



President's Letter to Delegates and Committee Chairmen

19th March 2010

2010 Plenary Update

Dear Friends

We completed a huge amount of work at the recent Plenary meeting in Lausanne and I would like to congratulate everyone who participated for their contributions to the discussions and for enabling us to get through, what was a very full, agenda.

I know that we all congratulate the worthy winners of the IGC Awards;

- Lilienthal Medal – Ross Macintyre (New Zealand)
- Pirat Gehriger Diploma – Egidio Galli (Italy)
- Pelagia Majewska Medal – Beryl Hartley (Australia)

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Congratulations also to the successful bidders for Championships:

- 2011 16th EGC, 15m/18m/Open Class - Pociunai, Lithuania
- 2011 16th EGC, World/Club/Standard/20m Two Seat Class - Nitra, Slovak Republic
- 2013 8th FAI Junior WGC - Leszno, Poland
- 2013 7th FAI Woman's WGC - Issoudun, France

The presentations from Mario Hytten and Peter Newport (the GP documentary video), Jeff Zaltmann (Flying Aces) and Nick Farrell (Yellow Brick) were all very educational and lead me to believe that we are now close to being able to have effective business partnerships with external companies to provide marketing and presentation support for our GP events and for our WGC events. Brian Spreckley is responsible for leading the IGC side of the discussions to achieve an FAI agreement with potential external partners and is working closely with Stephane Desprez (FAI Secretary General) to enable these agreements.

And while you have all seen the message from Max Bishop thanking us for hosting him and Angela to dinner, those of you who were not able to join us in Lausanne this year may not be aware that we made three presentations to Max and Angela:

- a giant “thank you” card signed by all present at the Plenary meeting
- a “certificate” promising to pay EUR250 to the club or organisation who sends Max solo (again) in a glider; and,

– we appointed Max (following nomination by the UK) as an IGC Jury President and Juror. He was then offered the position of Jury President for the WGC in Argentina in 2012 and has tentatively accepted this position. Max's comment was that he "*would need to go and read up on the sporting code!*"

Our Secretary has already notified you of the formal list of decisions taken at the meeting and a number of actions now arise:

- The World Championships Working Group is being re-formed to provide us with urgent advice on how best to integrate the 20M class and the 13.5M class into the World Championship calendar. Bids for the 2014 championships have to be decided next year (2011) and so potential bidders need to know where these classes will fit in time for them to lodge competent bids by the **end of September** this year. In addition there are two questions which we also need clarification on for these classes: will the 20M class be handicapped and will there be a mass limit (or wing-loading limit) applied to the 13.5M class. I will discuss these implications in a later newsletter and tell you how we are planning to deal with these questions.
- Amendments to Annex A (to amend the Pilot Selection procedure) and to the Sporting Code (to amend the approval process for GPS Position Recorders) are in hand.
- In discussions with the FAI Office a few questions have come up since the Plenary meeting about the process of managing the new Continental Records and the CRWG and SC Committee are looking at these questions.
- We are also working closely with the FAI Office to resolve the situation with our "outstanding" accounts and ensuring that they have been correctly tracked and recorded.

Best regards



Bob Henderson
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