

Report from Heinrich Schawalder, Chairman GAC – Air Nave Race Subcommittee, for the GAC plenary meeting 2010 in Lausanne

On July 24th and 25th the Air Navigation Race received the baptism of fire on the occasion of the ceremonies “100 years of aviation in Switzerland”. The first Swiss championship in this branch of athletics caused a frenzy of enthusiasm for the competing crews.

ANR LIVE was tracked by the spectators with passion. The who-is-who of aviation in Switzerland, the reporters of printed press, radio and TV and also the president of FAI were flown to the finals with a military helicopter. On ANR LIVE, with its online ranking, the winning team could be observed on time and congratulated for their win immediately after landing.

The winners list:

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| Air Navigation Champion: | David Brulhart and Frédéric Monteleone |
| Landing Champion: | Werner Unold and Esther Rimensberger |
| TOP ANR Champion (ANR + Landings): | Werner Unold and Esther Rimensberger |

Further winners are Philipp Utiger, Luc Baumann and Luca Selinger (ANR software developing team) and John Ducret (creator of the ANR competition maps), under the direction of Maurice Ducret.

The internationalization of the Air Navigation Race must follow now. The introduction in the manner of creating parcours for competition should be the point of main effort during coming winter. Therefore every feedback to the ANR subcommittee regarding improvement and further development of the software is warmly welcome until February 2011. The ANR software and the documentation can be downloaded from the FAI website (www.fai.org) since April 2010. Please test it yourself.

Air Navigation Race is extensible nearly without limits. New trackers with a buffer system could allow continuous display on ANR LIVE without interruptions caused by difficulties in transmission. The visualization of ANR LIVE could even be dramatized with video cameras in the cockpit, and so on. All these arrangements enable ANR to be a sensation for pilots, spectators and media.

For that purpose new, motivated and foresighted work-fellows are needed in the subcommittee. The discussion has to be started.

Dear delegates, take the chance to launch Air Navigation Race in your countries and help General Aviation to regain appreciation.

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