

## **Report of the Continental Records Working Group**

### **Review and Update**

The latest IGC plenary 2010 in Lausanne clearly confirmed our Year Two proposal regarding Continental Records.

“The (year two) proposal was adopted with 31 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention. The President asked the Plenary to empower the Bureau to complete the proposal with minimum performance required per continent, which was unanimously approved”

The main features of our Year Two decision are:

The FAI Sporting Code (General Section and Section 3) be modified to include continental records for gliding performances.

1. The record categories, classes and types defined for world records (see Sporting Code, General Section, 3.1) shall apply also to continental records.
2. The rules for world records and the procedures for their verification and homologation shall apply as far as possible to continental records.
3. For continental records, the continental regions defined in para 3.4.5 of the General Section will be used, with one exception: that part of the Russian Federation east of the 61° meridian will be assigned to Asia.
4. Flights which cross the borders of continental regions will be assigned to that region in which the greater part of the flight took place.
5. A minimum performance shall be stipulated for each continental record category, class and type. Proposals for the minimum performances should be worked out by the continental records working group in cooperation with the FAI office.
6. All continental records are open to any pilot with a valid FAI Sporting Licence.

There still is broad agreement and support for the major goal, which is to ensure that record flying continues to be attractive and provides an incentive for exploring new regions for gliding worldwide. Another important aspect is to open record flying to a wider group of pilots and to make our sport attractive to media.

### **CASI**

We now have four Air Sport Commissions (Ballooning CIA, Parachuting IPC, Hang Gliding CIVL and IGC) which are on the way towards implementing continental records. CIVL has just finished their rulemaking on Continental Records, their rules have been in force since 1st May 2009.

Therefore CASI (the FAI "Air Sports General Commission") has established a working group on how to implement Continental records into the overall framework, the General Section (GS) of the Sporting Code, with me representing the IGC.

In the meantime we had detailed and lengthy discussions within the CASI WG on the issue. One of the problems to solve was the requirement in the current version of the general part of SC, which states that international records (these are world and continental records) have to be recognized first as national records. The other challenge was with regard to handling continental geographical regions for record purposes, e.g. differentiating Europe and Asia within the Russian federation.

We have been very successful in bringing in our IGC decisions into CASI's Continental Records Working Group recommendations. On the FAI General Conference in Dublin in October 2010 these proposals have been adopted and will result in an appropriate amendment of the General Section of the Sporting Code. They will be in force from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

### **Implementation into SC3**

In the meantime a compact and precise wording to amend rules in the SC3 on the basis of our Year Two decisions has been elaborated by our Sporting Code Committee.

A list of minimum performances for continental records has still to be set up, a work currently in progress.

### **Summary**

The implementation of CR into the SC3 (our sporting code) now seems to be only a formal matter.

It can be expected that our ambitious pilots can start “Continental Records flying” from 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2011 or latest 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

### **Acknowledgement**

At this point I would like to express my very thanks to all who contributed to implement continental records into the Sporting Code, the members of the CASI WG, the IGC Sporting Code Committee, to Max Bishop, to Marcel Meyer from the FAI office, to Peter Ryder and of course to all members of the continental records working group for their support and valuable advice.

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### **In Addition**

It would be worth publishing and advertising this new kind of record flying in our gliding magazines and on our homepages. We expect we can count on all IGC delegates and of course on our established record pilots.