

Report from the Ranking list Manager for 2006 Plenum.

1. The RL web traffic continues to increase below I have listed a few comparisons on the figures for number of visits to a page.

	2005	2004
• Home page	79186	17996
• Display comps	5138	1279
• Top 5 pilots	4789	1154
• Country rankings	3189	902
• Rules page	1504	438

2. There were results from 50 competitions included in 2005 (41 in 2004)

3. There are now 2193 pilots included in the ranking list

4. The Ranking of countries from the results of their top five pilots is proving to be very popular. This feature started as an experiment but has already been used to allocate reserve places in the 2006 WGC in Sweden. The inclusion of the country scores was announced at the 2004 Plenum but the rules have never been ratified. They should be approved at this Plenum either under this report or under the proposals from the Austrian Aero Club.

The rules for the Country Rankings are currently, the addition of the scores of a countries top five pilots.

The suggested rules for Plenum approval.

The IGC Ranking list will include a Ranking by country. The list to be calculated by the following method.

A Country's score in the IGC Ranking List is the average of the score of that country's top five pilots in the Ranking List.

5. The first World Sailplane Grand Prix took place in 2005 and we included the results in the RL. The WSGP is scored on a place scoring system, this is difficult to integrate into the Ranking system and maintain a relevant ranking for all pilots. The RL organizers have discussed this issue and have come to the conclusion that the Sailplane Grand Prix events should have a separate dedicated RL. This will be discussed and if agreed we will start the GP RL during 2006.

6. In 2006 we introduced a system which gave automatic change of position notification. All pilots who login to amend or complete their details, can choose to receive an E Mail automatically whenever a change takes place to their position on the RL. In the future this feature will provide the IGC with an excellent channel of communication to Worlds top pilots.

7. In 2006 Keith and Thierry have developed a test feature for the system, this became functional in January this year. It is now possible for us to make changes to

almost any aspect of the RL and see the effect it has on the pilots rankings. There will be more news of this at the Plenum.

7. The major difficulties we still encounter is communication with organizers and NAC's. During 2006 it has been necessary for Keith to enter manually several contests from web results because the organizers are have not supplied us with the results despite several reminders.

We would like to add to the Ranking list team a person dedicated to making contact with organizers and pilots to ensure the results and information is as up to date as possible. Neither Keith nor I can undertake this task and it would be a first step toward finding a person to take over the administration of the system.

For the future we are planning to have a web based entry system that could be accessed directly from scoring systems such as See You.

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