



## Notes from the IGC Bureau meeting Monday 18th March 2024 at 16:00 UTC

### Participants

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

### Agenda

1. Welcome  
PE welcomed the members of the Bureau.
  1. Finance  
All proposals related to finance were adopted by the IGC Plenary. The bureau expressed appreciation to PP for the good preparatory work.
  2. Update after Plenary meeting
    - a. Names, Committees etc.  
**Action:** VF to consolidate and update the membership and chairmanship of committees, working groups and the list of experts and specialists.
    - b. List of Y2 proposals for the 2025 Plenary  
**Action:** VF to compile the list of Y2 proposals for the 2025 IGC Plenary.
    - c. Definition of Sporting Director in SC3 Annex A or?  
Discussion took place on where to define the role and responsibilities of the Sporting Director (SD). A correct wording is needed to define the SD's responsibility for sporting decisions as defined in the Sporting Code. The requirements to be incorporated in Annex A.  
**Action:** RS and MT to reflect the discussion in the next draft of Annex A.
- Scoring Software development
- Scoring SW working group had a very good exchange with LXNav and Naviter about airspace definitions in the software and about future development needs. It has been identified that Open Air format is having a discontinuity problem and is becoming outdated. The objective is to create new airspace format which will be readable by humans and does not have issues as Open Air. The committee will initiate the development. The Bureau will approach individual experts in mathematics to help with this initiative. AC asked for mandate to initiate exploratory discussions with interested manufacturers about possible development costs.
- Action:** AC to nominate an expert to undertake this work.
- Decision:** AC to approach glider navigation SW companies and initiate discussions about development costs for online scoring SW and report to the Bureau about the progress achieved.



3. Championship Management Committee
  - a. 41<sup>st</sup> WGC Rieti – CD

MT reported on the issues related to nomination of different CD in the initial and updated bid.

**Action:** MT to ask Italian NAC within 14 day to formally endorse the bid as presented at the IGC Plenary.
  - b. Increase of costs at JWGC 2024 and 13.5 m WGC 2024, Ostrow

MT referred to the discussion at the Bureau meeting in Madrid and the agreement reached there to increase the entry fee and camping fees as proposed by Poland.

**Decision:** The Bureau confirmed the previous decision (proposed increase in entry fees and camping fees). The towing costs will be reviewed closer to the event dates based on actual fuel prices.

**Action:** MT to inform the organisers of JWGC 2024 and 13.5m WGC 2024 of the agreement with the proposed increase in entry fees and camping fees and the postponement of the decision on the towing costs.
  - c. Junior WGC exemption (AUS)

MT reported on the request for a waiver for an Australian pilot to participate in the 2024 JWGC to compensate for the delayed championship due to COVID.

**Decision:** The Bureau decided not to accept the request for exemption for the Australian pilot to enter JWGC 2024 over the maximum age specified in the sporting code.
  - d. Sanction Fee increase for 2027

**Decision:** The bureau agreed 3% increase of all sanction fees for competitions in 2027. Adjustment +/- might be applied in accordance with the real indexation.
4. Certification of Championship Sporting Directors  
Under development.
5. CAT 2 events in the Ranking List.

45 days prior registration of the event in the Ranking List is required for the event to be included in the FAI calendar. Discussion of possible impact on competitions this year and next year. Transitional period necessary to ensure continuity of existing quality of ranking list.

**Decision:** The Bureau decided that 2024 - 2025 will be the transition period during which a less stringent pre-event deadline and administrative requirements may apply.
6. World Team Cup Trophy

Successful research for the names of donors by NZL (Bob). The donors John and Chris Roake, Dick and Helen Georgeson, Tom and Audrey Richardson, Arie and Cor Van Dyk, Geoff and Anne White, Shirley and Ian Finlayson, Margaret and Gordon Hookings, Judy and Peter Lyons and, Tom Davies will be recorded for future by the IGC trophy manager Gisela Weinreich in the history records consolidating all information about the trophies.



7. Bid for 2025 Plenary

The Bureau discussed the preliminary offers for the organisation of the meeting in Slovenia (Celje and Ljubljana). The Bureau is in favour of holding the meeting in Celje (in the city or in a nearby place).

**Action:** PE to continue to work with Slovenia to finalise their offer.

8. Date and place for the Fall IGC Bureau meeting

The Bureau intends to hold the next face-to-face meeting in October on the premises of EASA, either in Cologne or in Brussels.

**Action:** VF to check the availability of the EASA meeting room and nearby hotels in Cologne or Brussels during October 2024.

9. AOB

The Bureau discussed the 'igc-discuss' email channel and concluded that it has not contributed to the work of the IGC in recent years. It was noted that not all members of the IGC follow the channel. The IGC has limited resources to monitor and respond to communications. Therefore, like many other commissions, the IGC will be setting up a new 'igc-info' list to communicate information from the IGC to the gliding community. Additionally, the IGC will focus on social media to promote activities and collect feedback. The final message sent to the 'igc-discuss' list will contain a link to a subscription page for the new list, accessible from the IGC section of the FAI website, inviting people to subscribe.



**Decision:** The Bureau decided to discontinue the 'igc-discuss' group email and establish 'igc-info' group email instead.

**Action:** VF to inform FAI about the discontinuation of the 'igc-discuss' group and request creation of 'igc-info' group email.

- ASC Presidents Meeting will take place in Lausanne - There is no specific gliding item on the agenda. IGC will not be present as other ASCs share the same views as IGC on the remaining agenda items and discussion points.
- The next Online Bureau meeting will take place at the end of April.