

Report from the IGC Ranking List Manager for 2016

In 2016 there were 114 contest subscribed into the IGC Ranking List (RL) (2015 109) contests (2014 111 contests) (2013 103 contests).

Competition entry details.

During 2015 in co-operation with Naviter we made some significant improvements to procedures used to populate contests entry lists. This has resulted in a significant reduction in pilot data errors being produced by contest organisers, has helped to reduce amount of work rectifying errors and improved the accuracy of the RL. We have offered the same facility to Strepla to apply to German contests using this system but to date they have not taken up the offer.

Presentation.

Following the integration into the SPR web portal in 2014 the facility to add sponsors and partners to both pilot and home page displays were added in 2015. In 2016 we finalised a scale of charges to become a supporter of the RL by advertising on the web pages. At the close of 2016 we had received our first partners and expect to expand this during 2017.

Pilot profiles.

The pilot login system was upgraded in December 2016 to allow pilots with lost passwords and changed E mail addresses to access their profiles.

It is still extraordinarily difficult to get pilots to add photos of themselves and include some interesting information about themselves. We are seeking ways to encourage more pilots to enhance their personal data for display on competition web sites

Online payments.

The system for paying the RL sanction fee online became active during 2016 and after some initial issues is now working without problems. The system has been upgraded in December 2016 after a debrief on the issues raised by contest organisers feedback.

Succession

Reno Fila the delegate for Sweden will assume responsibilities for the management of the Ranking List from the 2017 Plenum. A handover meeting took place in UK in December with Myself, Reno and Paul Crabb the RL administrator where the procedures and system were discussed.

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

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