

## **Proposal to: 2010 IGC Plenary Session**

### **Proposal from: Norway**

#### **Concerning: Inclusion of the 20-meter two seater class in future World Gliding Championships.**

There is currently no active two seater class in the World Gliding Championships (WGC). The competitions are mostly flown with single seaters. The 20 meter two seater class is a class with growing popularity. It is flown regularly in national and regional competitions, and once in the European Gliding Championships (EGC), but it has not yet been included in any of the planned World Gliding Championships, and does not appear on the future championship calendar. The IGC is asked to take the necessary steps, as soon as possible, to include the 20 m two seater class in both EGC's and WGC's, if possible, already in WGC 2012. Should the maximum number of gliders or classes in one competition be a concern in a multi-class championship, the IGC is asked to consider the option of replacing the World Class or the future 13,5 m class with the 20 m two seater class, provided a suitable solution for the WC/13,5 m class can be found.

#### Justification:

- The 20 meter two seater class is a class with growing popularity.
- Representation in both EGC and WGC would raise the profile of the class and stimulate to increased two seater gliding at club level too
- This will potentially lead to an increased number of high performance two seaters on air fields and in clubs around the world
- The class opens up the possibility for an improved social side of the sport through real time sharing of gliding experiences with other pilots and that more people can ride along and discover the pleasure and thrill of cross country soaring.
- High performance gliding with two seaters will potentially motivate more pilots to start with cross country gliding due to the in-flight coaching possibility
- This may lead to a further increase in the number of people with the opportunity to experience high performance gliding
- This will potentially lead to increased promotion of and recruitment to the sport.
- The 20 m class fits well within the performance span of the multi-class championships.

A possible way of organizing the events would be:

- One Championship with the Club Class, the Standard Class and the 15 meter Class.
- One Championship with the 18 meter Class, the 20 meter Two Seater Class and the Open Class.