



## CIVL 2019 PLENARY – ANNEXE \_\_\_ HANG GLIDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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### **Summary of Activity Since Last Plenary**

*HG European Championship and Class 5 World Championship – Krushevo, FYR Macedonia:* These competitions took place at a well-known and popular site with a very experienced organization. All went extremely well and the Italian team came away with the gold medal again.

*Pilot Training at Krushevo re WGS84 and tolerance issues:* Joerg Ewald of Naviter agreed to come to the European Championships in Krushevo to assist pilots with the recent scoring changes. The purpose was to ensure that pilots had the correct software on their instruments, fix defective variors, offer general support to the pilots with respect to the earth model and tolerance changes and to support the scorekeeper with the new FS2018. Jeorg's expenses in making this trip were shared between CIVL and the organizers of the event and his presence was helpful to both pilots and organization.

*Class 1 Worlds and Test Event in Tolmezzo, Italy:* The test event for the 2019 Class 1 worlds was held in Tolmezzo, Italy. Mitch Shipley attended as steward and worked closely with the organization and meet director. Mitch continues to work with the organization on important changes being made to improve the event.

*HG Class 2, Class 5, Sport Class and Women's Worlds – Groveland, USA –* In mid-summer, the US put in a late bid for the Class 2, 5, sport and women's class in Groveland, Florida. Davis asked that the bid be approved by the Bureau in advance of the 2019 Plenary so that planning by both the organization and pilots could begin immediately, given the late submission of the bid. The hang gliding committee and the Bureau reviewed, discussed and approved the bid subject to a handful of important changes and subject to approval by the Plenary.

*HG Class 1 PanAmerican Championship – Big Spring, USA –* In mid-summer, the US also put in a bid for the first Class 1 PanAmerican Championship in Big Spring, Texas where the 2006 world championships were held. The hang gliding committee and the Bureau reviewed, discussed and approved the bid subject to a handful of important changes and subject to approval by the Plenary.

*Implementation of WPRS changes approved at the last Plenary:* The proposal to the change the WPRS formula task number variable that was approved at the Plenary in 2017 is still in the process of being implemented. Joerg Ewald reported during a Bureau meeting at the European championships in Krushevo that he would work on implementation and pledged to have it finished by year end. Joerg will be attending the Plenary and we will get an update then.

*Avoiding Overlap of Category 2 Events:* There was discussion in the committee about requiring scheduling of Category 1 events, particularly in Europe, to avoid any overlap with other Category 1 events. However, no proposal resulted from the discussion.

*WAG Turkey:* Goran and I had plans to visit the site of the WAG in Turkey in September to assess whether it was appropriate for Class 1 and 5 hang gliding events. However, the officials we needed to discuss issues/plans with were not able to be present, so the meeting and site visit were postponed. As it turns out, the entire WAG event is currently on hold.

*Awarding WPRS in multiple classes:* A Colombian event organizer approached CIVL about providing WPRS points in Class 1 to pilots flying in a sport class competition because those pilots flew the same tasks as the open Class 1 pilots. After much discussion, it was confirmed that pilots must choose in advance in which class they will fly and will only be given WPRS points in that class. Although a proposal for rule change was discussed, it was decided that none was necessary at this time.

### **Upcoming Category 1 Competitions and Bids:**

We have a bid from Krushevo for the 2021 world championships. The bid has been reviewed by the Bureau and posted on Basecamp for review by the committee. We have no bids for the next European Championships.