



FAI Sailplane Grand Prix report for IGC Plenary Meeting 2022.

Summary of 2021

At the beginning of 2021 there were 10 contests postponed from 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. Of the 6 postponed events only the events in France and Italy were able to take place in 2021. This resulted in only 5 qualifying events being held in the 10th series. To ensure a high standard of entry for the World final the SGP team temporarily modified the entry criteria.

10th Series World final.

The 10th series World final took place at St Auban in September 2021, 20 pilots from nine countries competed on 6 days for the title of World FAI/SGP champion. The event was very successfully organised and managed by the French Gliding Federation, the CNVV organisation at St Auban and the FAI/IGC management team.

For a full report on the contest go to <https://finals2021.sgp.aero/news/119-sgp-finals-st-auban-brings-gliding-to-the-world>

The 10th final was the first SGP event to use the new FAI/SGP web site which proved to be very successful especially for followers on mobile devices which now comprises 60% of the audience. Our thanks to Sean Young from Australia for all the time and energy he has put into the creation of the new portal. Live coverage of the race was broadcast in French and English simultaneously. All media output was duplicated in both languages with the French versions being published via FFVP media outlets.

Live viewers of 3D race coverage varied from 3,758 on the first day for race 1, to 6,152 on the last day for race 6. (last day of 9thSGP final had 3885 viewers)

FAI/SGP You Tube

70,000views, 16.8K hours viewed during the event

2D tracking via OGN

40,000 visitors in excess of normal traffic during the live race period.

The video and live coverage via facebook and the FAI/SGP web pages attracted a significant increase in audience over previous world finals.

All competing sailplanes were equipped with IGC/OGN trackers which performed excellently throughout the contest.

Virtual FAI/SGP

The first FAI virtual competition took place alongside the SGP final, this was a great success, and a full report can be found at <https://is.gd/Goyp53>

Series 11

The next series of SGP national events will commence in 2022 with a World final in 2023. There will be seven qualifying events in 2022 in the southern hemisphere and 3 qualifying events in 2023 in the southern hemisphere. The final will be held in Pavullo Italy in August 2023



SGP future.

AS reported at the 2021 meeting we are seeking to enhance the SGP team with new members and a commercial developer. To date there has been no progress in attracting a partner, it is hoped that with the passing of Covid we can generate a new momentum in the organisation of the FAI/SGP.

The FAI/SGP management team is delighted to add Antoine Havet to the team. Antoine has been a main organiser of the virtual gliding events for the FFVP and the SGP 10th final. We welcome his great enthusiasm and energy to help us continue to develop the series.

The SGP management team are:-

Brian Spreckley, Roland Stuck, Alexander Georgas, Rene Vidal, Angel Casado, Claire Heliot, Antoine Havet