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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 cut short, postponed, cancelled or even extended at any time and without notice.

4W - The Lagunaria DX Group's DXpedition to Timor Leste (11 October-8 November) [425DXN 1505] has been postponed until sometime in 2021. "The current situation based on the Corona pandemic makes it impossible to plan anything later in this year", the team says. "The uncertainty of travel safety, the not predictable impact on the companies we have to rely on and the current restrictions that prevent a solid preparation, forced us to take this step. We hope that we can see clearer by the end of this year what will be in 2021". Updates will be posted to http://timor-leste-dx.de/.

EU - Commemorating the end of World War II, special callsigns EV75M, EV75F, EV75K, EV75P, EV75GA, EV75GK and EV75PP are expected to be active from Belarus on 2-9 May. They will participate in the Memorial Pobeda-75 (see below). QSL via operator's instructions.

G - This year the Poldhu Amateur Radio Club (GB2GM) will be unable to operate from the Marconi Centre on 25 April. Another special call-sign, however, will celebrate Marconi's birthday: GB1GM, operated by Cliff, G3UYN (Chairman of PARC). "No QSL", he says.

G - Even though this year's International Marconi Day has been can-cancelled, three IMD stations will be active from England on 25 April to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi: GB5IMD (on 2m FM), GB6IMD (on the HF bands SSB) and GB8IMD (on the HF bands FT8). QSLs via eQSL only, but certificates will be available: see "2020 Innovation Awards" on the Quantum Amateur Radio & Technology Society's website (https://quantumtech.club/).

HL - Special callsigns HL40GDM and D73M will be active on 1-31 May to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Gwangju Uprising (18-27 May 1980), aka the Gwangju Democratization Movement. QSLs via HL4CCM, direct or bureau. In 2011, the Archives for the May 18th Democratic Uprising against Military Regime were inscribed to the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.

JA_ant - The 61st Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

JA - Special callsign 8J17CALL will be activated from 23 April until 22 April 2021 by the 7-CALL Amateur Radio Club (JS1YEY), a Tokyo based club station that gathers operators with callsigns in the 7K-7N

prefix series - "a symbol of the golden age of Japanese amateur radio history". The first 7K call (7K1AAA) was issued on 23 April 1990, the last 7-Call was issued on 20 June 2003 (7N4XZZ). Over the years some 95% of the 7K-7N stations lost interest in the hobby, and nowadays the 7-Callers are only 17,583 out of the 402,180 Japanese amateurs. See https://7-call.com/en for more information. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau, eQSL and LoTW.

LZ - Special callsign LZ50BFRA will be active from 26 April until the end of the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. Founded on 26 April 1970, BFRA is the national IARU member society. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau).

OE - 4U2STAYHOME is the special callsign for the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A, http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/) to join the Stay Home /Stay Safe campaign. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via UA3DX, direct or bureau.

OE - Jo, OE4VIE will be active as OE50MHZ (WWL JN87dc) from 1 May to 30 June. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 6 metres, to mark the 30th anniversary of the allocation - initially subject to severe restrictions - of the Magic Band to Austrian amateurs. QSL via LoTW and eQSL; paper QSLs will be sent automatically via the bureau.

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP75 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 2-9 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. See https://pobeda.srr.ru/ for more information, including the list of participating stations and their QSL routes.

VE - Canadian licensees are allowed to use "special event" prefixes from 20 April to 20 June as a reminder to stay at home and help contain and limit the spread of COVID-19: VA stations can use CF, VE stations can use CG, VO stations can use CH, and VY stations can use CI.

W - The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club of Babylon, NY is looking for amateurs in each of New York State's 62 counties to operate their home stations under the special event callsign K2H (H for Heroes) between 1 and 31 May. All operators will be signing K2H/ along with the county abbreviation as used in the New York QSO Party (e.g. K2H/SUF for Suffolk, K2H/NAS for Nassau, etc). This special operation is intented to express gratitude to the men and women on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Confirmation certificates" will be available, but QSL cards will not be issued. See https://www.qrz.com/db/k2h for more information.

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC ---> Travel restrictions, self-isolation and social distancing requirements as well as general health and safety issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic are affecting quite a number of operations and amateur radio events, which have been postponed or cancelled:

Z68AN	Kosovo	27/04-30/04	cancelled
Z68EC	Kosovo	27/04-30/04	cancelled
ZV1C	SA-029	01/05-03/05	postponed later in 2020
8Q7KB	Maldives	04/05-12/05	cancelled
TM5IB	EU-105	16/05-23/05	cancelled
FM/OQ3R	Martinique	25/05-06/06	cancelled
TO3F	Martinique	CQ WW WPX CW	cancelled
Museum Ships	Weekend	06/06-07/06	cancelled
VP2V/W9DR	British Virgin Isls	17/06-24/06	cancelled
ZA/HG2DX	Albania	21/06-03/07	cancelled
4W	Timor Leste	11/10-08/11	postponed to 2021

JAPAN: EXPANDED ACCESS TO 160 AND 80 METRES ---> As of 21 April, Japanese amateurs have gained new privileges on 160 and 80m. The current band plan, as summarized on the ARRL's website, is as follow:

160 METRES

1800-1810 kHz	All modes (new assignment)
1810-1825 kHz	CW only
1825-1875 kHz	All modes (as secondary service, new assignment)
1907.5-1912.5 kHz	CW and data (F1B, F1D, G1B, G1D)

80 METRES

3500-3520 kHz	CW only
3520-3535 kHz	CW and data (F1B, F1D, G1B, G1D)
3535-3575 kHz	CW, phone, image; data only permitted for making contacts with non-JA amateurs
3575-3580 kHz	All modes (as secondary service, new assignment)
3599-3612 kHz	CW, phone, image, data
3662-3680 kHz	All modes (as secondary service, new assignment)
3680-3687 kHz	CW, phone, image
3702-3716 kHz	CW, phone, image
3745-3770 kHz	CW, phone, image
3791-3805 kHz	CW, phone, image

QSL EY8MM ---> Reportedly Ted, K1BV has been hospitalized since September and is unable to process QSL requests. Please refrain from mailing cards to him until further notice, and do not mail cards to EY8MM's home address. Nodir uploads his log to LoTW on a regular basis.

QSL H33K ---> The QSL route for the 2-13 March operation has changed "due to problems with the postal service in Panama during the Covid-19 lockdown". The new QSL manager is W4JS (direct only). The logs have been already uploaded to LoTW and Club Log; the QSL cards are expected to be available after 30 April.

STAY AT HOME ---> Other special callsign joining the Stay Home campaign and/or showing support for health care professionals and other key workers

during the COVID-19 pandemic include:

Callsign	DXCC	QSL		
3G2HOME	Chile	LoTW only		
4U2STAYHOME	Austria	UA3DX		
4X2BESAFE	Israel	4Z1TL		26/04-12/08
5W19STAYSAFE	Samoa	LoTW only		
CB3STAYHOME	Chile	LoTW, or via EA5GL (direct)		
GB0CCW	England	LoTW, or via M0LXD		
GB0EDH	England		operated by G0NQZ	21/04-18/05
GB0KYD	England		operated by M0OWS	18/04-16/05
GB1HSC	No. Ireland	GI7SBF		20/04-17/05
GB2SH	England	eQSL only		20/04-17/05
GB4KW	England	eQSL only		
GB5KW	England		operated by M0TXX	
GB9KW	England	eQSL only		
HA0HOME	Hungary	HA0DX		
HA0STAY	Hungary	HA0DX		
HA127STAY	Hungary	HA9BA		
IO6STAY	Italy	IK6QON (direct)		22/04-20/07
K2H	USA	-		01/05-31/05
OD50SH	Lebanon	IZ8CLM		
OD5STAYHOME	Lebanon	IZ8CLM		
OE1STAYHOME	Austria	LoTW and eQSL only		
OR4LIFE	Belgium	ON6YX		
OR7LIFE	Belgium	ON4OB		
PE6STAYHOME	Netherlands		operated by PE1EVX	
TC3STAYHOME	Turkey	TA3X		
XR3STAYHOME	Chile	eQSL only		

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3Z50DVP	SP6DVP	CO6ABP	RW6HS	OE25TWA	OE3TWA
4J0STAYHOME	DC9RI	CS5MAR	CT1REP	OE25XGM	OE5XGM
4K0STAYHOME	DC9RI	CT1STAYHOME	CT1EQQ	OE25XKJ	OE7XKJ
4L8A	M0OXO	D2EB	IZ3ETU	OE25YSC	OE3YSC
4O/E73A	9A2AA	DQ750KL	DL5KVV	OL1941FP	OK2CME
4U1A	UA3DX	DU9CA	IK2DUW	OL725PLZ	OK1DRQ
4U1UN	HB9BOU	DX0STAYHOME	DX1PAR	ON4HEROES	ON5UR
4X0T	4Z5FI	DZ1Z	DV1YAI	ON4STAYSTRONG	ON4RCN
4X9A	4Z4OQ	E76C	E77E	OO7STAYHOME	ON7SS
5B4AHL	M0URX	ED5URR	EA5URR	OP2STAYHOME	ON6NB
5P0WARD	OZ1ACB	EG5DMR	EA5RKB	OP6STAYHOME	ON4IPR
5P0WHD	OZ1ACB	EK1915KE	EK1KE	OQ1HOPE	ON4ON
7X2GK	IK2DUW	EK1915MG	EK6MG	OQ4ANGELS	ON4CHT

7X5JF	DJ8QP	EK1915RR	EK1RR	OR20STAYHOME	ON4RSX
8P2K	KU9C	EK1915SI	EK6SI	OR4STAYHOME	ON3AR [d]
8P6DR	G3RWL	EL2DT	EL2FM	OR4STAYHOME	ON4CP [b]
9K2WARD	9K2RA	EP2C	EA5GL	OR8STAYHOME	ON4ATH
9M2TO	JA0DMV	EU5C	EW1I	OR95WARD	ON4CRD [b]
9N1AA	N4GNR	FY4VA	DL7BC	OR95WARD	ON4LBI [d]
A35JP	JA0RQV	GB4ARD	M0KPW	OT20LIFE	ON5AV
A60WARD/1	A61BK	GB4SAH	G4XEX	OT4HOPE	ON6SI
A60WARD/4	A61BK	H33K	W4JS	OT6STAYSAFE	ON5YL
A60WARD/5	A92AA	HB9WARD	HB9OCR	OT7STAYSAFE	ON6MS
A91WARD	A92AA	HC1HC	NE8Z	OX80HM	OZ1ACB
AM1WARD	EA4URE	HC7AE	EA5GL	OZ80HM	OZ1ACB
AM2WARD	EA4URE	HF1J	SP1NEN	OZ80QUEEN	OZ1ACB
AM3WARD	EA4URE	HG0WFF	HA0HW	PC6STAYHOME	PC4AD
AM4WARD	EA4URE	HH2/N3BNA	KA2AEV	PH70PH	PA7HPH
AM5WARD	EA4URE	HI3MPC	W2CCW	PU0FDN	PY7RP
AM6WARD	EA4URE	HI8JSG	RW6HS	RG61PP	RZ3LC
AM795DX	EB7DX	HI8K	W2CCW	S50WAAD	S59DKS
AM7WARD	EA4URE	HP1XT	KU9C	S79VU	EA5GL
AM8WARD	EA4URE	HZ1WARD	HZ1SAR	SK9WARD	SM6JSM
AM95WARD	EA4URE	II5CNPP	IZ5RHU	SM7/OZ1AA	OZ1ACB
AM9WARD	EA4URE	II5LDV	IQ5LV	SN0KURP	SP5KVW
AN595AHA	EC5AHA	IO3RT	IQ3BM	SN0MD	SP1PNW
AO295EZ	EA2EZ	IQ8BI	IZ8CLM	SP0WL	SP5ZIP
AO395AKA	EA3AKA	J68HZ	K9HZ	TF3WARD	TF3MH
AO395NN	EA3NN	J73WA	ND3R	TI2VLM	EA5ZD
AO395PP	EA3PP	JY5HX	E73Y	TI5/N3KS	W4FS
AO495S	EA4S	KH2L	W3HNK	TM20PAQ	F4HZS
AO495SE	EA4SE	KL7J	N3SL	TM35UFT	F6EEQ
AO595BY	EA5BY	KP3H	NP3LT	TM5OIS/p	F5KRH
AO595HRT	EA5HRT	OD5KU	EB7DX	TM95WARD	F6BEE
AO595KA	EA5KA	OD5TX	W4JS	TT8SN	DL9USA
AO595XA	EA5XA	OE20M	OE1WHC	TZ4AM	W0SA
AO795IYF	EA7IYF	OE25BKC	OE3BKC	UK8FF	W3HNK
AO795TV	EA7TV	OE25DMT	OE7DMT	VP2ETE	W3HNK
BV50CYMC	BV4VR	OE25IGP	OE2IGP	XU7AMG	BD4HF
C91CCY	K3IRV	OE25JWD	OE6JWD	ZS6S	EA5GL
CM8BD	RW6HS	OE25LCR	OE3LCR	ZT4T	EA5GL
CN20SH	RW6HS	OE25PEN	OE5PEN	ZW5STAYHOME	PY5EG

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