

Highlights from the IGC Bureau meeting 10th May 2021

Status 2021 competitions

Cancellation of WGC Stendal and the way ahead

The IGC Bureau acknowledged a disappointment the cancellation might have caused to the teams. did all they could to make the event happen. Unfortunately, the organisers despite doing all in they control were not able to get a confirmation from the authorities by the end of April, which was the agreed deadline, also signalled at the IGC Plenary meeting in March. The Bureau is of the opinion that organizing a WGC with the expected quality required at least several months of thorough preparations. Also, any back-up plan would have required a decision by the IGC Plenary and, a formal vote. Under these circumstances, the IGC Bureau was not ready to move the WGC to another venue. The next WGC in the "heavy" classes will be in Hungary in 2022.

WGC, Montlucon

The preparations are on track, there are many confirmed entries. The organisers have recently indicated that the WGC will very likely take place.

SGP, St. Auban

The qualifying SPG in France has just finished successfully. There will be probably one more QSGP in Varese. All preparations for the Final SGP are well underway and the authorities are supportive. The event is expected to take place as planned.

JEGC Pociunai

The latest information indicates that the event may take place.

PAGC Luis Eduardo Magalhaes

The situation in BRA is unclear, additionally there are some recent issues within the NAC. Note: The event has been cancelled after the meeting. The organisers wish to postpone the event to 2022. The Bureau will discuss this in June.

A subsequent discussion took place about Local Procedures (LPs) and how and when the Annex A may be reflected within. The Bureau proposed to add an additional text in the template to clarify that copying the text from Annex A to LPs is not necessary.

Management of IGC trackers

The WGC in Montlucon will be IGC's test event concerning the IGC trackers.

Communication initiated to have a written agreement for the logistics, now awaiting the feedback from the provider.



Contact with CIA commission to understand their arrangements. Alternatively, this issue may be resolved through an insurance from the parcel company to be used.

The Bureau approved to cover the costs of tracker technical support in Montlucon.

Periodic Calibration of Flight Recorders (2021 IGC Plenary agenda item 6.3.4)

Application date

SC3 Committee requested review of the application date of this change considering IGC internal regulations. The Bureau discussed the issue and agreed that this proposal still needs to follow the full Y1/Y2 process.

The IGC secretary to consult the committees on the possible ways forward that will be in accordance with IGC internal regulations and report back to the Bureau.

Process for Year-2 proposals (BS)

Two main aspects were discussed:

Whether the process delivered expected improvements and whether IGC should be accepting late amendments during the Plenary meetings.

The Bureau will continue to further development of the process while considering the recent experiences and future needs (e.g. a need for some flexibility regarding the final wording). Clear deadlines should be identified as part of that process and communicated to the delegates well in advance.

Future FAI website

The FAI website may undergo changes is the coming years. We need to have a clear view on our needs and preferences before this process starts.

Alternative scoring

The objective of the system is to demotivate gaggling and reward the finishers. The system is approved in our rules and is ready for testing. The pilots' feedback from its use (in US) is very encouraging. Based on that feedback the Annex A committee requested the Bureau to allow for substantial changes (e.g. scaling) in the rule to be more flexible. The Bureau agreed under the condition that will be done without changing the philosophy of the system and the final changes will be approved by the Plenum (preferably as the proposal from the Bureau).

13,5-meter class record coding

The FAI secretariat requested clarification about the coding of records in 13.5 meter class i.e. D13.5 instead of D13 used previously. The Bureau agreed that this is only a name change, and that existing records should be re-classified using the new code D13.5.

WGC numbering

The bureau agreed to keep the numbering unchanged i.e. 37th WGC this year and 38th next year.

Next Bureau meeting will take place on 7th June at 18:00 UTC (online).