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Safety Group is continuously working to improve safety in our championships, by coordinating or facilitating the tools available, to change the culture within the pilots and all the stakeholders.

Pilots make the final decision, but we (IGC) provide the rules that need to be balanced in the best way to obtain the best possible result.

Special year.

Due to Covid, we faced many problems to have main events. This year, WGC in Montlucon and WSGP in St Auban took place. We are glad there were no fatalities during these championships.

We tried to implement several safety initiatives taken after the Safety Seminar in Budapest 2020, but it was not possible to proceed.

We thank very much the efforts that OSTIV is putting into our sport to improve safety.

OSTIV and IGC has agreed to organize a workshop on safety initiatives, during the WGC in Hungary this year.

Statistics:

Attached statistics until 2021. See ANNEX 1.

It is important to note that between 2021 and 2014, the rate of accidents is 0.46 per event as average, compared to 2.07 accidents per event between 2008. There is a lot to do to lower this value as low as possible.

Proximity Analysis:

It has been used in Montlucon and it changed the behaviour of the pilots when they see each other in the screen, during the next day briefing.

Recommendations:

1.- To continue gathering information from reports and continue using Proximity Analysis tool.

2.- To focus the new rules, or changes to existing rules affecting:

   Landing stage: hard landing (outlanding)

   Flying gaggles, mid air collision

3.- To train Pilots, Organizers, safety officer and officials in modern safety principles.

Regards,
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