



**CIVL 2019 PLENARY – ANNEXE 11A**  
**REVIEW OF 2018 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TEST EVENTS**

## **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> FAI Pan-American Paragliding Championships – Baixo Guandu, Brazil**

Participants: 97 pilots from 10 nations (including guests 119 pilots from 20 nations).

Overall: Jesion Zeferino Brito (BRA), Leandro Henrique Da Padua (BRA), Michel Guillemot (ARG).

Team: Colombia, Brazil, Venezuela.

Very scenic area with a great launch. The organization ran an excellent meet with good task calls, organized launch and retrieve transportation as well as some fun activities on the non-flying days. Mild and somewhat moist conditions made for technically challenging tasks that required managing altitude amidst rather low cloudbases on some days.

### **8<sup>th</sup> FAI World Hang Gliding Class 5 Championships – Krushevo, FYR Macedonia**

Participants: 33 pilots from 7 nations.

Overall: Wolfgang Kothgasser (AUT), Tim Grabowski (GER), Robert Bernat (GER).

Team: Austria, Germany, Japan.

This is an ideal location for a Class 5 competition and the pilots all like it here. This organisation/meet directing team are very experienced and very good at what they do. All went very well.

### **20<sup>th</sup> FAI European Hang Gliding Class 1 Championships –Krushevo, FYR Macedonia**

Participants: 77 pilots from 19 nations.

Overall: Alessandro Ploner (ITA), Grant Crossingham (GBR), Balazs Ujhelyi (HUN).

Team: Italy, Czech Republic, Great Britain.

This was a very well-run event, organized by highly experienced organisers. The location is very popular and loved by the pilots, so much so that they asked the organisers to consider bidding for the next HG worlds (which they are doing). The Italian team continues to dominate and again won the gold medal.

### **15<sup>th</sup> FAI European Paragliding Championships – Montalegre, Portugal**

Participants: 150 pilots from 27 nations.

Overall: Theo Warden (GBR), Torsten Siegel (GER), Biagio Alberto Vitale (ITA).

Women: Seiko Fukuoka Naville (FRA), Meryl Delferriere (FRA), Yael Margelisch (SUI).

Team: Spain, Italy, France.

Very good organisation, nice weather, a lot of safe tasks. A bug with scoring system caused some troubles just before the prize-giving ceremony but was fixed before it. The fix changed the podium for teams. Protest from the impacted team to the jury and appeal to FAI were both withheld.

### **1<sup>st</sup> FAI Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Accuracy Championships – Saraburi, Thailand**

Participants: 51 pilots from 12 nations

Overall: Jianwei Wang (CHI), Tanapat Luangiam (THA), Hongji Wang (CHI).

Women: Chantika Chaisanuk (THA), Jinweng Long (CHI), Nunnapat Phuchong (THA).

Team: Thailand, China, Chinese Taipei.

This event was not as well attended as expected due to teams practising and for the Asian Games and undergoing their own selection processes. The organisation had many various challenges, but produced an event that the competition pilots enjoyed.

### **6<sup>th</sup> FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championships – Kobarid, Slovenia**

Participants: 102 pilots from 19 nations (including guests 111 pilots from 24 nations).

Overall: Matjaž Sluga (SLO), Jaka Gorenc (SLO), Matjaž Fererič (SLO).

Women: Ivana Baláková (CZE), Marketa Tomašková (CZE), Katie Sykes (GBR).

Team: Slovenia, Czech Republic, Serbia.

This was a well-organised event at a very good location that has previously hosted many other competitions. The organising team members were very experienced and together, have set the required standard for future PGA competitions; including comprehensive equipment inspections which raised competitors' awareness of the need to meet regulations.

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## **TEST EVENTS FOR 2019 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Hang Gliding Class 1 – Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Italy**

Participants: 109 pilots from 26 nations (including guests).

Overall: Manfred Ruhmer (AUT), PrimozGricar (GER), Petr Benes (CZE).

An over the top scenic place to fly (the Italian, Austrian and Slovenian Alps) that brought with it the challenges of flying over and within such dynamic terrain. There were some issues with pilots managing the terrain and the airspace, but as the competition proceeded everyone was learning how they personally needed to fly in the area. The HQ area in Tolmezzo was awesome and was a great venue for the pilots.

### **16<sup>th</sup> FAI World Paragliding – Krushevo, FYR Macedonia**

Participants: 137 pilots from 17 nations.

Overall: Alex Yaschenko (AUS), Biagio Alberto Vitale (ITA), Daniel Arcidiacono (AUS).

Women: Benedicte Saury-Jourdain (FRA), Nao Mochizuki (JPN), Katalin Juhász (HUN).

Again, this event was organized by a great team and all went smoothly. The event was oversubscribed and pilot skill level was quite varied, so this was a bit of a challenge, but the team did very well making sure all was appropriate for this field of pilots.

### **10<sup>th</sup> FAI World Paragliding Accuracy – Vrsac, Serbia**

Participants: 57 pilots from 12 nations.

Overall: Matjaz Feraric (SLO), Jaka Gorenc (SLO), Goran Djurkovic (SER).

Very well-run test event. The organisation is very experienced and the site has been used for several big international competitions during the years. The preparations for World Championships are well under way.