

Report from the Championship Management Committee/Bid manager for the 2021 IGC Plenary.

Revised Calendar

The 36th FAI World Gliding Championships 2020, Stendal-Borstel, Germany (18m, 20m, Open) as well as the 36th FAI World Gliding Championships 2020, Châlons-en-Champagne, France (Club, Std., 15-M classes) were postponed due to the COVID-19.

Stendal agreed to reschedule the events to 2021. The organizers in Châlons-en-Champagne had difficulties finding resources to continue preparations for another year. The French Gliding Federation (FFVP) proposed to move the WGC to Montluçon, where the infrastructure is available. FFVP will support the local organizers with the preparations and conduct of the event. The move was endorsed by the IGC Bureau.

The postponement influences all following world and continental championship, as they in principle had to be postponed for one year to keep the agreed schedule and distribution per year.

All organisers were contacted in April/May 2020 and all responded very constructive to this. A revised calendar has been established.

Initially the 37th WGC in Narromine, Australia (Club, Std. and 15-M classes) was kept in January 2023, in order to separate the WGC in Narromine from the 38th WGC in Uvalde (TX), USA, but on request from the organisers the WGC in Narromine has now been rescheduled to December 2023, still 8 months before the Uvalde WGC.

The FAI calendar has been updated and is reflecting the current situation.

Bids

Due to this rearrangement of events, the calendar for 2024 is already occupied, and the usual invitation to submit bids by end of September was not sent out.

A spontaneous bid was received from Denmark to organise a Junior European Championship in 2023. This is the only bid for consideration at the 2021 Plenary.

2021 Championships and COVID-19

Each organizer shall determine if the situation allows them to conduct the Championship. There is no pressure from IGC and there will be no sanction from IGC if organizers decide to cancel the event. Pilots will have to accept that they may need testing at regular intervals, and that a positive test will lead to quarantine, making it impossible for them to continue the competition.

The Sporting code applies (5 nations/10 competitors) to have a valid championship.

FAI/IGC strongly recommends organizers to make the necessary arrangements to prevent contamination and will provide advice to the organizers in form of a check-list. The Chief Steward will be in direct contact with the organizers, but it is expected that the local authorities also will work closely with the organizers.

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