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Report from handicap committee to the IGC 2015 Plenary

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The handicap committee was busy in 2014.

Main activities have been:

Update of IGC Club Class Handicap List with corrections of mistakes and minor modifications of the IGC Ref. mass for the H301 Libelle with increased mass.
The latest version is: "IGC Club Class Handicap List 2014 Iss.No.1".

The Annex A committee moved the handicap related paragraphs including handicap lists to a separate document (as decided on 2014 plenary meeting) which serves as supplement to Annex A. It's named "IGC Procedures For Handicapped Classes" (SC3AH-2014).

The committee was involved in the discussion about the class definition for the 1st PAGC 2015. It was planned to combine FAI Club Class plus LS6, Ventus, DG600, all gliders of today's FAI Standard Class and name it Club Class.
Finally it was agreed that this composition of gliders can fly on this continental championship and will have the name "1st FAI PAGC Handicap Class" with its specific Handicap list.

Outlook:

Depending on the outcome to the Year-2 proposal from Annex A committee about 8.1.5 Handicap adjustment for lightweight pilots, this will be included into the procedures for handicapped classes as well as some details which should make scruteneering for organizers more clearer and easier and will give pilots more guidance of what is accepted.

As can be seen from a proposal about increasing the MTOM in 20m multiseater class, there will be most probably a new field of work for the handicap committee.
Although there are no handicaps on WGC's in this class so far, there might be the necessity to introduce a wing loading related handicap or minus point when exceeding a certain figure; it will not only allow self launchers to participate with normal mass pilots but for sure we also tend to allow self launchers with electric propulsion to participate; and those might even be heavier.