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Report to IGC Plenary Meeting 2024 – Toulouse

Since spring 2023 I am working on chronologically recording FAI Continental Gliding Cat 1 events. For the survey of the past events I have done research in the Gliding Museum on the Wasserkuppe and in various archives such as the magazines Sailplane and Gliding, Volo a Vela or Aerokurier. The Chairman of the IGC History Working Group, Peter Selinger, provided important information and input for the compilation of the chronicle. Editing was gratefully undertaken by Peter Purdie, who offered to join the IGC History Working Group.

I would be grateful for any further assistance in filling in any gaps that may exist.

In addition to the annual update of the chronology of all FAI World Gliding Championships, the names of the World Champions and the history of the FAI Challenge Cups, the Chronicle of the FAI Continental Gliding Cat 1 Events will now be published in the Agenda of the IGC Plenary 2024.

FAI Challenge Cups - FAI World Gliding Championships

12th FAI Women's World Gliding Championships 2023 Garray, Spain

Winner of the club class
1. Louise Rodriguez / France

WWGC Champion Club class awarded the FAI Challenge Cup Club class
2. Michaela Krizova / CZE
3. Daniela Wilden / GER

Winner of the Standard class
1. Barbora Moravcova / CZE

WWGC Champion Standard class awarded the FAI Challenge Cup Standard class
2. Aude Untersee / France
3. Marilyne Abadie-Bérard / France

Winner of the 18 m class
1. Alena Netusilova / CZE

WWGC Champion 18 m class awarded the FAI Challenge Cup 18 m
2. Mélanie Gadoulet / France
3. Anne Ducarouge / France

12th WWGC Team Champion Czech Republic awarded the Team Cup

37th WGC Narromine in the Club class, Standard class and 15 m class 2023
Winner of the Club class
1. James Nugent / AUS

WGC Champion Club class awarded the FAI Challenge Cup Club class
2. Uwe Wahlig / GER
3. Stefan Langer / GER
Winner Standard class
1. Tom Arscott / GBR
WGC Champion Standard class awarded the FAI Challenge Cup Standard class
2. Gregory Beecroft / AUS
3. Enrique Levin / GER

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Winner 15 m class
1. Sebastian Kawa / Poland
WGC Champion 15 m class awarded the FAI Challenge Cup 15 m class
2. Henrik Bieler / GER
3. Steffen Goettler / GER

37th WGC Team Champion Germany

As a reminder
1.1.2.1  Return of FAI Challenge Cups
The FAI Challenge Cups shall be kept by the winners until the next World Gliding Championships of the appropriate class will take place and shall be returned to the organisers of the WGCs before the start of the next championship. The holder of the Challenge Cup is requested to bring the Cup either personally or through the respective Team Captain to the Organiser of the next championship, or to arrange for the trophy to be shipped in time. This also applies to the Special FAI Challenge Cups such as Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge-Cup, the Göran Ax Memorial Trophy and the Team Cup Trophies (awardees Team World Champions of the WWGCs and JWGCs)

Sailplane Grand Prix Final at Pavullo / Italy 2023 winner Stefan Langer / GER

WSC Cup competition – IGC Champion Pilot of the Year 2023
12th WWGC 2023 in Garray Soria / Spain
World Champion Club Class Louise Rodriguez / France 91,37
World Champion Standard class Barbora Moravcova / CZE 94,55
World Champion 18 m class Alena Netusilova / CZE 96,04

37th WGC 2023 in Narromine / AUS
World Champion Club class James Nugent / AUS 94,38
World Champion Standard class Tom Arscott / GBR 90,81
World Champion 15 m class Sebastian Kawa / Poland 93,46

The winner of the WSC Competition 2023 according to the rules stated in the Chronicle IGC Champion Pilot of the Year – World Soaring Cup is
Alena Netusilova / CZE gained 96,04

The scoring was done by Gisela Weinreich and checked and verified by Peter Ryder.

The WSC Trophy and FAI Diploma will be presented at the next FAI General Conference or IGC Plenary Meeting

FAI Continental Gliding Championships 2023
21th EGCs Leszno / Poland 2023 Open class / 18 m class / 20 m multi seat class
Winner Open class
1. Markus Frank / GER
2. Tomasz Rubaj / Poland
3. Sylvain Gerbaud / France
Winner 18 m Class

Łukasz Wójcik / Poland
2. Peter Millenaar / Netherland
3. Sebastien Kawa / Poland

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FAI Continental Gliding Championships 2023
21th EGCs Leszno / Poland 2023 Open class / 18 m class / 20 m multi seat class
Winner 20 m multi seat class
1. Kettunen & Sorri / FIN
2. Harvey & Dawes / GBR
3. Coppin & Jones
Team Champion Netherland

6th FAI Junior European Gliding Championships
Club class and Standard class at Arnborg / Denmark 2023
winner Club Class
1. Kim Toppari / FIN
2. Toby Freeland / GBR
3. Alexandre Fierain / France
winner Standard class
1. Lukas Kriz / CZE
2. Jaromir Macoun / CZE
3. Micheala Rendlova / CZE
winner Team Cup Czech Republic

Looking ahead of the FAI Gliding sport calendar 2024 CAT 1 events
3 FAI World Gliding Championships will be held

- 13th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships,
- 5th FAI 13.5m
- 38th WGCs Open class, 20 m multi seat class and 18 m class
6 World Gliding Champions will therefore compete for the title of IGC Champion Pilot of the Year 2024 in the WSC competition.

FAI Continental Gliding Championships 2024

- 5th FAI Pan-American Gliding Championships, Hutchinson, Kansas USA
- 22nd FAI European Gliding Championships, Tabor, CZE ; Club class / Standard -, 15 m class

Congratulations to all winners 2023 and good luck and success for 2024!

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