IGC 2019 Plenary Meeting

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History Working Group
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History WG Report to the IGC Plenary 2019

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Again during the past year we have continued researching for missing documents, especially the minutes of the IGC meetings in 1956 and 1968. The IGC Plenary meeting in 1956 issued a extraordinary high decision by cancelling the double seater class for classified competitions, as the World Gliding championships, and replacing it by the initiation of the Standard Class, more simple sailplanes with 15 m span in maximum. This decision had an unbelievable influence at the development of new sailplanes in the future decades. Therefore again we urgently ask kindly all the delegates to research in their home archives for those minutes. Besides this, work is going on collecting additional data of the IGC-Award's recipients and the evaluation of detected and available documents relevant for the history of the IGC, former CIVSM and CIVV.

At the moment we are preparing the necessary information for an official FAI Press Release to celebrate the 80st anniversary of the very first Lilienthal Medal for Gliding: Tadeusz Gora, Poland, received it in 1939 during the FAI general Conference for his spectacular cross country flight in 1938.

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