



January 2015

IGC President Report to the 2015 Plenary –Lausanne, Switzerland

Greetings. I am looking forward very much to meeting the delegates again in Switzerland for our Plenary meeting. It has been several years since we have gathered in Lausanne. Delegates will recognize several of the personnel in the FAI office and will meet some of the new additions. I have enjoyed working this past year with Susanne Schödel, the FAI Secretary General and Markus Haggene, the FAI Sports and Marketing Director. It has also been rewarding working with the Presidents of the other Air Sport Commissions in FAI.

5th FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Final - 2014

The 2014 FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Final was competed in Sisteron, France in May of 2014. Eight days of challenging racing in the French Alps concluded with Didier HAUSS of France being crowned the 2014 FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Champion. For more details on the Final visit the Sailplane Grand Prix website – www.sgp.aero.



1st

Didier HAUSS (FRA)



2nd

Sebastian KAWA (POL)



3rd

Uli SCHWENK (GER)

6th FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Final 2015 and Breitling

Breitling, the Global Partner of the FAI, has selected the 6th FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Final that will be held in Varese, Italy to be one of the four branded Breitling events on the 2015 FAI Competition Calendar. The event will be competed from 5 September to 12 September 2015 at the field of the Aero Club Adele Orsi. Eight Qualifying Grand Prix events held in 2014 and early 2015 will select the pilots that compete in Varese for the title

of FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Champion. For more detailed information visit the Sailplane Grand Prix website (www.sgp.aero).

IGC Pilot Ranking List

The top three pilots on the IGC Ranking List (on 1 January, 2015) are:



1st

Sebastian Kawa (POL)



2nd

Michael Sommer (GER)



3rd

Karol Staryszak (POL)

2014 FAI/IGC World Gliding Championships

The World Champions selected from the 33rd FAI World Gliding Championships (Open, 15 meter, 18 meter) held in Leszno, Poland are:



Open Class - 1st

Michael SOMMER (GER)



15 Meter – 1st

Sebastian KAWA (POL)



18 Meter – 1st

Karol STARYSZAK (POL)

The World Champions crowned from the 33rd FAI World Gliding Championships (Club, Standard, 20 meter Multi-Seat) held in Räyskälä, Finland are:



Club Class - 1st

Eric BERNARD (FRA)



Standard Class – 1st

Bert SCHMELZER (BEL)



20 Meter Multi Seat – 1st

Steve JONES, Howard JONES(GBR)

2015 FAI World Air Games – Dubai

The FAI announced that Dubai in the United Arab Emirates was awarded the 2015 FAI World Air Games (WAG). The WAG will be competed in December 2015. The available airspace (a 5 kilometer by 5 kilometer box) and the lack of convective activity in the December timeframe will present unique challenges for gliding events at the WAG. A more detailed description of the gliding event will be given at the Plenary meeting.

IGC- OLC World League- 2014

The Segelflugszene On Line Contest (OLC) concluded the 2014 season of the IGC-OLC World League in an impressive fashion. The OLC statistics in 2014;

- ❖ 14,935 participants (an increase of 752 pilots from 2013)
- ❖ 115,159 flights (an increase of 2,782 flights from 2013)
- ❖ total distance flown of 32,221,609 kilometers (an increase of 2,425,598 from 2013)

The statistics were taken from the OLC website (www.onlinecontest.org)

The 2014 season of The IGC-OLC World League saw entries from 1,123 Clubs and gliding organisations. Congratulations to the top three placed clubs for 2014:

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| 1 st | Albuquerque Soaring (USA) – 468 points |
| 2 nd | Minden Soaring Club (USA) – 449 points |
| 3 rd | LSV Burgdorf (GER) – 441 points |

IGC- OLC Memorandum of Understanding

In August the FAI/IGC and the OLC finalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organizations that had been under negotiation for several years. The MoU outlines the relationship between IGC and Segelflugszene gGmbH.

At the FAI General Conference held in Thailand this past October the Conference voted to give Segelflugszene gGmbH the status of International Affiliate Member of FAI/IGC.

Championship Structure Working Group

At the IGC Bureau meeting in London, it was decided to convene the third iteration of the Championship Structure Working Group (CSWG). Originally established in the mid-1990's and then again in 2002, the terms of reference of the CSWG examine all aspects of World and Continental Gliding Championships. These include areas such as:


- The grouping of classes at World Gliding Championships;
- The frequency of World Gliding Championships;
- The possible addition or deletion of a WGC class;
- The costs to host and attend WGC's and sanction fees;
- World Gliding Championship venues and duration of the competitions;
- The timetable for selection of World and Continental Gliding Championship venues;

- Participation of Previous World Champions at subsequent Championships as an extra member of the NAC Team;
- Makeup of the IGC Competition Calendar.

I have selected Christof Geissler (GER) to head the CSWG. The target is to have the work essentially completed prior to the October 2015 Bureau meeting. At this meeting any proposals arising out of the CSWG work can be discussed and proposals can be readied for decision by the Plenary in 2016.

In closing, I am proud to work with the incredibly capable and devoted volunteers that makeup the International Gliding Commission. These generous people work on behalf of glider pilots worldwide that strive to set records or aspire to fly in International Competitions. I wish everyone safe and enjoyable soaring in 2015!

Respectfully submitted,


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President, IGC