The IGC Grand Prix Project

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The World Gliding GP Championships
Omarama 19-25 December 2008

- Organised jointly by GNZ and ASL
- 18 high level competitors
- Part of their expenses paid by the organisers
- Experienced officials designated by IGC
- Good weather (5 competition days out of 6 possible)
- Media promotion (tracking + video)
- Encouraging audience despite poor marketing
- One fatal accident
- Follow up at the Wanaka NZ Air Games
- The event was a success
The feedback from the pilots

- All enjoyed the competition
- They will participate again
- Some concerns about the starts
- Penalties for overspeed and excess of altitude
- Some complaints about the scoring system
How will we continue?

• Looking for a reliable tracking system
• Setting up a business plan

• - need to define the audience
• - need to do a better marketing
• - need to define the relationship between all partners
• - searching for a sponsor
• - long term agreement with ASL?

• Fine tuning of the rule
The next Qualifying GPs
(1 January 2008 to 30 June 2009)

- Torino (Italy) 17 – 21 June 2008
- Lasham (UK) 1-7 September 2008
- Saint Auban (France) 1-7 September 2008
- Nitra (Slovakia) 7-13 September 2008
- Narromine (Australia) 30 November - 6 December 2008
- Santiago (Chile) TBD 2009
- Zar (Poland) 26 April - 2 May 2009
- Feldkirchen (Austria) 17 -23 May 2009
Rules for Qualification

- If > 10 participants: two first pilots qualify
- If = or < 10 participants: only one pilot qualifies
- + GP World Champion
- + One wild card for the Organisers
The next Final

• 1st July to 31 December 2009
• Separate from the WAG gliding event