

To: IGC Plenum – Lausanne, Switzerland – March 2006
From: Competition Development and Quality Control
Re: Agenda Item 6.1.4
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Competition Development

Sailplane Grand Prix Series

The 1st Sailplane Grand Prix was successfully staged in St. Auban, France in September 2005. Roland Stuck's report of this contest is available as part of this agenda (see item 6.5.1). Thanks are owed to the excellent efforts of Roland Stuck, the FFVV and the management at St. Auban, and to Tor Johannessen the referee for the competition.

During the year 2006 we will have the inaugural season of Qualifying Grand Prix (QGP) competitions. Three contests will be held in the Southern Hemisphere and six in the Northern Hemisphere. The number and quality of sites hosting these QGP events has exceeded our expectations. The full roster of sites is available under agenda item 6.5.2.

Finally, the IGC has received three bids to host the 2nd World Sailplane Grand Prix in 2007. These sites are; Bloemfontein, South Africa, Ely, Nevada (USA), and Omarama, New Zealand.

Annual IGC Gliding Weeks

The tremendous participation and positive response from glider pilots around the world that the IGC Gliding Weeks received in 2005 as part of the FAI Centenary celebration has given rise to the possibility of developing this type of an event as an annual international competition. As reported in the FAI Centenary 2005 report (agenda item 6.1.5) 2,511,421 kilometers were flown in over 5,224 flights. These are astounding numbers given that they were only over two week periods in both the Southern and Northern Hemispheres. Input is being solicited on the merit of developing this type of an event as an annual competition.

Quality Control

Chief Steward Training

The Bureau and committee have determined that it would be desirable to organize a training seminar for our accredited Chief Stewards. With the responsibility of selection, control, and funding of Chief Stewards shifting from the contest organizers to the Bureau beginning in 2007, the need to develop standards and communicate expectations for all Chief Stewards is an emerging priority. Development of this training seminar is in progress with expected completion in 2006.

Chief Stewards and Jury President Funding

The Bureau has refined the numbers on a year 1 proposal adopted in 2005 for direct IGC funding of Chief Stewards and International Jury Presidents at our World Gliding Championships. The specifics of this year 2 proposal are described in detail at Agenda item 12.1.2.

Charlotte, January 2005
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