



## **IGC 2018 Plenary Meeting**

### **Agenda Item 3**



## **IGC President Report to IGC Plenary 2019**

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## Year in Review

### March 2018

- Summary decisions from the IGC Plenary meeting in Freudenstadt  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc\\_2018\\_plenary\\_summary\\_of\\_decisions\\_v1-2.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc_2018_plenary_summary_of_decisions_v1-2.pdf)
- IGC World Air Games 2020 Liaisons appointed - Frouwke Kuijpers, assisted by Brian Spreckley, Marina Vigorito and Alexander Georgas
- Minutes of Plenary meeting  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc\\_2018\\_plenary\\_meeting\\_-\\_minutes\\_final.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc_2018_plenary_meeting_-_minutes_final.pdf)

### April 2018

- USA Sailplane Grand Prix - Sergei MOROZOV (CAN)
- POLAND Sailplane Grand Prix - Gintas ZUBE (LTU)
- New version of SC3 Annex A approval
- New version of SC3 Annex B (AL11) approval
- SC3 IGC president's Newsletter

### May 2018

- Mid-year Air Sports Commission Presidents meeting with the FAI President, FAI Home Office and Executive Board in Istanbul Turkey
  - Discussions with THK about the 2020 FAI World Air Games in Turkey - IGC told they should plan on hosting a SGP event and a match race event similar to that created for Dubai WAG
  - One FAI Strategy seminar held
  - IGC invited by THK to hold 2019 Plenary in Istanbul
- RUSSIA Sailplane Grand Prix - Evgeny ZIOBIN (RUS)
- Bureau approves Local Procedures for the 2018 WGC in Czech Republic
- Venue change approved for the 2018 WGC from Pribram to Hosin, Czech Republic
- SWEDEN Sailplane Grand Prix - Börje ERIKSSON (SWE)

### June 2018

- Frouwke and Marina tour sites for the 2020 World Air Games in Turkey
- FRANCE Sailplane Grand Prix - Louis BOUDERLIQUE (FRA)
- ITALY Sailplane Grand Prix - Peter HARTMANN (AUT)

### July 2018

- Planning begins for the 2019 Plenary in Turkey
- GERMANY Sailplane Grand Prix - Tilo HOLIGHAUS (GER)
- 35<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships - Standard, 15 meter and Club - Ostrow, Poland

## August 2018

- 35<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships - Open, 18 meter and 20-meter Multi Seat Class - Hosin, Czech Republic
- Perlan Mission II soars to over 62,000 feet
- IGC President's Newsletter
- Bid invitation for 10th series of the national SGP events sent out

## September 2018

- Perlan Mission II soars to over 74,000 feet - (record pending)
- Chief Steward report received from Robert DANEWID for the WGC in Hosin, Czech Republic

## October 2018

- IGC mid-year Bureau meeting in Paris
- Thanks to the French Gliding Federation for making their excellent facilities available for the Bureau to hold their meeting
  - Mid-year financial report received from the IGC Treasurer Mr. BRADLEY
  - Draft proposals and 2022 IGC competition bids received and reviewed
  - Bureau Decisions  
[https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc\\_bureau\\_2018-2\\_decisions\\_final.pdf](https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/documents/igc_bureau_2018-2_decisions_final.pdf)
- FAI General Conference in Egypt
  - Marina Vigorito (ITA) is elected to the FAI Executive Board - Ms. Vigorito steps down as IGC Vice-President
  - Former IGC President Mr. Bob Henderson is elected as the FAI President by the General Conference for a four-year term
  - Terry CUBLEY elected Vice-President of CASI
- New SC3 Annex B (AL12) approval
- ASC Presidents meeting in Luxor

## November 2018

- Michael Sommer (DEU) the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year received World Soaring Cup during the high-level Gala Dinner of the German Aero Club on November 23 in 2018 at Essen, Germany

## December 2018

- Registration for the 2019 Plenary in Istanbul opens on-line
- Announcement of FAI World Air Games postponed from 2020 to 2022
- Marina Vigorito (ITA) is named the point-of-contact for IGC from the Executive Board

## 2018 Mid-Year Bureau meeting - Paris

The IGC Bureau met in early October in Paris for the mid-year Bureau meeting. Our host was the French Gliding Federation (FFCV). They graciously provided their offices for two days of intensive meetings. The decisions: [mid\\_year\\_igc\\_bureau\\_2018-2\\_decisions\\_final.pdf](#)

## IGC Ranking List

The top three pilots on the IGC Ranking List (as of January, 2019) are:



1<sup>st</sup> Sebastian KAWA (POL)



2<sup>nd</sup> Michael SOMMER (GER)



3<sup>rd</sup> Wolfgang JANOWITSCH (AUT)

## 2018 FAI/IGC Championships

World Champions decided at the **35<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships** held in Hosin, Czech Republic are:



**Open Class - 1<sup>st</sup>**

Michael SOMMER (GER)



**18 Meter – 1<sup>st</sup>**

Wolfgang JANOWITSCH (AUT)



**20 Meter Multi Seat – 1<sup>st</sup>**

KAWA and MATKOWSKI (POL)

World Champion selected at the **35<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships** held in Ostrow, Poland are:



**15 Meter Class – 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sebastian KAWA (POL)



**Club Class - 1<sup>st</sup>**

Rasmus ØRSKOV (DEN)



**Standard Class – 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sjaak SELEN (NED)

## WORLD SOARING CUP

In March the IGC Plenary approved a Year 2 proposal adopting the new rules for the awarding of the World Soaring Cup. The winner of the 2018 World Soaring Cup and the title of IGC CHAMPION PILOT OF THE YEAR is Michael SOMMER (GER). Mr. Sommer earned this distinction in the 35<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships (Hosin, Czech Republic) flying in the Open Class.



### World Soaring Cup - 2018 Final results

1. Michael Sommer (GER) - OPEN CLASS	<b>97.92%</b>
2. Sebastian Kawa (POL) - 15 METER CLASS	<b>97.19%</b>
3. Matkowski/Kawa (POL) - 20 METER MULTI SEAT	<b>95.81%</b>
4. Wolfgang Janowitsch (AUT) - 18 METER CLASS	<b>94.08%</b>
5. Sjaak Selen (NED) - STANDARD CLASS	<b>92.44%</b>
6. Rasmus Ørskov (DEN) - CLUB CLASS	<b>90.54%</b>

## PERLAN II WORLD RECORD CLAIM

On September 5, 2018, the Perlan Mission II flying out of El Calafate, Argentina soared to an altitude over 74,000 feet. This absolute altitude record claim is pending verification as of the time of this report. More information can be found at <http://www.perlanproject.org>. Congratulations to the Perlan team on this incredible accomplishment.



By all measurables, the FAI Gliding Commission is healthy.

- Our participation in our core product, World Gliding Championships, is high,
- The number of NAC's bidding to host WGC's is strong,
- Attendance at IGC Plenary is steady and attracting new NAC's to attend,

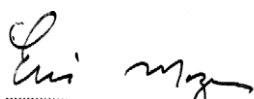
- The Sailplane Grand Prix series continues to attract top pilots and venues with the number of people following the races by various social media and internet outlets increasing,
- The IGC Ranking List continues to grow and draw interest,
- IGC Finances and budget is very strong,
- New innovations are being conceived such as the e-concept trial that will be held in Pavullo, Italy this summer,
- World and Continental records continue to be set,
- The IGC emphasis on safety in competitions is paying off. Thank you for your efforts Rene Vidal and OSTIV.

Challenges remain. The Open Glider Network (OGN) innovation in recent years (thank you Angel Casado) has enabled gliding enthusiasts world-wide to follow our Championships in real-time. The capabilities of the OGN have also enabled effective Search and Rescue operations to take place in accidents involving gliders. At our competitions, however, this real-time capability has caused a significant disturbance. Teams are able to track and provide real-time positional and situational information of competitors to their pilots to help them gain a competitive advantage. This, oddly enough, is done through the signal from the safety enhancing device known as FLARM. Technology, designed for safety enhancement, has created unintended consequences that impact safety and fairness in our competitions. The IGC will need to tackle this and solve this problem. One area being looked at intently is the development of IGC trackers that can be used but with a signal delay utilized. More on this will certainly be presented at the Plenary.

In looking at the agenda for the upcoming meeting in Istanbul, we have almost a record number of proposals to deal along with several bids to consider. I ask that you carefully study these proposals and be prepared to thoughtfully engage in discussion and vote in a timely manner.

I look forward to greeting you all in Istanbul!

Respectfully submitted,



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