

Report from IGC Media working group to IGC 2019 Plenum.

The IGC media group is focused on ensuring news of IGC activities and events reach the widest possible audience. The main channels of communication by IGC are:-

- Fai sport commission web page.
- Sailplane Racing championship web page.
- IGC Twitter feed
- IGC Ranking list web page and news letter.
- Sailplane Grand Prix web pages.
- Sailplane Grand Prix facebook page

The new FAI web site became live late 2017, there have been a number of issues with publishing IGC news on this channel but these are mainly resolved and news is regularly appearing on the page. Access to the page is not straightforward and the format is not easy to use for short newsy publications.

The SPR main page is an easier and more accessible channel for us to publish news items and is becoming widely read by competition pilots. Its link to the IGC Ranking list pages provides us with direct access to the pilot database.

During 2016 and 2017 the IGC ranking list suffered some breakdowns affecting its accessibility and use of the database. These have now been resolved and we look forward issuing a newsletter in early 2019. The use of the Ranking list web pages to generate sponsor income was also suspended but will be re-instated in 2019.

The Ranking list team are currently working on moving the RL database onto the FAI server, once the mechanism for this is finalised it is planned to also move the SPR and SGP web sites to the FAI server.

Discussions are currently taking place for the introduction of an IGC Facebook page. The outcome of these deliberations will be announced at the IGC plenum meeting.

At the recent IGC Bureau meeting it was decided that each of the IGC working groups and subcommittees would contribute a short explanation of their work to be published on the IGC media channels. The first of these has been published with the announcement of the venue for the E-Concept contest. This has been followed by publication of an article on the use of Flytool as a contest communication medium.

The IGC media working group is an informal WG involving.

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