Welcome to D+ October 2020 Newsletter. It is the eighty-second edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in October 2020 on D+.

Amidst the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, in order to ensure the safety of our volunteers and employees we have decided not to go ahead with the World’s Most Positive Countries 2020. Given the uncertainty, it appears to be impossible to ensure safety of our global organizing team.

It was meant to be a very special year for D+ as it turns 10. But we had no choice but to discontinue with the celebration. Having said that stay tuned for more information from our team in the coming days.

Thank you again for your outpouring supports and encouragements throughout the past 10 years. And because of that D+ is ever so determined to continue to bring you the very best of the world.

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Top News Of The Month

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D+ News: October 2020

- Eight countries, Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, United Arab Emirates (UAE), United Kingdom (UK) and the United States of America (USA), signed an international pact for moon exploration called the Artemis Accords, named after NASA’s Artemis moon programme.
- A team of international scientists, including researchers from Austria, has discovered that Crickets were the first to chirp 300 million years ago.
- The European Parliament awarded the Sakharov Prize for human rights to the democratic opposition in Belarus for Freedom of Thought.
- French Parliament unanimously voted to return prized artefacts to Benin and Senegal more than a century after they were looted by colonial forces and hauled back to Paris to be displayed in museums.
- The United Nations (UN) General Assembly voted to elect Cuba as a new Human Rights Council (HRC) member for three years.
- The 2020 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was jointly awarded to Michael Houghton from England and Harvey J. Alter and Charles M. Rice from the USA for the discovery of Hepatitis C virus.
- France’s Ugo Humbert produced a masterful performance to beat Australian eighth seed Alex de Minaur 6-1 7-6(4) and win his second ATP Tour tennis title at the European Open in Antwerp.
- Reinhard Genzel of Germany, Roger Penrose of England and Andrea Ghez of the USA won the 2020 Nobel Physics Prize for their research into black holes.
- Israel and Sudan agreed to normalize relations between the two countries in a US-brokered deal.
- A team of Italian researchers has found intact brain cells of a young man who died almost 2,000 years ago during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
- Japanese and American researchers have identified a series of interlocked jigsaw-shaped joints within the exoskeleton of beetles, which allow them to withstand forces of up to 149 Newtons (approximately 39,000 times the creature’s body weight.
- Archaeologists from the Peruvian Ministry of Culture have announced the discovery of a 37-metre-long glyph of a 2,000-year-old cat in the Nazca Lines UNESCO heritage site.
- Polish footballer Robert Lewandowski was named UEFA men’s player of the year following a superb season at Bayern Munich.
- Russian photographer Sergey Gorshkov’s image of a Siberian tiger hugging an ancient Manchurian fir tree in a remote Serbian forest won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year award.
- Spanish tennis star Rafael Nadal won his 13th French Open to claim record-equalling 20th grand slam singles title beating Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 in the French Open final.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Israel agreed to visa-free travel as an agreement signed during the first ever official visit by a UAE delegation in Tel Aviv.