Due to the pandemic COVID-19 the 36th FAI World Gliding Championships had to be postponed to the FAI calendar year 2021. The Organizer of the 18 m, 20 m Multi Seat and Open Class, Stendal-Borstel / Germany, 18th July to 31st 2021, currently keeps working hard to make the event possible.

IGC Delegates of the respective NACs are kindly requested to remind the recipients of the FAI Challenge Cups to return the Cups with the engraving carried out to the WGCs Organizer at Stendal-Borstel, if the 36th WGC of the 18 m, 20 m and Open Class is confirmed to take place. The current World Gliding Champions are:

- 18m Class: Wolfgang Janowitsch / Austria
- 20 m Multi Seat Class: Matkowski & Kawa / Poland
- Open Class: Michael Sommer / Germany

The Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup was awarded to Adam Wooley / Australia, 18m Class.

For the first time there will be a special award presented in the Open Class, the Göran Ax Memorial Trophy. The trophy is set up to award a pilot in the Open Class in WGCs who achieves the highest accumulated kilometers in a World Gliding Championship.

According to FFVP the 36th FAI WGCs Club Class, Standard and 15 m Class had to move to Monlucons-Guéret / France, 07th August - 21st August 2021. IGC Delegates of the respective NACs are kindly requested to remind the recipients of the FAI Challenge Cups to return the Cups with the engraving carried out to the Organizer of the event, if the WGCs are confirmed to take place. The current World Gliding Champions are:

- Club Class: Rasmus Orskov / Denmark
- Standard Class: Sjaak Selen / Netherland
- 15m Class: Sebastian Kawa

At the end of the 36th FAI WGCs at Stendal-Borstel / Germany and Monlucons-Guéret/ France, when all results of the 36th FAI WGCs are final, proved and verified, the IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR 2020 will be selected from the Champions in all the classes in all Qualifying Competitions. The selection will be made after the date of the Closing Ceremony of the final Qualifying Competition in Montlucon-Guéret, France of the FAI Gliding Championships calendar year 2020, postponed to 2021.

Rules for the competition – IGC CHAMPION PILOTS OF THE YEAR
In each class in each Qualifying Competition:

- The World Champion’s Final Score (FS) is the final score of the World Champion
- The Maximum Possible Score (MPS) is the sum of the winning scores of every valid competition day.
- The World Champion’s World Soaring Cup Score (CS) is:
  \[ CS = 100 \times \frac{FS}{MPS} \]
Each Championship Calendar Year, the World Champion with the highest WSC Score will be given the title of the IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR and awarded the World Soaring Cup. Ties will result in Co-Champions.

The World Soaring Cup and a FAI Diploma will be awarded to the new IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR as soon as practical at the conclusion of the final WGC of the Championship Calendar Year. The winner has the option of having the WSC shipped to him/her by FAI or receiving the WSC at the IGC Plenary Meeting normally held in February/March.

The current IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR will surrender the WORLD SOARING CUP on or before December 15th in the year he/she has held the WSC: FAI to make arrangements for shipping the WSC either to FAI Home Office in Lausanne or to the new IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR.

To honour the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year the WSC and a FAI Diploma will be presented to the Champion Pilot of the year this also includes a nice and appropriate presentation on the FAI/IGC website. The relevant NAC of the new IGC PILOT OF THE YEAR kindly is requested to assist by sending a written laudation and pictures of the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year to IGC Bureau or to the Trophy Management as soon as possible for a dignified publication.

IGC Trophy Management
3rd February 2021
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