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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.

4X - Look for special prefixes 4X73 and 4Z73, followed by the station's individual suffix (e.g. 4X1VF and 4Z1AR will be signing 4X73VF and 4Z73AR respectively) to be used to celebrate the State of Israel's 73rd anniversary on 14-17 April, and especially during the Holyland Contest (https://www.iarc.org/iarc/#HolylandContest). [TNX 4X1VF]

9J - Bodo, HB9EWU expects to be active as 9J2BG while spending one year on a humanitarian mission at the St. Paul's Mission General Hospital in Kashikishi, northern Zambia. QSL via home call (direct or bureau); note that requests will be processed when he is back home in 2022.

DL - Special callsign DQ11WCA is active until 17 April from various WCA (World Castles Award) and WWFF sites. All QSOs are uploaded to Club Log and confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX DF6EX].

DL - Special event station DL21EURO has been QRV since 1 March and will be active until 11 July for the two major tournaments of this year's European football (soccer) season: the UEFA European Under-21 Championship (to be played on 24-31 March and 31 May-6 June), and the UEFA European Football Championship (to be played on 11 June-11 July). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DK5ON.

EA - URE San Fernando (EA7URF) is participating in the official celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth [425DXN 1467]. The fifth in a series of AM500 special event stations representing a milestone of the voyage will be AM500MMM, to be active from 24 April to 2 May to memorialize Ferdinand Magellan's death on the island of Mactan (Philippines). QSL via EA7URF (bureau or direct), LoTW and eQSL. Previously active were AM500SEV, AM500SAN, AM500ISJ and AM500ETS.

FG - Once again Philippe, F1DUZ will be active as FG4KH from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 16 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to F1DUZ.

G - Celebrating Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, the Welland Valley ARS will be active as GB0SP on 16-18 March. QSL via G4XEX, LoTW and eQSL.

HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again as HC1MD/2 from the Santa Elena province of Ecuador between 5 March and 15 May. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on 40-6 metres. QSL via K8LJG and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - Alessandro, IU3EDK (SSB) and Andrea, IU1LCU (CW) plan to be active

as IA5D from several islands in the Tuscan Archipelago (EU-028) in the coming weeks. The callsign is valid until the end of the year. QSL via IU3EDK.

I - Members of ARI Carpi (Modena) will operate special callsign II4CPC on 12-28 March to commemorate the 117th anniversary of the Chilean town of Capitan Pastene, founded by Italian settlers who arrived from Modena in two successive migrations. Also active will be CB6I (operated by members of Radio Club Traiguen) and LU6DK (operated by LU1DIE and LU8DAL, representing the Circulo de Radioaficionados de Dolores). Three certificates will be available, see CB6I's entry on qrz.com for information. QSL CB6I via CE6TRA (direct); QSL II4CPC via IQ4DJ (bureau).

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ will be back to the weather station on Minami Tori-shima (OC-073) on 10 or 17 March, and will remain there for about three months, his QSL manager reports. In his spare time Take will operate CW as JG8NQJ/JD1. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

LY - Celebrating the 31st anniversary of the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania (11 March 1990), special callsigns LY31A and LY11LY will be active on 1-31 March. An award is available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/ly11ly for information.

OE - The VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A) is active again on all bands and modes as C7A (http://www.cqdx.ru/4u1a/c7a/) throughout March. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via UA3DX, direct or bureau.

PJ7 - Tom, AA9A has been active again as PJ7AA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) since late February, and will remain there until 27 March. He operates CW, FT8 and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or direct to AA9A.

UA - R1934G, R108M, RG61PP and R1961G are the special callsigns which will be active from the Smolensk Oblast from 1 March until 30 April to commemorate the 87th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's birth (9 March 1934) and the 60th anniversary of his historic 108-minute first flight ("Pervyj Poljot") into outer space (12 April 1961).

UA0 - The RI0Q DXpedition team left Gaz-Sale on 5 March. Depending on weather conditions, they expect to arrive at Khatanga on 15 March. Indicatively, RI0Q is expected to be QRV from Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-152) no sooner than 17 March. Follow their progress on https://www.iridium360.ru/guest/journey/cc42acc8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

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load at http://www.425dxn.org/index.php. [TNX IZ3EBA]

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 http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will be held on 6-7 March (00.00-23.59 UTC). Give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K: https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2021.html - good contest to you all!

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Sixteen different galleries include 18,876 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2011-20), 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 and Antarctiques Francaises), the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (from 1945 to 1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is encouraged: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3V8SS, 4K1AZI, 5H3EE, 7X7X, 9G5FI, 9M6NA, A62A, A71AM, BG2AUE, CO4SM (NA-056), CP4BT, CX2DK, DU3LA, E7DX, ED8W, EJ9FBB (EU-006), FS5GL, GM8OFQ (EU-009), JH6TYD (AS-040), N1UL (NA-052), PJ4EL, S79KW, TG9ADM, TK/S57C, TO0Z,VK9NC, VK9NE, VK9NG,VP9I, VR2XAN, ZF1A, ZL7DX.

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