

Report from the IGC Ranking List Manager for 2014

At the end of 2014 there were 5200 pilots appearing in the IGC Ranking List and 111 contests were registered. This is a small increase on 2013 when 103 contests were registered.

Presentation

During 2014 the Ranking list was incorporated into the Sailplane Racing web site and the presentation and layout upgraded to improve the appearance of the pilot and competitions lists.

Pilot contest details.

The system of accessing pilot data came into use during 2014, once the first small issues were fixed there were an increasing number of competition organisers using the system. We expect almost universal use of the data transfer system in 2015 which should result in less problems with results being entered incorrectly into the RL database. The second part of the data transfer system will be activated in 2015 allowing contest organisers to complete the pilot entry from the information on the RL database.

Pilot profiles.

The pilot database now provides an opportunity for pilots add more details about themselves and any sponsors. It is extraordinarily difficult to get pilots to add photos of themselves and include some interesting information about themselves.

Phase two

The introduction of an on-line payments system has been postponed until 2015. The payments system will be linked to the new FAI shop which should come online in February 2015. When the FAI system is operational we should also be able to commence a new competition entry procedure and sanction fee payment system.

Succession

I have been the manager of the RL since starting it more than 10 years ago. I would like to stand down from this role and would welcome any interested delegate to come forward to discuss taking over the management of the RL.

Operating the IGC RL is a tremendous amount of work and we are indebted to Keith Nicholson, Paul Crabb and Alexander Georgas for their dedication to the RL and their hard work.

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