



January 2017

Report from IGC President to the 2017 Plenary – Budapest, HUNGARY

Greetings, friends and delegates. I look forward to seeing you all in Budapest for the 2017 Plenary. I have never been to this intriguing city and am excited to see its beauty and history. I would like to thank our Hungarian hosts for their hospitality and their efforts in bringing the 2017 IGC Plenary to Budapest.

IGC Secretary

2016 Mid-Year Bureau meeting - Milan

The IGC Bureau met in October in Milan. We had two days of productive meetings at a hotel near the airport in Malpense. I wish to thank Marina Vigorito for making the arrangements for the meeting and to the Bureau members that travelled and gave of their time to attend. I also wish to acknowledge and thank Antonio Carafini and Marguerite Acquaderni for their generous hospitality in hosting the Bureau for an evening of enjoyable camaraderie.

7th FAI/IGC Sailplane Grand Prix Final - 2016

The 2016 FAI/IGC Sailplane Grand Prix Final was competed in Potchefstroom, South Africa in November of 2016. Six days of racing concluded with Holger KAROW of Germany capturing the title of the 2016 FAI/IGC World Sailplane Grand Prix Champion. For more details on the 2016 Final and the 8th GP series visit the Sailplane Grand Prix website – www.sgp.aero.



1st

Holger KAROW (GER)



2nd

Oscar GOUDRIAAN (RSA)



3rd

Christophe ABADIE (FRA)

IGC Ranking List

The top three pilots on the IGC Ranking List (as of 9 January, 2017) are:



1st

Laurent ABouLIN (FRA)



2nd

Sebastian KAWA (POL)



3rd

Michael SOMMER (GER)

2016 FAI/IGC Championships, Competitions and Records

World Champions crowned at the 34th FAI World Gliding Championships held in Pociunai, Lithuania are:



Club Class - 1st

Jan ROTHHARDT (GER)



Standard – 1st

Louis BOUDERLIQUE
(FRA)



20 Meter-Two Seat– 1st

Laurent ABouLIN (FRA)

World Champions selected at the just completed 34TH FAI World Gliding Championships held in Benalla, Australia are:



18 Meter Class – 1st

Killian WALBROU (FRA)



15 Meter Class – 1st

Sebastian KAWA (POL)



Open – 1st

Russell CHEETHAM
(GBR)

Congratulations to the winners of our 2016 World Championships and all of the pilots and teams that competed. Special thanks to Terry Cubley, Chief Steward in Pociunai, Bob Bickers, Jury President in Pociunai, Renato Tsukamoto, Chief Steward in Benalla and Rick Sheppe, Jury President in Benalla for their service.

Record Claims – 2016 (source FAI website)

SUB-CLASS	TYPE RECORD	OF	PERFORMANCE	DATE	CLAIMANT	STATUS
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 750 km - Female		142,84 km/h	2016-12-30	Anja Kohlrausch (GER)	preliminary record claim received 18107
D13.5	Triangle Distance - General		555,8 km	2016-12-29	Mauro Brunazzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18106
D13.5	Free triangle distance - General		661,7 km	2016-12-27	Mauro Brunazzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18102
D13.5	Free out-and-return distance - General		501,36 km	2016-12-26	Mauro Brunazzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18100
D13.5	Out-and-return distance - General		501,36 km	2016-12-26	Mauro Brunazzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18101
D13.5	Speed over an out-and-return course of 500 km - General		104,52 km/h	2016-12-26	Mauro Brunazzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18099
DO	Distance using up to 3 turn points - Female		1'137,2 km	2016-12-17	Anja Kohlrausch (GER)	preliminary record claim received 18096
DO	Distance using up to 3 turn points - Female		1'137,2 km	2016-12-17		preliminary record claim 18097
DO	Distance using up to 3 turn points - General		1'300.00 km	2016-12-17	Valentin Mäder (SUI)	preliminary record claim received 18098
DO	Free distance using up to 3 turn points - Female		1141,7 km	2016-12-17	Anja Kohlrausch	preliminary record claim 18095
D15	Speed over an out-and-return course of 500 km - General		158,84 km/h	2016-12-13	Johan Luyckx (BEL)	preliminary record claim received 18093
D15	Speed over a triangular course of 300 km - General		164,28 km/h	2016-12-12	Johan Luyckx (BEL)	preliminary record claim received 18094
D13.5	Speed over a triangular course of 100 km - General		140,50 km/h	2016-11-24	Stefano Ghiorzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18084
D13.5	Speed over a triangular course of 300 km - General		119,52 km/h	2016-11-21	Stefano Ghiorzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18083
D13.5	Speed over a triangular course of 500 km - General		112,52 km/h	2016-11-20	Stefano Ghiorzo (ITA)	preliminary record claim received 18082

DO	Speed over a triangular course of 1 000 km - General	153.00 km/h	2016-08-14	Alan M. Polinsky (USA)	dossier under review	17919
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 300 km - General	168.00 km	2016-08-06	Alan M. Polinsky (USA)	dossier under review	17910
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 1 000 km - General	136.80 km/h	2016-07-26	Guy Bechtold (LUX)	ratified - current record	17913
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 300 km - Female	163.10 km/h	2016-06-28	Sibylle Andresen (GER)	ratified - current record	17872
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 300 km - Female	163.10 km/h	2016-06-28	Sibylle Andresen (GER)	ratified - current record	17873
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 500 km - Female	163.10 km/h	2016-06-28	Sibylle Andresen (GER)	ratified - current record	17871
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 500 km - Female	163.10 km/h	2016-06-28	Sibylle Andresen (GER)	ratified - current record	17874
D13.5	Distance using up to 3 turn points - General	1002.6 km	2016-05-08	Daniel Sazhin (USA)	ratified - current record	17836
D13.5	Distance using up to 3 turn points - General	1002.6 km	2016-05-08	Daniel Sazhin (USA)	ratified - current record	17837
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 100 km - General	167,49 km/h	2016-02-29	Gérard Lherm (FRA)	ratified - current record	17816
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 500 km - Female	147.99 km/h	2016-01-07	Anja Kohlrausch (GER)	ratified - current record	17796
DO	Free out-and-return distance - General	1253.20 km	2016-01-04	Max H.S. Leenders (NED)	ratified - current record	17794
DO	Out-and-return distance - General	1251.10 km	2016-01-04	Max H.S. Leenders (NED)	ratified - current record	17793
DO	Speed over a triangular course of 500 km - General	175.66 km/h	2016-01-04	Shaun Lapworth (GBR)	ratified - current record	17808

IGC-OLC World League- 2016

The IGC-OLC World League concluded its 2016 season with 31,101,044 kilometres flown. Total activity for the OLC in 2016;

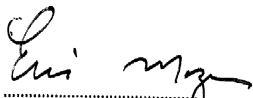
- PARTICIPANTS: 14,631 participants (a decrease of 2.51% from 2015),
- FLIGHTS: 116,510 flights (a decrease of .85% from 2015),
- TOTAL DISTANCE FLOWN: 31,101,044 kilometres (a decrease of 3.06% from 2015). *Statistics from the OLC website (www.onlinecontest.org)*

The 2016 season of The IGC-OLC World League had entries from 1154 teams and gliding organisations. Congratulations to the top three placed clubs for 2016:

- 1st Gliding Club of Victoria (AUS)
- 2nd LSV Burgdorf (GER)
- 3rd Lake Keepit Soaring Club (AUS)

In closing, I am proud to work with the incredibly capable and devoted volunteers that constitute the core of the IGC. These talented people work on behalf of glider pilots worldwide that strive to set World or Continental records, claim badges, work or fly in IGC sponsored International Competitions.

Respectfully submitted,



IGC President

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