



Notes from the IGC Bureau Zoom meeting, Tuesday 10th December 2024

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)

1. Welcome

The President welcomed the members of the Bureau to the online meeting.

2. Bureau Action List

The list has been updated and many actions have been completed. The actions related to the 2025 IGC Plenary are ongoing and on track.

3. Feedback FAI General Conference

PE informed the Bureau of the results of the FAI General Conference, where Mr Greg PRINCIPATO (USA) was elected as the new FAI President, succeeding Mr David MONKS (UK) who did not stand for re-election. The nomination of PP to the FAI Executive Board was almost successful. One of the main outcomes of the conference is the need to work on the membership structure of the FAI. The conference was a great success, with many interesting discussions and presentations, all made possible by the excellent support and organisation of the local Saudi Aviation Club organisers.

4. Finance

PP informed the Bureau that there was nothing substantial to add to the written report with figures as at the end of October. However, he noted from the report delays in reimbursements by the FAI Office due to workload, as well as the FAI's IT costs, which appeared to be substantial compared to the cost of similar services on the market.

5. Championship Management Committee (CMC)

MT referred to the written report and highlighted the following points for consideration by the Bureau:

- CMC has proposed organising an informal discussion in March on the proposal to remove the tracking delay. In preparation, CMC will ask the delegates to survey their pilots in preparation for the session.
Action: PE and VF to arrange a discussion item on the proposal 'Remove tracking delay' during the 2025 IGC Plenary.
- CMC has proposed inviting John Wharington to deliver a presentation on the PAT tool at the 2025 IGC Plenary in March. He has confirmed his availability.#



Decision: The IGC Bureau has decided to cover the cost of John Wharington's accommodation during the 2025 IGC Plenary in recognition of his contribution to the development.

- CMC proposed the creation of a list of Bureau decisions that would be made accessible to relevant parties. This list would include decisions made since the previous Plenary meeting. The list could also be used for the upcoming Plenary meeting.

Action: VF to compile a list of Bureau decisions since the last the Plenary meeting.

- Regarding the Bureau's action on the relocation of IGC trophies, CMC proposes the appointment of a new volunteer to oversee the recently agreed process of producing smaller trophies for recipients to retain.

Action: MT to draft an email inviting nominations and circulate to the Bureau.

Finally, MT provided the Bureau with a briefing on recent discussions with IT experts regarding the IGC Championships registration system. These discussions confirmed that the intended implementation was feasible but would require the allocation of a dedicated FAI cyber space. AC confirmed that such a space was already available and could be made accessible to the project team.

6. Approval of 2024 Annex B

RS referred to the discussion paper on the approval of 2025 Annex B, which states that NACs must follow a procedure described in the technical specification for Flight Recorders. This should be changed to a "may". Otherwise, Annex B may introduce mandatory calibration procedures for NACs that were not formally approved by the IGC. RS proposed that the latest Annex B should not be approved until the procedure is changed from mandatory to optional. The procedure in question concerns the calibration of flight recorders.

Decision: The Bureau decided that any updates to the Annex B to be always sent to the Bureau for review and approval before publication.

Action: PE to communicate to the CFAC the decision that any updates to the Annex B to be always sent to the Bureau for review and approval before publication.

7. Scoring of tasks with the Start Cylinder

The industry has raised concerns about the implementation of the scoring for this new procedure. This issue will be discussed at the meeting with SW providers, which is being jointly organised by AC, BS and RS on the margins of the 2025 IGC Plenary meeting in Celje.

Currently, there is no validated scoring SW that can score the new start method. Therefore, the procedure is not yet applicable for the IGC Championships.

8. Implementation of changes to Annex D in 2024

Decision: The Bureau approved the proposed changes to Annex D including the recalculation of 2024 scores.

9. PAT status and seminars in 2025

The new system is more sophisticated than the previous one, and the changes will be presented during the seminars to be organised at the beginning of 2025. It is necessary to coordinate our training sessions (stewards, organisers, etc.). As the first quarter of 2025 is already very busy, it was suggested that the session be held online in March after the 2025 IGC Plenary.



Decision: The Bureau has decided to organise separate online PAT seminars in March 2025, sometime after the 2025 IGC Plenary.

10. E6glide status and way forward

The Bureau agreed that BS will provide a summary update to the 2025 IGC Plenary on the status and leave it to the meeting to decide on the future of this initiative.

11. Championship Sporting Director Training

PE informed the Bureau about the status of preparations for the training. The Bureau then discussed the timing of the training and agreed that any participants worldwide should be reasonably able to participate. CMC will be responsible for sending out the invitations.

12. Status, Bureau proposals for 2025 Plenary

VF informed that most of the input has already been provided and is stored in the cloud.

Action: VF to send a message to the Bureau when all the Bureau's proposals for the 2025 IGC plenary meeting are in the final draft.

13. Status Year-2 proposals

No changes to Y1 were indicated.

14. Status Plenary meeting preparations

The Bureau's discussion centred on identifying the guest speaker(s) and topic(s) for the presentations and strategic discussion session(s) that would be most relevant and of interest to the delegates. The IGC's work on safety, PAT and a session involving the local gliding industry were considered strong candidates for a keynote speech and/or presentations. Additionally, the increasing impact of technology on gliding and how the IGC can best embrace it was identified as a potential discussion point. The underlying challenge for the IGC is to ensure that the sport's rules can keep pace with the developing technologies of the future. The Bureau will consider organising a half-day session (in a mini-conference format), possibly to be broadcast on YouTube.

15. Next meeting

The next Bureau online meeting is scheduled for 14 January 2025 at 12:00 UTC.

16. AOB

There were no AOB items to be discussed.