



CIVL 2019 PLENARY – ANNEXE 15
REPORT FROM PARAGLIDING ACCURACY COMMITTEE

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General development during 2018

Paragliding accuracy is starting in several new countries and this is very positive. There is a growing interest in organizing category 2 competitions.

During the year there were two category 1 events, the 6th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship and the 1st FAI Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Accuracy Championship. 71 category 2 events were held in 29 countries. In the World Pilot Ranking System there are 2034 pilots (by November 25th) and 13 % percent of the pilots are female.

Judging training has been in focus and paragliding accuracy now has category 1 judges also from relatively new nations such as Columbia and Iran.

Safety record of paragliding accuracy remains very good.

The CIVL invested in a whole target system during the year and it was used for the first time at the European Championships.

The Committee

24 people representing 17 countries are participating in paragliding accuracy discussions on Basecamp, the CIVL's web based project management tool. The committee has been active during the year and issues such as coming rule change proposals, technical details for automatic measuring devices, allocation rules for coming category 1 events, requirements for footwear used in competitions and support to new PGA nations have been discussed.

The committee has organized a *Pilots' evening* during both the Asian-Oceanic and European championships to discuss actual matters with pilots, judges and officials. These evenings have been a good place for dialogue with a larger group of people involved in the sport and they have resulted in new ideas for future development.

Summary of activity since last Plenary

The 1st FAI Asian-Oceanic Paragliding Accuracy Championships was held in Pasak Jolasid Dam, Lopburi, Thailand 3rd-12th of April, 2018. 51 pilots from 12 nations participated and 11 rounds were completed in this tow event. The results were dominated by China and the host nation Thailand.

The 6th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championships was held in Kobarid, Slovenia 16th-22nd of September 2018. This competition organization was very good and the event

attracted 101 pilots from 19 European nations and also 10 guest pilots. 11 rounds were flown and the host nation Slovenia took all individual medals and the team gold. Women's competition had medalists from Czech Republic and the United Kingdom.

The test event for next World Championships- the Romanian & Serbian Open was held in Vršac, Serbia 18th–20th of May, 2018. The event with 57 pilots from 10 nations was successful and no major changes are needed for the World Championships in 2019.

The CIVL PG committee has organized category 1 judging seminars in conjunction of the category 1 events. The category 1 judges' list is regularly updated and training material is distributed to people who can train judges at national level. There have also been several national training seminars in conjunction with category 2 competitions.

The CIVL has invested in a whole paragliding accuracy target system from the company Texair. Some modifications will be done together with the manufacturer before the next competition season.

During spring 2018 the committee discussed world records and requirements for automatic measuring devices. The Bureau took a decision according to the committee's proposal that the AMDs need to be accepted separately in order to be used for world records in PGA. At the moment the AMDs from Weckbecker and Texair fulfill the requirements.

The committee has discussed changes to Section 7C during autumn and a proposal is put forward to the Plenary 2019. The proposals include issues such as allocation to World championships and requirements for footwear.

There will also be a proposal on changing the WPRS ranking system for PGA.

A separate group will test competitions with landing on rafts during 2019.

There is a growing interest in organizing category 1 events in newer PGA countries and there is a need to focus on helping and training new organizers.