Proposal to change the class for the Sailplane Grand Prix final in Varese 2014.

Proposed by the SGP management group.

All past SGP finals have been held in the 15m class but for the 2015 final there were two bids both in the 18m class. The SGP management group decided to accept the 18m class but with the condition that this was confirmed at the 2014 Plenum session. Although the SGP management group has the authority to introduce the change they believe it is appropriate to provide the delegates with an opportunity to debate the change as it may affect some NAC's outside the arena of the SGP.

Since the introduction of the SGP it has been considered a new home for the 15m class compensating for it's decline as a WGC class.
However it is important to reconfirm that the prime objective of the Sailplane Grand Prix is to provide a platform for the promotion of our sport.

The SGP qualifying events may still be held in the 15m class as required by the event organiser.

The SGP management group recommend the acceptance of the class change for the following reasons.

- The SGP final as our prime promotional event should take place with the latest and most technically advanced sailplanes.
- In the past few years we have had qualifying events in 18m, 15m and even in Club class, all qualifying pilots always flew 15m in the final.
- Many of the top pilots qualifying for the final already compete in the 18m class.
- The 18m Class is the latest technology and this is an important point to present to potential sponsors and partners.
- 18m class mostly have turbo's or motors which increases the options for future event locations.
- 18m gliders are becoming more widely available.
- Many of the Worlds' top pilots have migrated into the 18m class and it is really important that the SGP continues to attract the Worlds' top pilots and maintain credibility as the IGC flagship promotional event.

The delegates will be asked to vote on the acceptance of this proposal to hold the 2015 6th Sailplane Grand Prix final in the 18m class.