (AS-204), RA1ALA/8 (AS-083), RT5G/1 (EU-162), RU0LL, RV1CC/0 (AS-025), SQ2A, ST2NH, T2AR, T88DT (OC-009), V31MM, V3M, V63DX, V85T, VU2CPL, WW0WWV, YF9CDL, YI3WHR, YJ0BCP, ZD7FT, ZP6ARO, ZP6RAI, ZS9V (AF-064).

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