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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 - Special event station 4X0RMN will be active on 13-14 November from Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater), Israel's largest national park. QSL via 4X6ZM, LoTW and eQSL.

F - Rodrigue, F8DFO will be active as TM1GC between 18 November and 2 December. The special callsign memorialises Carl F. Gauss (1777-1855), one of the most influential mathematicians of all time. QSL via F8DFO. [TNX F8REF]

J8 - Oleh, KD7WPJ plans to be active as J8/UR5BCP from St. Vincent Island (NA-109) on 21-28 November. He will operate FT8, FT4, CW and SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via KD7WPJ (direct or bureau); digimodes QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. [TNX KD7WPJ]

ON - Within a decade after the end of World War I, the devastated Westhoek region of Belgium rose like a Phoenix from its ashes, and by the end of the 1920s the reconstruction was largely completed. UBA Sections ARA from Gullegem and IPR from Ypres will join the "Feniks 2020" campaign: https://www.flandersfields.be/en/feniks2020 and be active as OP20FENIKS throughout November, especially over the weekends and on Remembrance Day (11 November). They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF and VHF bands. QSL via ON5YL, direct or bureau.

SV - Nine multi-operator special event stations - namely SX1A, SX2A, SX3A, SX4A, SX5A (Dodecanese), SX6A, SX7A, SX8A and SX9A (Crete) - will be active during the countdown to the 200th anniversary of the "Agonas" (the Struggle), the Greek Revolution of 1821 which led to the formation of modern Greece. The countdown will start at -99 days to the actual celebration day (25 March 2021), and a serial number will be appended to each special callsign as follows:

16-25 December	from SX9A/99 to SX9A/90
26 December-05 January	from SX8A/89 to SX8A/80
05-14 January	from SX7A/79 to SX7A/70
15-24 January	from SX6A/69 to SX6A/60
25 January-03 February	from SX5A/59 to SX5A/50
04-13 February	from SX4A/49 to SX4A/40
14-23 February	from SX3A/39 to SX3A/30
24 February-05 March	from SX2A/29 to SX2A/20
06-15 March	from SX1A/19 to SX1A/10
16 March	SX9A/9
17 March	SX8A/8
18 March	SX7A/7

19 March SX6A/6
20 March SX5A/5
21 March SX4A/4
22 March SX3A/3
23 March SX2A/2
24 March SX1A/1

The serial numbers will be dropped only on 25 March. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, eQSL, or direct to SV2GWY. An award will be available, see qrz.com's entry for any of the special callsigns.

TA - TA0ACL, TA2FB and TA2IJ will be active as TC97TC on 29-31 October to celebrate the 97th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923). QSL via LoTW; a certificate will be downloadable from https://logman.taqst.net/

UA - Special callsigns R2020DX, R30MDXC, RA30DX, RC30DX, RD30DX, RG30DX, RJ30DX, RK30DX, RL30DX, RM30DX, RN30DX, RO30DX, RQ30DX, RT30DX, RU30DX, RV30DX, RW30DX, RX30DX, RY30DX, RZ30DX and UE30DX will be active on 16-29 November to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Miller DX Club (http://mdxc.ru/). QSLs via RQ7L.

YI - Giorgio, IU5HWS has been stationed in Iraq with the Italian Army since September and expects to remain there until around 20 January. The Iraqi Amateur Radio Society has authorized him to be QRV as YI9/IU5HWS until his requested callsign (YI9WS) is granted by the National Communications and Media Commission. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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HD1X: CANCELLED ---> The 31 October-3 November operation from the Choco eco-region of Ecuador [425DXN 1535] has been cancelled owing to "the uncertainty of local policies regarding mobility and other health measures". New dates will be announced as soon as possible: https://twitter.com/HCDX_Group.

IOTA NEWS ---> The logs for the IOTA Contest 2020 island stations have now been added to the IOTA database and are available for QSO matching. Record-holders who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, provided that the contact details match. Go to https://iota-world.org/, log in, select "Add Contest QSOs" under the "My IOTA" tab, and choose either "Upload Contest Log" or "Manual QSO Entry".

JX0X: CANCELLED ---> The DXpedition to Jan Mayen (18 September-2 October 2021) has been cancelled. "While we worked hard for 18 months to secure the entry permit, the permit to stay onshore, the fundraising and the logistics - we have come to the conclusion that there are too many uncertainties involved in this project", the JX0X team announced on 26 October. "There is

not a single reason that we cancel, but rather several reasons right up to today that altogether makes this a difficult project to complete. We would like to thank everybody who donated upfront to the JX0X DXpedition, and who believed in our team and our project. You all made a contribution to have the opportunity to work us guys next year, and you all made a difference no matter what you donated. It is people like you who donated upfront that makes DXing happen. Without upfront donations we will see less tent and generator DXpeditions to expensive places. We will start refunding 100% all paypal donations, and you should see your support returned soon".

QSL VIA PA1AW ---> Alex, PA1AW has picked up the QSLing duties for the stations previously managed by PA3CAL. These include past operations (PA143ITU, PA200NL, PA65VERON, PA6WPX, PA80ZERO, PH100MGY, PH100SPL, PH6Q, PH75AJU, PI25COM, PI60HQ, PI70VERON) as well as active callsigns PI4COM, PI4HQ and PA6HQ (VERON's HQ station in the IARU HF World Championship).

ZV1M: CANCELLED ---> The 29 October-1 November IOTA DXpedition to Ilha das Palmas (SA-079) [425DXN 1535] has been cancelled owing to adverse weather forecast.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8BAL, 3D2CR (OC-112), 3D2TS, 3DA0AQ, 4A2L (NA-135), 4D2X, 5B4AMM, 5Z4/G3AB, 5Z4VJ, 6F3A (NA-153), 6Y5JH, E51WL, EP3ASA, FK1TS, HB0/DL5YM, KP2M, LA9PJA/p (EU-033), OY9JD, R207RRC (AS-207), TA7OM, VK2IAY/4 (OC-142), VK5MAV/p (OC-228), YJ0NC, YJ0RO.

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