

Country Development working group

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Progress in establishing the Country Development website has been halted due to changes in the FAI IT team which has resulted in a delay in introducing a new server. This means that the main infrastructure for further community-facing initiatives is not yet in place and as a consequence all work on such projects has been stopped until the problem can be resolved.

It is felt that good deal of momentum and goodwill generated by the Pilot Survey has been lost, as we have not yet been able to put our mailing list to use to distribute the results of the survey to the wider community and call attention to new initiatives of the group.

At this point, about 50% of the work on the Country Directory has been completed. This directory will incorporate all research (past and future) conducted on a country-by-country basis and will be a main resource for information on the state of soaring activity in each country. Further work on this depends on the specifications of the server.

A decision needs to be made soon in collaboration with the Bureau and Secretariat as to whether the site can be developed within the FAI server, or if it should be hosted independently to expedite its launch.

Once the site is operational, the working group will continue with the currently planned research and development initiatives which include the following:

- Creating a network for discussion and initiation of development initiatives though the website
- Creating a pilot exchange program between emerging and advance countries
- Conducting further research on major stake-holders of the soaring movement (NACs, clubs etc)

At this moment the working group is also looking into developing a further part of its strategy focusing on soaring tourism. We hope to have more information on this topic by the plenary.

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