

Sailplane Grand Prix report 2013.

Update on current series 5th SGP series (2012/3)

In 2012/3 there were 8 qualifying grand prix events all completed successfully with 18 pilots qualifying for the final

SGP Final 2014 Sisteron.

5th SGP World Final Sisteron 9 May-16 May, 2014.

The preparations for the SGP world final at Sisteron in May are progressing well, the organisers have been successful in finding some commercial partners and a full programme of public involvement is planned, the FAI have selected the SGP final as an FAI/Breitling sponsor event.

A full update will be given during the Plenum when more up to date information is available.

Update on forthcoming 6th series.

The 6th SGP series will run from June 2014 through to September 2015.

We have received and accepted 8 bids for qualifying Grand prix events for the 6th series.

Event venues are: -

France	Rennes	7 Jun-14 Jun, 2014
Italy	Varese	15 Jun-23 Jun, 2014
Spain	Cerdanya	7 Sep-13 Sep, 2014
South Africa	Worcester	3 Jan-15 Jan, 2015
Chile	Santiago	24 Jan-31 Jan, 2015
Czech Republic	Frydland	May 2015
Poland	Zar	25 Jul-1 Aug, 2015
Australia	Lake Keepit	TBD

6th Sailplane Grand Prix world final

World Final Varese 5 Sep-12 Sep, 2015

There were two bids for the 2015 final both in the 18m class, we have accepted the bid from Varese in the 18m class subject to ratification by the 2014 Plenum. See proposal below.

Co-operation with FAME.

The creation of an SGP management group within FAME has not produced any significant progress in the promotion of the SGP.

A brochure was produced for use by FAME in the promotion of all FAI events to potential city hosts but no other activity has been undertaken by FAME toward finding suitable commercial partners.

At the time of writing it is not clear how the recent departure of Giancarlo Sergi from FAME will affect the agreement between FAME and IGC, we anticipate that before the IGC Plenum the future of the current agreement will be assessed and any proposal for change may be considered at the Plenum session.

Sailplane Grand Prix web site.

The SGP web site (www.sgp.aero) went live in March 2013 in time for some of the 2013 events to use the site allowing us an excellent opportunity for testing and evaluating the event sites.

In November 2013 the sister Sailplane Racing site became live, several forthcoming WGC events have already established their event sites and we are working with them to ensure the event sites provide both SGP and WGC organisers with a comprehensive presentational and operational tool.

SGP management group.

During 2013 we have been actively seeking two extra members of the SGP management group to help promote the event to commercial partners.

Alexander Georgas has joined the group as web master and is responsible for ensuring the sgp web site operates correctly, Patrick Puskeiler has also joined the sgp web team to manage the German language pages, we are very grateful to them for their help..

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