



## **IGC 2020 Plenary Meeting**

### **FAI Gliding Commission - President Report**

**Mr. Eric Mozer**

**January 2020**

## 2019 - Year in Review

### March 2019

- IGC Plenary held in Istanbul, TURKEY
- Summary decisions from the 2019 IGC Plenary meeting in Istanbul:  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc\\_2018\\_plenary\\_summary\\_of\\_decisions\\_v1-2.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc_2018_plenary_summary_of_decisions_v1-2.pdf)
- 2019 IGC Plenary Minutes:  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc\\_2019\\_plenary\\_meeting\\_-\\_minutes\\_final.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc_2019_plenary_meeting_-_minutes_final.pdf)

### April 2019

- Brian Spreckley represents the IGC at the Mid-year Air Sports Commission Presidents meeting with the FAI President, FAI Secretary General and Executive Board held in Lausanne
- Alternative Scoring System document published:  
<https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/altscoring.pdf>

### May 2019

- IGC Bureau approves Budapest, HUNGARY as the location for the 2020 FAI Gliding Commission Plenary and a special OSTIV/IGC Safety Seminar
- 20th FAI European Gliding Championships - Stalowa Wola, POLAND
  - Open Class European Champion - Petr TICHY (CZE)
  - 18 Meter European Champion - Sebastian KAWA (POL)
  - 20 Meter Multi-Seat Champions - RUBAJ & MATKOWSKI (POL)

### June 2019

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sailplane Grand Prix - Final (La Cerdanya, SPAIN)
  - SGP Champion - Tilo HOLIGHAUS (GER)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Sebastian KAWA (POL)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Louis BOUDERLIQUE (FRA)

### July 2019

- 20<sup>th</sup> FAI European Gliding Championships - Prievidza, SLOVAKIA
  - Club Class Champion - Tom ARBSCOTT (GBR)
  - Standard Class Champion - Pavel Louzecky (CZECH REPUBLIC)
  - 15 Meter Class Champion - Sebastian KAWA (POL)
- Handicap ANNEX published: [https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc3ah\\_2019a.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc3ah_2019a.pdf)

### August 2019

- 11th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships - Club and Standard classes
  - Club Class
    - World Champion - Jake BRATTLE (UK)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Finn SLEIGH (UK)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Maximillian DORSCH (GER)
- Standard Class
  - World Champion - Simon SCHRÖDER (GER)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Simon BRIEL (GER)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Tomasz HORNIK (POL)

## September 2019

- ANNEX B published: [https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc3b\\_2019-9-5\\_with\\_al13\\_6.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc3b_2019-9-5_with_al13_6.pdf)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI 13.5 meter World Gliding Championships - Pavullo, Italy
  - Champion - Stefano GHIORZO (ITA)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Uli SCHWENK (GER)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Thomas GOSTNER (ITA)

## October 2019

- IGC mid-year Bureau meeting in Madrid
  - 2020 IGC Plenary Draft proposals and 2023 IGC competition bids - Received and Reviewed
  - Bureau Meeting Minutes and Decisions:  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/igc\\_bureau\\_2\\_2019\\_minutes\\_actions\\_decisions\\_final.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/igc_bureau_2_2019_minutes_actions_decisions_final.pdf)
- ANNEX A published: [https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc3a\\_2019.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/sc3a_2019.pdf)
- ANNEX D published: [https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc3d\\_2019.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc3d_2019.pdf)
- The venue for the 10<sup>th</sup> FAI/SGP Final was announced - St. Auban FRANCE in September 2021.

## November 2019

- ANNEX C published: [https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc3c\\_2019\\_0.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc3c_2019_0.pdf)

## December 2019

- Air Sports Commission Presidents meeting with the FAI President, FAI Secretary General and Executive Board in Lausanne
- Announcement received from FAI that 2022 FAI World Air Games will not be held
- 113<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference - Lausanne
- Marina Vigorito (ITA) is re-named the point-of-contact from the Executive Board for IGC
- Sporting Code Section 3 published:  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc3\\_2019v2.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/sc3_2019v2.pdf)

## 2019 Mid-Year Bureau meeting - Madrid

The IGC Bureau met in mid-October in Madrid generously hosted by Mr. Angel Casado and the Royal Aero Club of Spain. The decisions:

[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/igc\\_bureau\\_2\\_2019\\_minutes\\_actions\\_decisions\\_final.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/igc_bureau_2_2019_minutes_actions_decisions_final.pdf)

## IGC Ranking List

The top three pilots on the IGC Ranking List (as of January 2020) are:



1<sup>st</sup> Sebastian KAWA (POL)



2<sup>nd</sup> Michael SOMMER (GER)



3<sup>rd</sup> Wolfgang JANOWITSCH (AUT)

## 2019 FAI/IGC Championships

World Champion decided at the 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI 13.5-meter Class World Gliding Championships held in Pavullo, Italy is:



13.5 Meter – 1<sup>st</sup>

Stefano GHIRZO (ITA)

## WORLD SOARING CUP - 2019 IGC Champion Pilot of the Year

The winner of the 2019 World Soaring Cup and the title of **IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR 2019** is Melanie GADOULET (FRA). Ms. Gadoulet earned this honor in the 10<sup>th</sup> FAI Women's World Gliding Championships (Lake Keepit, Australia) flying in the 18 Meter Class.

### World Soaring Cup - 2019 Final results

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Melanie GADOULET (FRA) - 18 Meter Class (WWGC) | <b>95.93%</b> |
| 2. Sarah ARNOLD (USA) - Standard Class (WWGC)     | <b>93.00%</b> |
| 3. Jake BRATTLE (UK) - Club Class (JWGC)          | <b>92.26%</b> |
| 4. Stefano GHIORZO (ITA) - (13.5 m WGC)           | <b>92.44%</b> |
| 5. Simon SCHRÖDER (GER) - Standard Class (JWGC)   | <b>90.68%</b> |



**Melanie GADOULET - 2019 Champion Pilot of the Year**

World Champions crowned at the **10<sup>th</sup> FAI Women's World Gliding Championships** held in Lake Keepit, Australia are:



**Standard Class – 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sarah ARNOLD (USA)



**Club Class - 1st**

Elena FERGNANI (ITA)



**18 meter Class - 1st**

Melanie GADOLET (FRA)

World Champions crowned at the 11<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Gliding Championships held in Szeged, Hungary are:



**Club Class - 1st**

Jake BRATTLE (UK)



**Standard Class – 1<sup>st</sup>**

Simon SCHRÖDER (GER)

## 9th FAI Sailplane Grand Prix - Final



World Champion - Tilo HOLIGHAUS (GER)

As we enter the decade of the 2020's the FAI Gliding Commission is healthy. Some of the positives and challenges:

### Positives

- Pilot interest in and participation in World Gliding Championships is high,
- Bids to host IGC Championships remains strong,
- Attendance at IGC Plenary meetings is steady and attracting a few new NAC's to attend,
- The Sailplane Grand Prix series is starting its 10<sup>th</sup> season and continues to attract top pilots and venues,
- The IGC Ranking List remains popular amongst pilots and enthusiasts of gliding,
- Tracking at Championships for public viewing and safety is gaining traction,
- Collaboration and communication with other Air Sport Presidents is strong,
- IGC Finances are solid,
- IGC Committees, Working Groups, and Specialists are talented and committed to their roles,
- IGC Bureau is strong, active and engaged in their work on your behalf

### Challenges

- The recent acknowledgements at the 113<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference that the FAI finances are stressed entering this new decade as supporting sponsorship has disappeared,
- As a result, FAI is undergoing internal examination and discussions of its role for NAC's and ASC's in the future,
- Maintaining fairness in IGC competitions in light of technological advances is increasingly difficult,
- SGP team is looking for next generation leadership and sponsors to carry the series forward,

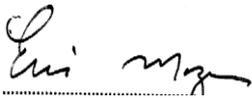
Delegates will see when they look at the agenda that we have altered the way we will consider items during the two days of our Plenary in Budapest. Day 1 (Friday) will now be devoted to Year 1 and

Year 2 proposals instead of taking these on Saturday. Day 2 (Saturday) will now take reports from Committees, Working Groups, IGC Specialists and votes on the bids. This will take away the time pressure we have felt in years past in trying to get through all of the proposals properly before adjourning on Saturday. This year we are adding an awards celebration and recognition ceremony on Friday afternoon to honor recipients of IGC's highest awards.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the hard-working and dedicated volunteers very much that do the work of IGC on a daily basis. Without these incredibly talented and devoted people, IGC would not be able to provide the quality of service to our air sport persons that enjoy our competitions and seek to set World and Continental records. I especially want to thank your elected Bureau members for their wisdom and willingness to contribute to the business of IGC between Plenary meetings. A special thank you from me to IGC Secretary Vladimir Foltin for taking the minutes and documenting in such a professional way the decisions taken at the Plenary and mid-year Bureau meeting. I would also like to thank our outgoing Treasurer Dick Bradley for his many years of skilled assembling, monitoring and presentation of the finances and budget for IGC. You rightfully recognized Dick in 2019 with a well-deserved Lilienthal Medal. Dick will be turning over his duties to Patrick Pauwels.

I look forward to greeting you all in Budapest and enjoying this wonderful city filled with so much beauty, history and friendly people.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Moya', written over a dotted horizontal line.

*President, FAI Gliding Commission*