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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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F - Special callsign TM5OIS will be activated on 9-18 April from the city of Abbeville and other locations in the Bay of Somme (TM5OIS/p) during the 31st edition of the Bird and Nature Festival. QSL via F5KRH.

FK - Jean-Louis, F5NHJ will be visiting his son in Noumea, New Caledonia (OC-032) from 5 April to 11 June. He plans to be active holiday style as FK/F5NHJ and operate CW, SSB and digital modes. The log will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

HC8 - Rick, HC1MD (NE8Z) and his wife Maria, HC1MM will be active as HD8MD and HD8MM, respectively from Santa Cruz, Galapagos Islands (SA-004) on 7-14 April. They will operate CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8 on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW and K8LJG. [TNX The Daily DX]

IS0 - Bodo, DF8DX will be active as IS0/DF8DX from the main island of Sardinia (EU-024) on 9-16 April. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (bureau or direct).

OZ - Special callsign 5P0WARD will be active on 18 April in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL, or via OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for contacts made with 5P0WARD/xx stations with different suffix extensions; further information can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/5p0ward.

OZ - A team of eight Belgian operators will be active as 5P5BI and 5P5BI/p from Bornholm Island (EU-030) from 24 April to 1 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres with three stations. QSL via ON6EF, direct or bureau.

PA - PI750GAZ is the special callsign for VERON District A17 (PI4GAZ) to join the celebrations for the 750th anniversary since Gouda was granted city rights (19 July 1272). Look for activity from 1 April until 30 September. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via the bureau.

PA - The YNOMY DX Group (PD7YY, PE5TT, PF5X and PH0NO) will be active as PA226FF from Nature Park Molenheide (PAFF-0226) and as PA225FF from Nature Park De Maashorst (PAFF-0225) on 9 April. They will run three stations on CW and SSB, QSLs via Club Log's OQRS. Information about the PA Flora & Fauna Programme: http://www.pa-ff.nl/.

PA - Erwin, PA3EFR and others will operate special event station PH2022IG on 15-22 April from The Hague for the fifth edition of the Invictus Games, the international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women, both serving and veterans.

PY - Ronaldo PS8RV, Orlando PT2OP, Adriano PY2ABN, Billy PY2LCD and Sebastiao PY2NNM will be QRV as ZW2F from Ilha Comprida (SA-024) on 5-10 April. Look for activity on 40-10 metres SSB, CW and FT8. On 9-10 April there might be some activity on 6 metres (grid square GG64bx). The log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

UA - Weather permitting, Misha, RW3FS and Mike, UA1QV will be active as

RI1PB from Vaygach Island (EU-086) on 4-11 April, and as RI1PA from Kolguev Island (EU-085) on 14-21 April. QSLs via UA1QV. Between the two IOTA operations, they plan to be QRV as RW3FS/1 and UA1QV/p from Naryan-Mar (NO-01 for the Russian Districts Award).

UA - Several special callsigns will be activated on 2-17 April for the 30th anniversary of the Fifth Ocean Ham Aviator's Club: RA30FO, RD30FO, RG30FO, RJ30FO, RK30FO (Kaliningrad), RL30FO, RO30FO, RU30FO and RY30FO. Also joining the celebrations are expected to be EV30FO from Belarus and SX30FO from Greece (1-30 April). A certificate will be available on https://hamlog.online/club/5ocean/441/.

VK9N - Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ and Alan VK6CQ will be active as VK9NT from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 14-25 April. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres and "some basic 6m". QSL via M0OXO's OQRS (https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). Updates will be posted to VK9NT's page on qrz.com

XT - Max, DK1MAX will be active again as XT2MAX from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 7-20 April. He will operate CW, digital modes and some SSB with a focus on the higher bands. QSL via EA5GL and LoTW, logsearch on Club Log.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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CQMM DX CONTEST ---> The CQ MM DX Contest, organized by the Juiz de Fora CW Group, will be held on 16-17 April. It will run from 9 UTC on Saturday through 23.59 UTC on Sunday, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete details, including the results of the 2021 edition, can be found at http://www.cqmmdx.com.

QSL E51WL ---> Warwick, E51WL on Penrhyn Atoll (North Cook Islands) has run out of blank cards. "My QSL card resupply from the Ukraine just escaped the conflict, but then it became lost in Iceland", he says. Once found, it was sent "half way around the world by air to the South Cooks, for onwards transport by sea". The ship was one day away from Penrhyn when she run into a reef and let in water: "now they can't tell me about the mail, it should have been in safe keeping, but we don't know. Please hold on the requests for cards, I don't have any". Updates will be posted to E51WL's QRZ page.

TL8AA & TL8ZZ: CANCELLED ---> The Italian DX Team's DXpedition to the Central African Republic has been cancelled at the very last moment. They were supposed to be QRV as TL8AA and TL8ZZ from March 27 to April 9. "Most unfortunately, some cases of meningitis in Bangui prevented our departure from Milano Malpensa", Silvano, I2YSB says. "No prior warning was issued by either the Central African Embassy in Paris, the Government at the destination or Air Morocco. Just try to imagine our surprise and regret". Hopefully the expedition will be rescheduled at a later date.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8HH, 3D2CR (2019), 3D2TS, 3X2021, 4L1MA, 5H1EE, 5P1KZX, 7Q7CT, 7X4AN, 9H1ES, 9K2HN, 9V1YC, 9X4X, B0A, C31CT, EL2EF, EP2C, EY8MM, HC1MD/2, HK1ANP, HK3JJB, HR5/F2JD, HV0A, HZ1SK, J5HKT, J5T, J68HZ, P4/DL4MM, PJ2/AC6ZM, PJ7P, PX2A, TL7M, V26K, V4/KG9N, VP2EIH, VU2DSI, Z21A, ZD7BG, ZY6A (SA-023).

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