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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.

6W - 6W1TG is the permanent callsign issued to Dani, EA4ATI, who has been in Senegal since July [425DXN 1575]. He operates mainly SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via EA4R (direct or bureau) and LoTW. [TNX EA4R]

7P - Chris, ZS1CDG plans to be active again as 7P8GOZ from Lesotho on 20-26 December. He will operate holiday style on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call. [TNX DX World]

FT/X - Arthur Perrin, FT4XW is an electronic engineer currently stationed at Port-aux-Francais, Kerguelen Islands, until December 2022. "I'm a total newbie at ham radio", he says, and "I do not know if I will succeed to establish radio contacts, but I remain optimistic". Thierry, F6CUK is in touch with him, and confirms he is "100% legitimate" but "not QRV yet (too busy for work)". Arthur is equipped to run 20 watts to a vertical antenna. QSL via F6EXV, and LoTW after six months.

GM - The Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club has been asked by the organizers of the celebrations to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the reception of the first transmission by amateur radio across the Atlantic to operate a station adjacent to the site of the original experiment at Ardrossan (Scotland). Look for GS2ZE to be QRV on 11-12 December, from 12 UTC to 12 UTC (24 hours), using CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS.

HS - Brad, VK2BY will be active again as HS0ZNR from the Nam Yuen district in northeastern Thailand between 12 December and 21 January. QSL direct to VK2BY and LoTW.

JA - JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 and JS6RRR/6 will be active from Tanega Island (AS-032) from 25 December to 10 January. Look for activity on 80-6m CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX DX World]

PA - PG44FF is the special callsign that Lars, PH0NO will use to promote the Flora & Fauna Netherlands Programme (http://www.pa-ff.nl/) between late 2021 and early 2022. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

TZ - Ulmar, DK1CE has extended his stay in Mali [425DXN 1592], and now expects to be QRV as TZ1CE until 15 December. QSL via DK1CE and logsearch on Club Log ("the FT8 log will be updated daily", he says, while the "CW/SSB log will only be available on Club Log after the end of my operations in Mali").

UA - Yaroslav R1BET, Yulia R1CBL and Mikhail R1MJ will be active from Peredovik (Esisaari) Island (EU-117) on 11-12 December. Bands and modes will depend on local conditions, and will be decided when on

the island.

UN - Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Republic of Kazakhstan's independence (16 December 1991), special event stations UN30RK, UO30RK, UP30RK and UQ30RK will be active on 11-19 December. QSL via LoTW, paper cards will not be available.

V4 - Victor, WB0AA will be active as V4/WB0AA from St. Kitts (NA-104) on 22-30 December. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call and possibly LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

XE - Zalo, XE3N will be active as 4C10M on 10 metres for 10 days (10-20 December), including an entry in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest. QSL via LoTW.

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COMOROS 2022: POSTPONED ---> Due to the current pandemic situation, "it's safer for the team not to travel now", Jean-Luc, F1ULQ reports. Consequently the January 2022 operation organized by the Radio Club de Provins [425DXN 1589] has been postponed to a later date TBA, "when all gets again quieter".

CROZET 2022-23 ---> Thierry, F6CUK has been granted permission to be QRV from the #3 Most Wanted DXCC Entity for three months (mid-December 2022 to mid-March 2023) [425DXN 1592]. The official website for this operation is now online: http://crozet2022.fr (some pages are still incomplete, but will be updated soon).

QSL DX0K ---> Pedro, EA5GL has picked up the QSLing for the DX0K operation from Pag-asa in the Spratly Islands, AS-051 (2 February-12 April 2005). See https://www.qrz.com/db/EA5GL for instructions.

QSL VIA E73Y ---> After the sudden passing of Robert, E77E in June [425DXN 1571], the QSL management for E76C, E77DX and E7DX has been taken over by Boris, E73Y. Given that those three logs are regularly uploaded to LoTW, Boris will accept only direct QSL requests received by post mail (Boris Knezovic, P.O. Box 59, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) or Club Log's OQRS.

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ---> The fourth Virtual Ham Expo organized by "QSO Today" will be held on 12-13 March on a live virtual reality platform that simulates a full convention experience. It is now calling for international presentations and speakers on any amateur radio topic that would be of interest to other hams. Very detailed information can be found on https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/speakercall.html. [TNX 4Z1UG]

S21DX ---> The operation started on 40 metres FT8 (F/H mode) on 9 December at 18 UTC. In accordance with the operating permission granted by the licencing authority, the activity is taking place from Char Kukri Mukri (not Manpura), which is also valid for IOTA group AS-140. Pictures and updates can be found on https://www.facebook.com/s21dx. QSL via EB7DX.

UNDELIVERABLE BUREAU CARDS --- > Tim, M0URX reports that some bureau packages are returned to sender either as "not collected" (e.g. Argentina and Cuba) or because of "insufficient documentation" (e.g. Brazil, Sweden and Turkey) - read Tim's alarming post on https://www.m0urx.com/.

+ SILENT KEY + Bill Somerville, G4WJS died suddenly and unexpectedly a few days ago. He was in his mid-60s. In 2013 he was the first to join Joe, K1JT in forming a core development group for WSJT-X, and has been closely involved with the project ever since. "Our free, open-source software could not have achieved its extensive worldwide popularity and influence in ham radio without Bill's essential contributions", Joe says. "In addition to writing code for important portions of the Qt-based user interface for WSJT-X, Bill helped to bring the overall program structure more nearly up to professional standards. Moreover, he devoted countless hours to program support, patiently answering user's questions on WSJT-related forums".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W1T, E51WL, EP2LMA, ER/UT5UDX, EY8/K4ZW, FJ/W2RE, IP1X (EU-083), KL7RRC (NA-039), OX7AKT, OX7AM , PY0F, S01WS, SU9VG, SV2RSG/A, TZ4AM, V3A, VE2PEACE, VP5MA, XV1X, Z68XX, ZA1ME, ZB2FK.

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