

## **Report from the IGC Bid manager for the 2021 IGC Plenary.**

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 37<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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