IGC Specialist - Trophy Management Report

36th WGC Open Class, 20 m and 18 m Classes
At the end of April 2021 the Organizer of the 36th WGC at Stendal-Borstel / Germany sadly announced:
Cancellation of the 36th FAI World Gliding Championships in Stendal

“After continuous exchange with the relevant authorities of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt and the county of Stendal, they finally stated that an approval of the championship event cannot be expected at this point in time due to the ongoing restrictions of public life related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Now 2 months before the beginning of the training period, this leaves the cancellation as the only option to us.”

36th WGC Standard Class, 15 m Class and Club Class
The Organizer of the 36th WGC at Montlucon-Gueret / France, August 2021, were happy to announce in the Covid 19 Bulletin: “The French Ministry of Sports, that supervises all sports competitions and events in France, has given us authorization to hold to WGC and considers any pilot attending the competition as a top athlete, therefore allowed to come to France and participate in an international competition.”

95 pilots from 24 nations took part in the 36th World Gliding Championship at Montlucon in 3 Classes. The Organizer were able to hold a successful championship. After 9 respectively 8 comp days, the winners were declared. The gliding World Champions 2021 are

Club Class Uwe Wahlig / Germany
Standard Class Simon Schröder / Germany
15 m Class Sebastian Kawa / Poland

Team Cup Competition 2021 - Team Champion Gold Medal Team Germany

The pandemic has affected the sport in general worldwide. Many sporting events had to be cancelled. The FAI Sporting Calendar could not be kept. So it was a great pleasure that the 36th WGC could take place in the Club Class, Standard Class and 15 m Class.

The World Soaring Cup Competition 2021
According to the rules, the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year will be selected from the Champions in all the classes in all Qualifying Competitions of the calendar year. Due to Covid 19, the only Qualifying Competition was held at Montlucon in the Standard, 15 m and Club classes, as the 36th WGC in Stendal / Germany in the Open class, 20 m and 18 m classes had to be cancelled.

The scoring for the WSC competition was verified and approved according to the stipulated scoring formula recorded in the Chronicle World Soaring Cup. The IGC Champion Pilot of the Year 2021 was elected.
IGC Champion Pilot of the Year 2021  Simon Schröder / Germany
followed by Sebastian Kawa and Uwe Wahlig. The scoring results of the WSC competition is attached to my report. Congratulations to all World Champions!

The IGC Champion Pilot of the Year will be awarded the WSC at the IGC Plenary Meeting at Copenhagen 2022 provided the pandemic allows an event like the IGC Plenary Meeting to take place in March 2022. The IGC Champion Pilot of the year will be honoured with a laudation and pictures on the FAI website.

10th FAI Sailplane Grand Prix
Fortunately, the anniversary Final Grand Prix could take place at St. Auban / France 5th – 11th September 2021. The winner was declared after an exciting race.

Sailplane Grand Prix Champion is Sebastian Kawa / Poland.
There is no FAI / IGC Challenge Cup available for the award.

The following FAI gliding events CAT.1 are published:

- 02 Jul 2022 – 16 Jul 2022
- 4th FAI World 13,5M Class Gliding Championship
- Pociūnai, Kaunas, LTU

- 37th FAI World Gliding Championships Open Class, 20 m and 18 m classes
- Matkopuszta, HUN

- 12th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships Standard Class, Club Class
- Tabor / CZE

- 11th FAI Women’s World Gliding Championship
- Husbands Bosworth / GBR

The WSC Competition 2022 will be held in 4 Qualifying Competitions as listed above.

IGC - FAI Challenge Cups Rules and the History of the Challenge Cups and events
The updated documents are available for the IGC Plenary 2022