

Report of IGC Web Site Specialist to IGC Plenary Meeting, March 2002

Due the good work of the FAI Assistant Secretary General Thierry Montigneaux, the FAI Internet Working Group has had little to do in the past year. The FAI is in the process of moving to a new server, and all seems to be proceeding smoothly.

The **IGC web pages** have been completely re-designed, as I reported last year to fit in with the “corporate image” of the FAI pages. They have now reached a stable stage, and appear to be satisfactory for the user, since I have received no recent complaints from people who were unable to find what they were looking for.

According to the FAI web page statistics (see <http://www.fai.org/stats.html> for details), the most popular pages are those concerning world records, GNSS (software and flight recorders), the list of 1000 km diplomas and the calendar of events.

The usage of the IGC mailing lists is, disappointingly, not increasing; we still have only about 400 subscribers to the list `igc-discuss` (formally `igc-info`). Just to remind all delegates: there are three specific IGC mailing lists:

`igc-news@fai.org` is for distributing information to subscribers, not for discussion. There are at present 181 subscribers to this list.

`igc-discuss@fai.org`, unlike the above, is open for discussion, but all news items are also posted to this list, so a subscription to both is unnecessary. This list has 393 subscribers at present.

`igc-delegates@fai.org` is a closed list for the IGC delegates. All delegates with an e-mail address are automatically subscribed to this list by the FAI office.

Further information about the mailing lists can be obtained from the link **igc mailing lists** on the IGC home page.

The use of the IGC discussion board is almost non-existent. This form of communication does not seem to be attractive for the gliding community.

Last year I complained that the IGC pages were not being used enough for PR purposes, and I regret to say that this situation has not changed in the meantime. However, as Eric Mozer has informed you, the preparations for starting the “Champions’ Gallery” are well under way, and with the help of the delegates we should get this up and running soon. The same is true, hopefully, for the planned ranking list.

I would further like to propose that the work of the IGC should become more visible on the web pages. This could be done, e.g. by means of short reports from the President, Secretary or Bureau. For example, I am sure that many interested members of the gliding community would welcome a short summary of the IGC plenary meeting, so as to be informed about the most important issues without having to read the whole minutes.

If you have any suggestions for improving the IGC pages, please let me know.