



Notes from the IGC Bureau meeting 7th and 8th October 2003 in Madrid

Participants

- Peter Eriksen, president (PE)
- Rick Sheppe, 1st vice-president (RS)
- Patrick Pauwels, treasurer (PP)
- Brian Spreckley, vice-president (BS) – remotely
- Frouwke Kuijpers, vice-president (FK)
- Angel Casado, vice-president (AC)
- Mandy Temple, vice-president (MT)
- Vladimir Foltin, secretary (VF)
- Christof Geisler, vice president, (CG)

Session 1, Saturday 7th 09:00 – 13:00

1. Welcome (PE)
2. Bureau Action List
The Bureau reviewed and updated the list of actions.
3. Finance
 - a. 2023 status
 - b. 2024 budget including review of the pricelist

Budget presented during the 2023 IGC plenary was updated and submitted to the FAI in the summer. It reflected the increase by 3% as approved by the 2023 IGC Plenary.

Action - PE to initiate the discussion with Reno Filla on IGC Ranking List finances.

Decision - Bureau approved fees and procedures for IGC approval of a type of flight recorders and new sanction fees based on the 2023 IGC Plenary decision (ref. email from PP)

The Bureau noted that the transportation of IGC trackers needs to be organised well in advance to avoid any unnecessary fees and charges upon their return to Europe.

4. IGC tracking system
 - a. Presentation of the Proximity Analysis Tool with an online demo
The Bureau received the presentation of the proximity analysis tool by AC, which now runs on the FAI servers. A standalone application is also available. The tool requires registration to SoaringSpot or SGP. The default sphere is available, but adjustable. All encounters are then considered. The tool to be used as educational and promotion tool and not as a disciplinary tool. It should drive the improvements towards a standard performance of pilots.



- b. Presentation of the IGC-SAR tool
The Bureau received the SAR4Comp presentation of the proximity analysis tool by AC. The tool assists the organisers in searching for missed gliders and will be further developed so that it could be used at IGC Championships. The Bureau thanked AC and the OGN team for the development of this very important safety tool.
 - c. Status Real Time Scoring
This matter is still work in progress and delayed slightly because the industry partner is being busy with the development of new products.
 - d. Physical state of trackers
See actions.
 - e. Process for transfer of trackers between organisers
See actions.
5. Scoring Software
- a. Status
Nothing specific to note.
6. Annex A
- No new proposal, last year's changes published ahead of WGC.
- a. Start methods, current situation
The Bureau anticipates possible problems due to multiple proposals being tabled. The Annex A committee requested that impact on other start procedures should be part of the proposals. The Bureau is concerned about the safety implications of new proposals as they may increase the pilot's head down time.
 - b. Proposals received.
The Bureau noted all proposal that were tabled (ref. a separate file).
 - c. Bureau/Annex A Committee proposals
Decision - The Bureau will file an 'Other' proposal for starting option packages, which will be simplifying the existing structure. It should be reflected in Annex as a Note and/or in an Appendix.
Action - VF to reformat IGC rules and procedures, so that the document will contain all known approval references.
Action - The Bureau will ask scoring software working group for a technical opinion on the implementation of the Y2 start procedure proposal from Poland. The feedback to be provided to the proposal authors so that it could be considered for their final version of the proposal.

Session 2, Saturday 7th 14:00 – 18:00

7. Championship Management
- Extensive discussion
- a. Quality of events
 - i. Stewards report from 2023 Championships – major issues
The Bureau noted the report including the major issues reported within.
 - ii. Quality of events – how do we increase the standard - discussion.
A post event survey is vital. A shorter Championships should be strongly



considered. There are no consequences for the organisers not adhering to the bid and not achieving a standard quality nor incentives in case they do well. The Bureau would be in favour of the latter to improve the quality of the events. More specific requirements in the dynamic part of the Organiser's Agreement could be applied e.g., number and performance of tug planes per number of sailplanes or similar. The IGC Bureau will ask for a more detailed organisation chart to be submitted with the bids in 2024. The introduction of the role of certified sporting director may help to address some of the known deficiencies.

Action - IGC to file proposal in 2024 for Sporting Director(SD)

Action – MT to lead the development of a post Championship survey to be completed by participating pilots and Team Captains.

iii. Media coverage of WGCs and Continental Championships

The Bureau recommends that a media liaison should be always nominated by the organisers.

iv. Safety officer – how do we make that work

Safety to have a more prominent role in the Championships organisation.

Action – The championship management working group to prepare a training and qualification programme for stewards, future Sporting Directors, safety officers and referees.

b. Change of 2024 dates

The Bureau noted the agreed change of dates of the 2024 FAI EGC in Tábor, Czechia. Discussion took place about a more careful management of slots and time slot options to the bidders, which resulted in Bureau preference to keep the existing practice.

Action - MT to send out the call for bids for the 2026 FAI EGC in club, std. and 15m classes.

Action - VF and MT to draft a process for inclusion into the IGC rules and procedures for cases when no notification of requested bids will be received by September 30 deadline.

c. Stewards and Jurors

i. Document Pack for Chief Stewards

There are many single sheet documents that are now being consolidated into a meaningful package to support the work of Chief Stewards.

ii. Stewards WG, training of Stewards

There were several online sessions for stewards during the year.

iii. The role of the Jury President – discussion

The Bureau noted the clarification of roles of IGC/FAI officials like the consultation of jury by championship director or similar (to understand consequences of their decisions like loss of sporting license).

iv. Jury training, status

Decision – The nominated jury members are obliged to participate in the jury training within 12 months prior to the Championship in question.



- v. Process for selections and nomination of jurors and stewards
Decision – The process of nominations for stewards and jurors to be described and documented. The NAC nomination will be followed by training and then qualification of Stewart’s or Juror. The latter to include mentoring and gradual qualification (from Steward to Chief Stewart and from Jury member to Jury president).
- vi. Identification of new Stewards and Jurors
Action - IGC will invite the IGC Delegates to nominate candidates for new Stewards and Jurors.
- vii. Cost of officials
There will be no proposed changes following the discussion by the Bureau (in person participation is always being considered, but two remote jurors will still be possible as an option)
- viii. Allocation of officials for 2024 events
Decision - IGC approved allocation of officials for the events in 2024
The bureau provided comments to the proposed list of Jurors and Stewards that should be included in the published list.
The qualifications are Jury President or Jury member, Chief Steward or Steward. The current needs to be managed and recorded by the WG.
Decision - The Bureau decided to purchase and provide clothing for officers acting on site at the IGC Championships.
- d. Status on safety work
The Bureau noted the good progress of the work to date.
- e. Bids received.
MT provided the overview of the bids and championships in a separate file (available to all Delegates). The bidders from Australia for the 2026 FAI JWGC should decide if the bid will be kept or not.
- f. Calendar of future events – Bureau proposal
Action – MT to draft a proposal of the IGC championships calendar for the next few years.
Frequency of Junior and Women’s WGC outside Europe
Action - MT and VF to draft new proposal for minimum frequency of WGC held outside Europe (rolling period of eight years instead of fixed period) i.e. reset the clock after a WGC is awarded to a bidder from outside of Europe.
The reasons are the alignment with the frequency of junior and woman WGCs and the correction of effects of delayed competitions e.g., due to pandemic.

Session 3, Sunday 8th 09:00 – 14:00

- 8. Update of Committee members etc. on the web.
Action - VF to update the list of officers and coordinate the publication with the FAI
- 9. Virtual gliding
 - a. Status of current season
The Bureau took note of the status report provided by Antoine Havet.
 - b. Plans for 2024
The working group suggested to separate the real events from the their virtual counterparts.



Decision - IGC noted the report and supported the organisation of virtual WGC in 2024.

10. Sailplane Grand Prix

- a. Current seasons
BS provided feedback on the latest series and the final in Italy. Some pilots declined participation due to location.
- b. Plans for next years
12th Series organisation is in progress, the call for bids was sent out recently.
Action - the SGP team to outline the way how to incorporate more junior and woman pilots in the SGP finals
- c. Review of SGP WG membership
The bureau noted the current composition of the management team and possible need for some changes in the near future.

11. Low emission Gliding WG

- a. Status
There was a lower participation at the recent event mostly due to costs. Some new ideas based on experience at E5Glide will be incorporated into the rules. The event is not yet ready for WGC. There is the need for a team to take care of this format like it is the case in SGP.
Action - PE to organise an online meeting with the event organisers of Electrify-In Grenchen to look for possible synergies.

12. FAI General Conference, Dayton Ohio, USA

The Bureau discussed the FAI proposal to the General Conference about harassment and behaviour towards FAI officials.

13. 2024 IGC Plenary, Toulouse 1-2 March 2024

- a. Bureau meeting – from Wednesday, 28 February 14:00 to Thursday 29 February 13:00 to be followed by the visit to Aura-Aero on Thursday afternoon.
- b. Bureau proposals
Action - VF to update the draft list and add it to the notes
- c. Year-1 Proposals received
From DEN - handicap committee plans to implement the requested changes at the next IGC Plenary meeting
From USA - no comments
From DEU - Proposal 1 should be tabled as 'Other' (not as Year 1), Proposal 3 is already required
There may be 2 other proposals from HUN about the 2nd crew in 20m class EGC
Action - MT to contact Hungarian Delegate for further details
- d. Preparation of Year-2 proposals
All adopted Year 1 proposal from 2023 tabled by NACs will be filed as Year 2 proposal in 2024. The Bureau will file the Year 2 proposal about the mandatory strobe light.



Action – RS and VF to draft the final version of the proposal for mandatory strobe light (item 6.2.1 from the 2024 IGC Plenary)

Action - VF to invite the authors of Year 2 proposal to coordinate with the relevant committee or WG to avoid unnecessary errors or confusions.

e. Subjects for discussion at the 2024 IGC Plenary

The following topics are being considered: EASA GA Flightpath 2030+ and the key topics for GA, FANS4ALL project, New proximity tool, SAR4IGC and Quality of Championships.

f. Guests

The Bureau members were invited to suggest to PE the names of guest or keynote speaker to be invited to the meeting

g. Awards

All NACs are encouraged to nominate worthy candidates for IGC Awards.

14. AOB

The next online Bureau meeting will take place on 28 November (evening European time).