General development during 2020

The worldwide situation with Covid-19 has stopped category 1 competitions and most category 2 competitions. The pre-event for World Championships, planned to take place in North Macedonia was cancelled and the 4th FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championships (Kazakhstan) and the 7th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championships (Romania) were moved to 2022.

There were 22 category 2 competitions in the FAI sanctioned events calendar (on December 6th, 2020). There are 2026 pilots in the World Pilot Ranking System (WPRS) compared to 1970 pilots by the end of 2019. 14.6% percent of the pilots are female, 5.3 are juniors and the pilots come from 56 countries. In general, we can say that the situation is stable.

There is a growing interest in the discipline and an Asian League is being planned to start.

There have been considerable unforeseen challenges with the CIVL’s TexAir AMD, for example difficulties with transporting the kit out of the EU and ease of use of the software.

Because of the exceedingly difficult relationship with the manufacturer, the Bureau decided to terminate the maintenance and storage contract and alternatives are put in place for the future. Automatic measuring devices need to be in focus as competitions are challenging to our target equipment robustness (durability of the scoring pads).

Judging was another focus area and training was conducted by the PGA committee members at the competitions where they were present and at national seminars for example in Ecuador, Colombia and Finland. PGA committee members continued to work on the training material.

The Committee

20+ people representing 18 countries are participating in paragliding accuracy discussions on Basecamp, the FAI’s web-based project management tool. The committee discussed some proposals for rule changes, development in new countries and judging.

Summary of activity since last Plenary

The committee has discussed a few changes to Section 7C during autumn and a proposal is put forward to the Plenary 2021.