

Report from the IGC Ranking List Manager for 2013

The IGC pilot Ranking list went live in 2003 ten years ago, the original database was developed by Keith Nicholson who has administered the system until 2013.

The IGC is greatly indebted to Keith for all his work making the RL the success it has become and the considerable amount of his time in maintaining and updating the system.

During 2013 Keiths work has been taken over by Paul Crabb from Output 42 who will continue to administer the RL and oversee it's transformation into the new IGC Sailplane Racing web site.

2013 was a very difficult year, during the peak period of the spring and during the change over in administrators the FAI moved the RL to a new server and unfortunately some data was lost and access became difficult for a period.

We still suffer from a number of problems in invoicing and credit control and the large number of errors in results submitted to the system.

Current projects to improve the RL.

Phase one.

To reduce the reliance on manual entry of details we are currently making some significant changes integrating the RL with organisers scoring software. The changes should be complete before the 2014 European season and will allow pilot details to be directly uploaded from the RL database and file the contest results directly the competition is finished.

We are grateful to Naviter and Strepla for their co-operation in facilitating these changes.

Phase two

To reduce the FAI office workload and improve the credit control we hope to introduce an on-line payments system sometime later this year, details of how this can be operated are still be worked on.

The presentation and appearance of the RL will be remodelled to become more compatible with the competition web site and more user friendly.

The IGC bureau approved use of funds to complete phase one. At the time of writing we are still working on the costs for phase two but these should be available before the Plenum meeting.

This is a tremendous amount of work and we are indebted to Keith Nicholson, Paul Crabb and Alexander Georgas for their dedication to the RL and their hard work.

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