



## **FAI Challenge Cups Manager's Report to the IGC Plenary 2017**

This is my first report to the Plenary since I have taken care of the administration of the FAI Challenge Cups. I would like to thank Marina Vigorito for her help and assistance, so that I can take over her excellent work, she has carried out for many years. I am highly grateful to Marina, that she agreed to use her researches and the contents of her reports and add findings if necessary. I have learned a lot about the History of Gliding!

The research of the History of the FAI Club Class, Club Class Challenge Cup, is nearly terminated. I am very thankful for the support from so many pilots around the world to add facts, results, names of the champions from the beginning. It was a great pleasure to do the research. It was an utmost concern to complement the history of the club class competition to express our gratefulness towards the initiator Fred Weinholtz who was committed to implement the Club Class competition in World Gliding Championships.

The FAI Challenge Cups are to be presented to the world gliding champions, all together a number of 15 cups including the FAI Team Challenge Cup for the Women's and the Junior's WGC and the Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup. A one year proposal for the World Soaring Cup has been submitted to the plenary 2017. As a consequence of the proposal, the World Soaring Cup was not presented to the Team Cup winner at Benalla. FAI medals have been presented instead to the Team winners of the 34<sup>th</sup> WGCs on the podium. The winning Team has been awarded the title **Team Champion** and the gold medal.

Further FAI Challenge Cups:

Kees Musters Speed Award 15 m class. The Kees Musters Speed award was awarded 2012 for the last time. The Cup is discontinued.

The Robert Kronfeld Challenge Cup is to be presented to a pilot flying at the World Gliding Championships that is competed in the Open, 18 m and 15 m classes so far. The winner of the Cup will have flown the absolute longest distance during the WGC. Further details are to be found in the document "History of the Robert-Kronfeld-Challenge Cup".

The FAI Challenge Cups and special Challenge Cups are to be returned to the next World Gliding Championships if possible with the engraving before the start of the following WGC. See page 1 of "IGC – FAI Challenge Cups".

Last but not least there is a special award, a special gliding event, "The Helli Lasch Challenge" will be awarded to champions or pilots top ranking on invitation only by the South African Aero Club.

The following pages of my report include a list of FAI Challenge Cup pictures, which is a composition recorded at WGC events. The intention is to display the FAI Challenge Cups, the highest award at World Gliding Championships, on the IGC website.

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The events of the 34<sup>th</sup> World Gliding Championships 2016 / 2017 have been successfully completed and 6 new World Champions have been awarded.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| • Jan Rothhardt, Germany         | Club Class                  | Pociunai / Lithuania |
| • Louis Boudier, France          | Standard Class              | Pociunai / Lithuania |
| • Laurent Aboulin & Julien Duboc | 20 m Multi Seat Class       | Pociunai / Lithuania |
| • Team Cup Competition           | Team Champion France        | Pociunai / Lithuania |
| • Sebastian Kawa, Poland         | 15 m Class                  | Benalla / Australia  |
| • Killian Walbrou, France        | 18m class                   | Benalla / Australia  |
| • Russell Cheetham               | Open Class                  | Benalla / Australia  |
| • Team Cup Competition           | Team Champion Great Britain | Benalla / Australia  |

### Current World Soaring Grand Prix Champion 7<sup>th</sup> FAI SGP World Final

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| • Holger Karow, Germany | 18 m class | Potchefstroom / South Africa |
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### Preview:

#### World Gliding Championships 2017

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| <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>FAI Women World Gliding Championships</b>       | <b>Zbraslavice / Czech Republic</b> |
|                        | Club Class, Standard Class, 18 m class             | 21.05.2017 – 03.06.2017             |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>FAI World Gliding Championship 13,5 m Class</b> | <b>Szatymas / Hungary</b>           |
|                        |  | 29.06.2017 – 16.07.2017             |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>FAI Junior World Gliding Championships</b>      | <b>Pociunai / Lithuania</b>         |
|                        | Club Class, Standard Class                         | 27.07.2017 – 05.08.2017             |

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