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Dear Readers

subscribers receive the 'SatcoDX Suite' CD-Rom with this issue. It contains a software suite that is compatible with SatcoDX satellite charts and is based in the 'SatcoDX Updater' which loads the complete SatcoDX database on your computer in one-hour intervals. Some of the 'SatcoDX Suite' applications load the database directly, others allow adding the data manually.

All 'SatcoDX Suite' applications are optimised for the SatcoDX database. Having an up-to-date database at your fingertips is a valuable addition to the software. Gone are the times when you had to manually update old satellite lists or had to look for current lists from a variety of available sources. No other satellite list is being updated hourly, which means only the SatcoDX charts are kept up-to-date, all of the time.

One of the special features of the 'SatcoDX Updater' is the 'SatcoDXall-transponders.csv' file. This file lists all satellites with their respective transponders and this way makes it the ideal base file for satellite receivers. This file is not only updated every hour as well, it also contains the TID (transponder identification) and NID (network identification) PIDs as well as the DVB-S or DVB-S2 modulation standard used. With this information the file becomes an easy

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option for defining a receiver's database. Of course the 'SatcoDX Updater' can give out the satellite charts in csv as well as xml or sdx formats.

Admittedly, not everything in the SatcoDX satellite lists works perfectly already, but any problems there are will be solved as quickly as possible. If you want to contribute to making SatcoDX even better and more accurate and have your own reception station you can look at www.SatcoDX.com/autoscan for more information.

Have fun checking out the 'SatcoDX Suite' software. The issue after the next will contain the next edition of the suite, while the coming issue will once again include the SatcoDX 'World of Satellites' CD-ROM – please have a look at the preview on page 114 as well.

Yours, Alexander Wiese

P.S.: My favourite radio station this month is 'Club Asia' from London (11,222 EUROBIRD 1 at 28,5° East), playing loads of Indian and Pakistani chart toppers. I really like their jingle saying "Where have you been when you first heard this", followed by a classic Indian pop title.

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