Report from Sporting Code Annex D WG (Ranking List) to the IGC 2012 Plenary

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The Ranking list continues to grow with an increase in the number of pilots from 4,757 in 2010 to 5190 in 2011. The rate of growth is now slowing as the Ranking List enters its 10th year.

FAI Server
The crash of the FAI server and the creation of a new FAI web site in 2011 caused many difficulties in the administration of the Ranking List during 2012. The site was off line for several weeks and access for administration took several further weeks to reinstate. The site is still not functioning 100% but we expect to be in full service before the 2012 season in Europe.

Scoring links
Talks are taking place with Naviter to create a direct link between the RL and SeeYou scoring system with eventual use of the RL database by competition organisers. If we can successfully integrate scoring packages with the RL we should be able to reduce the number of errors in Pilot ID.

Two Seater rankings
There has been some discussion with various delegates and pilots regarding the rules for pilots scores in two seaters, the RL committee does not consider there is any need to change the present rules. To accommodate the two seater rankings in the 20m class we intend to introduce a 20m Class Ranking list before 2012 season.

Administration
Credit control is still an issue but we are hopeful that the procedures in the FAI office can be simplified to reduce the amount of work required to ensure timely payment of sanction fees. The facility for a National Aero Club to enter all Nationals classes is very popular but the procedures for entering the contests causes some confusion and we need to improve these.

For full details of prices and procedures go to the Ranking List web site “Enter competitions”
New developments.
Please ensure your NAC has full details of how they can get their competitions on the Official International pilots ranking List, please ask them to get in touch with me if they require any further details or clarification of the new procedures.

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