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Apologies: Terry Cubley (TC)

Guest Roland Stuck – present only for items 7, 15 and 17.3

Agenda:

1. Welcome and opening.

IGC President Eric Mozer opened the meeting, welcoming the bureau members to Freudenstadt. He also thanked Christof Geisler, Axel Reich and members of the Flegelgruppe Freudenstadt for arranging accommodation and the meeting room for the Bureau meeting.

2. General Update from the president.

2.1. FAI General Conference in Rotterdam

EM briefly informed the bureau about the Air Sports Commission President`s meeting. There were no remarks from the Bureau.

EM mentioned the FAI 2020 concept incl. a review and refining of the FAI Brand. The papers have been already distributed to the bureau for discussion.

EM also reviewed pertinent points that were discussed at the 2015 FAI General Conference held in Rotterdam during September 2015.

2.2. Air Sport Commissions Bureau decisions (as per By-Laws 3.2.3, to be send immediately to FAI Head Office)

IGC was reminded to continue sending its decisions immediately to FAI Head Office. VF with support of EM will continue to take care of this obligation (action 15_2/4 for VF).

3. Mid-year reports from Committees and Specialists

3.1. Annex A Committee

The Annex A edition 2015 was approved and published recently. The status of last year`s Year 1 proposals related to Annex A was discussed under the different agenda item (see relevant item below). All new proposals for IGC plenary 2016 were also reviewed (see the new proposals for 2016 below). The bureau noted that the issues related to the calculation of results in case of HC (hors concours) that was highlighted after the 18th FAI European

Gliding Championships in Hungary was already incorporated in the new version of the Annex A.

The bureau also discussed the paper from Rick Sheppe on wing area measurement and noted the difficulties identified within. The problem currently exists in the evolving FAI 13.5 meter class and to some extent also in the FAI 18 meter class, but with less impact on technical verification on site as the gliders used in the latter class are designed by established manufacturers and certified. Therefore, a solution should be primarily sought for the FAI 13,5 meter class where the wing area of some prototypes is not precisely determined by an independent source. In response the bureau decided that this topic should be discussed within a focused technical group. As a result of this discussion and based on the input and experience from the recent WGC in 13.5 Meter Class the bureau suggested to establish the 13.5 Meter Class Working Group to be led by BS and supported by Roland Stuck, Rick Sheppe, Artur Rutkowski, RV and VF as participants. The aim of the group should be to draft a concept paper on the future of the FAI 13.5 meter class that should take also into account the input from the Championship Structure Working Group. The paper is to be ready for discussion by mid-January, 2016.

The bureau also clarified the rules for the remote Jury members and their availability during the last competition day (as reflected in para. 2.2.2(ii) of Annex A) and confirmed that the wording correctly reflects current practice and allows for a remote availability of the Jury members e.g. via skype or similar tools. CG was asked to provide feedback by email to Gisela Weinreich on this issue (action 15_2/7 for CG).

3.2. Sporting Code (SC) Committee - R. Macintyre

The new version of the SC was approved and published recently.

The bureau also noted and discussed a live discussion triggered on igc-discuss channel about Annex C to SC (silver C distance). Some bureau members asked to consider other options for IGC internal communication that would be better managed e.g. a dedicated forum on FAI webpage. EM with support from VF, will look at this matter and suggest a ways forward (action 15_2/3 on EM and VF). Nevertheless, it is expected that any future arrangements would not require additional IGC resources compared to today's situation.

The future membership and chairmanship of the SC committee has been discussed and the discussion is reflected under the agenda item 15 later.

The bureau also confirmed that there is no maximum wing loading set for records in the FAI 13.5 meter class and that is consistent with other classes as defined in the SC (with the exception of Ultralight Class where the MTOM is set instead of wing loading). It has been also mentioned that a verification of MTOM or maximum wing loading before any record attempt would be very demanding if not impossible for Official Observers to scrutineer.

3.3. Championship Management Group – D. Bradley

The bureau discussed the quality of IGC competitions and possible ways on how to assure that the Championships Organizers are following their bids in terms of quality. It has been mentioned that one of the ways could be to modify the Event Organisers Agreement to include key price and quality deliverables. The chairman of the group has been asked to liaise with the FAI office (Markus Haggene) on this and copy the bureau (action 15_2/8 for Dick Bradley).

The future chairmanship of the group was also discussed and the outcome is reflected under the agenda item 15 later.

3.4. GFAC – I. Strachan

The updated Annex B to SC3 has been recently published on the FAI web page. The bureau confirmed that GFAC should coordinate with and report to Annex ANDS Committee.

3.5. Country Development Group – A. Georgas

The chair gave the verbal report about the recent activities of the group. It has been mentioned that the group still faces a difficulty to collect gliding activity data and other statistics. However, it is expected that the future data collections should be a bit easier and better in quality due to use of the already established network of focal points.

3.6. Championship Structure Working Group – C. Geissler

The chair provided the verbal report on the activities. The discussions within the group still continue and there are no conclusions yet. The report triggered a live discussion among the bureau members. EM suggested that the activity should start with a clean piece of paper so to propose the future structure. EM also mentioned that a similar review has been conducted several times in the past and the result is the increased participation at WGC. The review process has been initiated by the bureau in order to further increase the quality of WGCs and try to reflect the recent concerns linked to increased cost of participation as raised by some delegates. However, only standalone ideas have been proposed so far, some of them provided by NACs. The current situation is that IGC normally gets one bid per event and there is often no competition among bidders which results in the quality issues. BS proposed a future strategy for IGC competitions to be discuss within the group. EM proposed that the group should also ask if IGC needs WGC in a specific class, if there are enough participants, what would be the environment in about 10 years from now and what other factors should be considered by the group. Other aspects like Women WGC held outside Europe and MTOM limitation for classes should be considered too. BS suggested that the bureau can phrase the set of questions to be considered by the group. EM would be happy to assist if necessary (action 15_2/16 for EM and BS).

The membership of the group has been shortly discussed and the discussion is reflected under the agenda item 15 later.

The bureau concluded that the group should prepare the paper with ideas to be discussed at the next plenary meeting (action 15_2/12 for CG).

3.7. Treasurer's Report - R. Bradley

The bureau took note of the treasurer's report prepared by Dick Bradley.

4. **Feed-back from 2015 competitions**

4.1. 8th FAI Women World Gliding Championships - Arnborg

The report from the Chief Steward Robert Danewid was discussed. The comments were that it was just the week before the start of the competition that enough pilots were secured for the FAI 15 m class and that maybe it is time to reconsider the classes at this championships e.g. the least supported FAI 15m Class could be replaced by the FAI 18m Class. This evolution should be taken on board by Championship Structure Working Group. Nevertheless, this were an excellently organized World Gliding Championships and full credit goes to Championship Director Peter Eriksen and his staff.

4.2. 1st FAI Pan American Gliding Championships - McMinn County

The report from the Chief Steward Renato Yoshi Tsukamoto was briefly discussed. The poor and frequently unpredictable weather conditions represented the most important challenge to a successful competition. However, the comments were that this was a well-organized competition despite the unforeseen change of the Competition Director a few months prior to beginning.

4.3. 18th FAI European Gliding Championships (18m, 20m, open) - Ocseny

The report from the Chief Steward Patrick Pauwels was discussed. The comments were that the grass runway surface was not really up to the standard for an IGC sanctioned gliding competition and that the Championship Management Group would need to consider this in the discussions on possible ways as to how to improve the quality of IGC events. Nevertheless, this was a very well-organized competition contrary to the disappointing WGC organized in Hungary in the past.

4.4. 18th FAI European Gliding Championships (club, std., 15m) - Rieti

The report from the nominated Chief Steward was not available due to the last moment changes of IGC officials for this event. The Jury President Fred Gai had to resign shortly before the event and the only replacement available was Terry Cubley, previously nominated as the Chief Steward. Therefore the second nominated Steward, Marc Puskeiler, had to act as the Chief Steward on short notice. Nevertheless, the report by the Jury President was made available and discussed instead. The comments were that the event was well run and that all procedures were effective. There was a good atmosphere between the organizers, team captains and pilots, mostly because of hard working and energetic Championships Director Franca Vorano and a quick adaptation of Marc Puskeiler in his new role.

4.5. 1st FAI World Gliding Championships 13.5 Metre Class, - Pociunai

The report from the Chief Steward Roland Stuck was discussed. The comments were that there were only a few entries and that despite of that the Championship was safe and smooth and with the help of favorable weather it resulted in the 12 tasks flown, all of them ranging from 250 to 360 km. The technical conclusions for the future of this new Championship class have been made available to the bureau members in the separate technical report. The bureau also discussed awarding of the Team Cup, which was not in accordance with the applicable IGC rules, and the bureau suggested that the Annex A Committee should take note of this.

A separate proposal on the FAI 13.5 meter Class has been received from Italy. It has been discussed under the agenda item 10.3 reflected later in this report.

5. Sailplane Grand Prix - B. Spreckley

5.1. SGP Final 2015

BS verbally reported on the organisation of the last SGP series including the SGP Final. SGP gets a broader support and attracts more audience every year. The last SGP Final has been very well organised and the collaboration of IGC officials with the local organising club was outstanding. Credit goes to the highly motivated members of the Aero Club Adele Orsi under the leadership of the charismatic Margherita Acquaderni. This SGP Final has been also a milestone in our way to a more professional organization in the future.

Nevertheless, there were a few remarks that should be looked at before the start of next round e.g. a good operation of the tracking system well before the event, engagement of a local

commentator at the site or location of the last checkpoint. The focus in future, in particular for the SGP final, should be on the development of the uniformed platform encompassing all the necessary areas like news, media (including video and social media), real time competition scoring, online tracking with live commentary and sponsor branding. Further discussion on this took place in the context of co-ordinated management of IGC media output reflected under the item 11 below.

Furthermore, SGP referee report has been also discussed. Two minor safety issues have been identified and resolved onsite by the organizing team. There were no protests and only one complaint related to calculation of altitude penalties. SGP Final Referee Roland Stuck provided comprehensive analysis of the issue that confirmed correct application and scoring at the event. Furthermore, one informal pilot gathering took place at the end of the SGP Final to discuss the rules and provide a feedback to the IGC and organizers. Several proposals were tabled and later recorded, but without authorization by all participating pilots. Nevertheless, all suggestions will be reviewed and eventually considered by the SGP team.

5.2. Scoring at SGP and other IGC competitions

BS reported on the scoring system that has been successfully used at the recent SG Final. The system provides for the real time preliminary results and the final results shortly after the race finishes. However, the SGP Team is facing also some difficulties, one of them is the lack of experienced people that could support the core team in coordination and management of Sailplane Racing (SPR) web pages and related communication during WGCs. Therefore it has been decided that IGC will call for such expertise through the igc-discuss channel (action 15_2/13 for BS).

5.3. Sailplane Grand Prix budget and further development of the web-site.

The bureau agreed to allocate up to 500€ per event for support in coordination and management of Sailplane Racing (SPR) web pages and related communication during WGCs on behalf of IGC.

5.4. Future SGP rounds

7th Series of SGP contains 10 event including the SGP Final in Potchefstroom, South Africa during November 2016. The new set of rules also taking into account the experience from just completed SGP series is almost ready and after the final review and acceptance by the SGP Team it will be published on the FAI web pages.

5.5. SGP entry criteria

CG brought forward the issue of SGP entry criteria that do not consider a prior NAC acceptance of the entry. The concern seems to be that a pilot who is not a member of the national team may participate to CAT 1 FAI event and eventually became the World Champion. The bureau members expressed that such system is in place since the creation of SGP and that there is the prerequisite for all pilots to hold a valid FAI licence. Nevertheless, the issue will be looked at also by the SGP working group.

6. Review of IGC Bureau list of actions after Plenary 2015

6.1. IGC Internal Regulation

The work on the IGC internal regulation is in progress and the 1st draft has been already circulated among the group members (EM, BS, PE and MV). The final proposal should be ready by the end of the year so it could be included in program for the IGC plenary 2016. The bureau also suggested that the proposal from SC Committee and New Zealand on

abstentions in IGC voting and the proposal from Reno Fila on IGC votes for Medals and Diplomas should be introduced in the proposal (action 15_2/10 for EM, BS, PE and MV).

6.2. Review the Stewards Forum and the way it is used - B. Spreckley, M. Vigorito

BS expressed his view that the Stewards forum was not functioning in a useful manner. BS and MV would consider ways to expand its use by Stewards or to find an alternative

7. World Air Games - Dubai 2015 – Gliding Event

7.1. Update

EM reported on the recent developments and preparation for the WAG. Two gliders kindly provided by FFVV and one self-launching motor-glider provided by one of the manufacturers are on their way to Dubai. All promises from the local organizers have been fulfilled so far and the cooperation with them is very good. Participation of 6 pilots has been assured and all of them are committed to the success of the event and interested in very new concept of competition gliding. EM shared the draft contest rules with the bureau and asked for their input. The activity will take place at a desert site away from the city. Nevertheless, IGC bureau fully supports the WAG and is looking forward to a successful gliding event that should bring our sport in an attractive way on TV channels with the worldwide coverage.

8. The process for transitioning Year-1 proposals into Year-2 proposals

8.1. Follow-up on Year-1 proposals with proposer and assure final versions for Fall Bureau meeting

The bureau discussed the topic originally triggered by EM and later followed by AG. Several suggestions on how to better handle the Year 1 proposals that have got the support by plenary has been tabled and considered. The best way forward as eventually considered by the bureau was to facilitate an early involvement of IGC experts, specialised groups and committees. As a consequence of that VF will contact initiators of the Year-1 proposals from the last plenary in order to get final versions and suggest, in coordination with the bureau, what IGC groups and committees or eventually IGC experts should be supporting their further development and conversion to Year-2 proposals (action 15_2/6 for VF).

8.2. Review and update proposal template

It has been suggested that the proposal template should be reviewed and eventually updated to facilitate handling of the proposals. Nevertheless, in the context of the discussion reflected under 8.1 above the bureau did not conclude on this matter during the meeting.

9. Year 2 proposals for plenary

9.1. Contest Numbers, Annex A, 4.3 (Annex A Committee)

The Annex A Committee requested guidance from the bureau on the Contest numbers proposal. The bureau supports deletion of the requirement for underwing contest numbers and keeping the requirement for tail numbers. In this context, it is assumed that the tail numbers would be scrutinised at the initial technical check from the perspective as to whether they meet the spirit of the requirement e.g. on readability.

9.2. Maximum Take-off Mass, Annex A (Australia)

The bureau received input on this proposal from the two glider manufacturers and from the Handicap Committee. The latter suggested to introduce a mass factor for 20m two-seat class

to penalise overweight gliders more proportionally every day. From the information received from manufacturers it has been apparent that in Europe it is possible to certify also pure gliders to higher MTOM than 750kg. There seems to be consensus on the need to allow motorised gliders to compete at WGCs without a need to have their engines removed because of the restriction in MTOM. The bureau discussed the topic and recommends that Australia will coordinate with Annex A and Handicap Committees on finalisation of their proposal.

9.3. Changing Team Cup calculation formula, SC3, Annex A (Poland)

The bureau did not receive any update since the plenary. See also action 15_2/6 for VF reflected under 8.1 earlier).

9.4. To adjust the scoring of competition days where almost no gliders come back, SC3, Annex A (the Netherlands)

The bureau did not receive any update since the plenary. See also action 15_2/6 for VF reflected under 8.1 earlier.

9.5. SGP results in IGC Ranking List, Annex D (France)

The bureau did not receive any update since the plenary. See also action 15_2/6 for VF reflected under 8.1 earlier.

9.6. IGC Ranking list dynamism, Annex D (France)

The bureau did not receive any update since the plenary. See also action 15_2/6 for VF reflected under 8.1 earlier.

9.7. Start options, Annex A para 7.4.2, (Germany)

CG provided a short update on the proposal. The bureau invited CG to coordinate with Annex A Committee before placing it as Year-2 proposal. See also action 15_2/6 for VF reflected under 8.1 earlier.

10. New proposals received for 2016 Plenary

10.1. Proposal to host the IGC Plenary Meeting in 2017 at Budapest, Hungary

The IGC received the initial offer from Hungary to organize the IGC plenary meeting 2017 at Aquaworld Resort Hotel, Spa and Conference Center (<http://www.aquaworldresort.hu/en>) in Budapest. The bureau noted the offer and encourages Hungary to provide the detailed offer for the IGC plenary 2016 to be included in the agenda.

10.2. Annex A Committee – R. Sheppe

The bureau received four proposals from the Annex A Committee related to use of calibration sheets, Certificate of Airworthiness, airframe parachute and duration of permit to fly. While the first three have got support from the bureau, the latter proposal on duration of permit to fly has not been supported. The committee is expected to draft all supported proposals so to be included in the agenda of the next plenary meeting.

10.3. Proposal from Italy

The Italian proposal related to the definition and scoring of 13.5 meter class possibly affecting both SC and its Annex A has been shortly discussed. Based on the experience from the 1st WGC in 13.5 meter class and on the information from Italian proposal the bureau decided to create the 13.5 meter class working group. Its task will be to review it all and draft a proposal for the IGC plenary 2016 on future evolution of the 13.5 meter class. The

members of the working group will be: BS (chair), Roland Stuck, Artur Rutkowski, VF, RV, Rick Sheppe (action 15_2/20 for EM).

10.4. Proposal from Germany

The proposal on the update of list of penalties Annex A for a dangerous flying has been supported by the bureau.

10.5. Proposal from France

The French proposal on inclusion of results of 20m two-seat class in the individual ranking list has been supported.

Furthermore, the bureau also mentioned Year-1 proposal from France on the Country Ranking List (Annex D) that was not voted at the plenary meeting 2015. FFVV was invited, by the plenary, to conduct a study on the issue, but unfortunately, it has not been made available for the bureau.

10.6. Proposal from Denmark

The proposal related to the participation of the world champions at WGCs has been discussed. If adopted, it would not allow the world champions to participate as the 3rd pilots in a class and pilots from the same NAC would be limited to max 2 pilots including defending world champions. The proposal has been supported.

10.7. Proposal from SC3 and New Zealand

The proposal has been discussed and supported. The discussion is covered under the item 6.1 earlier.

10.8. Proposal from Reno Fila on IGC votes for Medals and Diplomas (already under IGC's consideration)

The proposal has been discussed and supported. The discussion is covered under the item 6.1 earlier.

10.9. Suggestion from Handicap Committee to remove the bias given to old gliders in club class

The proposal has been initially listed under the item 9.8. It has been agreed that it will be split in two separate proposals. The bureau support it.

11. Co-ordinated management of IGC media output

BS introduced the topic which has been then discussed by the bureau. As it covers a wide range of areas e.g. the SGP web site, IGC Ranking list, interfaces with the FAI web site and the FAI social media. As it is of strategic importance for the future development of gliding sport, the bureau decided to establish the working group to co-ordinate all IGC media channels. The IGC media working group will be led by BS and supported by Rick Sheppe and AG (action 15_2/24 for BS).

12. WGC/EGC 2015-2016

12.1. 9th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships 2015, Narromine

The final preparations for the event are going well and IGC expects this to be a great event.

12.2. 34th FAI World Gliding Championships 2016 (club, standard, 20m two seat), Pociunai

In order to improve the forthcoming WGC based on the feedback from the 1st FAI World Gliding Championships 13.5 Meter Class held recently (see item 4.5 earlier in this report) the bureau proposed to hold a meeting just ahead of the IGC plenary 2016 to discuss the preparations for the event. The participants would be the Championship Director Vytautas Sabeckis and BS, EM and the nominated Chief Steward Terry Cubley on behalf of IGC (action 15_2/1 for BS).

In addition, the IGC received the letter from Polish Aero Club on participation of a pilot with a physical disability in 20m two-seat class. The bureau supported the request under the following conditions:

- if the pilot is selected to be the representative of the Poland in this class, the Aeroclub of Poland may make application to the IGC Bureau for his inclusion as a participant,
- a certificate of disability shall be provided to the IGC Bureau upon making this application,
- the request for inclusion of the pilot in the World Gliding Championships will be looked upon favorably,
- the IGC Handicap committee will make the necessary recommendation to the organizers of the competition in Lithuania for the handicap factor to be applied to the Duo Discus flown by Mr. Czeladski. The recommendation will be consistent with the index list used for the class at the continental championships. It would apply only to the requested pilot provided he would be nominated as one of the crew member for Poland.

EM will respond to Polish Aero Club request on behalf of IGC (action 15_2/17 for EM).

12.3. 34th FAI World Gliding Championships 2016 (15, 18m, open), Benalla

The preparations have already started and a training competition will be available for NAC's during the 54th Australian Multiclass Nationals from 4th to 15th January 2016. Further update will be provided at the IGC plenary 2016.

13. Stewards and Jurors

13.1. Allocation to 2016 and 2017 competitions

The bureau decided on the allocation of Stewards and Jurors for the IGC competitions in 2016 and 2017. The list will be shared with the delegates at the IGC plenary.

Furthermore, Dick Bradley suggested to the bureau (through the Championships Management Group report) to consider a review of the Chief Steward responsibilities to ensure the timely completion of all organisational aspects of the competition and that the organiser meet the key deliverables of their original bid. The bureau supported it (action 15_2/9 for BS and TC).

14. Bids received for future championships

14.1. Bid for 3rd FAI World Gliding Championships 13.5 Meter Class 2019, Pavullo, Italy (proposed dates 15 – 30 June 2019)

The bureau reviewed the initial bid and did not have any comments at the meeting. Italy is invited to work closely with the bid specialist so to finalise their bid for the IGC plenary 2016.

14.2. Bid for FAI Junior World Gliding Championships 2019, Szeged, Hungary (proposed dates 7 – 20 July 2019)

The bureau reviewed the draft bid and did not have any comments. Hungary is invited to work closely with the bid specialist so to finalize their bid before the IGC plenary 2016.

14.3. Bid for 10th FAI Women World Gliding Championships 2019, Santa Cilia de Jaca, Spain (proposed dates in June 2019).

The bureau decided not to support the initial offer from Spain due to the principle agreed by the IGC plenary in 2007 and 2010 respectively on the championships calendar in relation the frequency of events held outside Europe. VF was asked to inform the potential bidders for WWGC about it (action 15_2/18 for VF).

14.4. Bid for 10th FAI Women World Gliding Championships 2019, Lakekeepit, Australia (November/December 2019)

A discussion took place on whether the championships could be successful if there was lack of entries at the recent FAI Women WGC held in Europe. Some bureau members asked for reconsidering of the principle that was previously agreed in relation to FAI Women WGC. The bureau concluded that the possibility to organize this WGC in Europe would be possible only if the Australia NAC would withdraw their bid or the IGC delegates refuse to award the bid to Australia. IGC would then have to look at the options e.g.:

- A bid could be tabled by a 2/3 vote of the delegates present (always a possibility). In such a case the bids would not have been properly vetted by the Championship Management Committee (CMC) or the Bureau,
- The Bureau to empower the CMC to solicit bids for the WWGC to be considered at a later date and for the Bureau to ask the Plenum that the Bureau be empowered to make the decision on a 2019 WWGC.
- The decision could be put off until the 2017 plenary and all bids for the 2019 WWGC to be considered by the full Plenary then.

14.5. Combined bid for 11th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships 2019 and 10th FAI Women World Gliding Championships 2019, Chalons-en-Champagne, France - late proposal (proposed dates 23 June – 6 July 2019)

The bureau decided not to support the initial offer from France due to the principle agreed by the IGC plenary in 2007 and 2010 respectively on the championships calendar in relation the frequency of events held outside Europe. VF was asked to inform the potential bidders for WWGC about it (action 15_2/18 for VF).

Post meeting note: French federation asked not to consider this offer as a bid as it was not coordinated internally within FFVV before its submission. FFVV will decide if they will place any bid for plenary 2016.

14.6. Bid for 20th FAI European Gliding Championships 2019 (18m, 20m Two-seat, Open Classes) Turbia - near Stolowa Wola, Poland (proposed dates 11 – 25 May 2019).

The bureau reviewed the initial bid and did not have any comments at the meeting. Although the proposed site is new for the IGC, based on the information available in the initial bid it looks appropriate for the proposed championships. Poland is invited to work closely with the bid specialist so to finalise their bid for the IGC plenary 2016.

14.7. Potential Bid from Argentina for 2nd FAI Pan-American Championships (PAC), maybe in 2017 (mentioned only in the email communication between Brian and Eduardo Toselli)

The bureau supports Argentina in their efforts to organize the 2nd FAI PAC in 2017.

15. Confirmation of IGC Committees and Committee membership

MV suggested Gisela Weinreich to take over the chairmanship of trophy management committee. The bureau supported this and the President thanked Marina Vigorito for the past efforts she put in the activities of this committee. He also asked VF to update the IGC committee list (action 15_2/19 for VF).

The Bureau had a brief discussion on succession in some other Committees. It is expected that succession plans should be made in cooperation with the Bureau.

In this regard the President asked for confirmation of the future chairmanship of Championship Management committee. BS and EM will contact the respective Committee Chairmen in turn to confirm this (action 15_2/2 for BS, EM).

In the light of the discussion reflected under the item 3.2 earlier and taking into account the notification of resignation of one member of the SC committee through igc-discuss the bureau asked to confirm the future chairmanship and membership of the SC committee. Would there be a need to look for a new chairman and/or members of the committee, the task to propose criteria for the selection of a new chair and/or members of the SC committee and based on it seek the candidate(s) was assigned to BS with the support of VF (action 15_2/5 for BS and VF). As far as the chairman concerns, being a delegate or an alternate delegate with managerial and communication skills and deep knowledge of the SC should be among the prerequisites.

The memberships of the Championship Structure Working group has been discussed shortly and it has been concluded that the current members should be able to satisfactory represent the worldwide gliding sport. Nevertheless, it has been mentioned that new members who could create a positive momentum in the group discussions should be welcome. As a result, it has been suggested to ask Peter Eriksen (DEN) if he would wish to join the group (action 15_2/11 for CG). The current group members are: Christof Geissler (chair), Dick Bradley (RSA), Artur Rutkowski (POL), Rene Vidal (CHI), Luis Boudelique (FRA), Tobias Geiger (AUS), Liz Sparrow (GBR) and John Good (USA).

16. Preparation of 2016 Plenary

16.1. Practical issues, Bureau meeting, accommodation

The next IGC plenary meeting 2016 will take place at the Sofitel hotel in Luxembourg on 26 – 27 February 2016. The offered rates are 110€ per single room, 130€ for double room, 600€ for the bureau meeting room, 800€ for the plenary meeting room. The bureau meeting will be held ahead of the plenary meeting on 24 - 25 February 2016 (daily 09:30 – 17:30). VF will coordinate the invitation for IGC plenary 2016 with the FAI office and consider a specific invitation for EGU based on the previous practice (action 15_2/21 for VF).

EM asked VF to allocate a sufficient time at the next plenary to discuss ideas from the Championship Structure Working Group paper (action 15_2/15 for VF and EM) - see also item 3.6.

16.2. Guest speakers not yet identify

The guest speaker has not been identified yet therefore, EM asked the bureau members for support to identify a possible guest speakers for the IGC plenary (action 15_2/22 for EM).

17. Any other Business

17.1. Lilienthal Medal

One nomination from Australia has been received so ahead of the meeting.

17.2. Follow up on FLARM after the recent update and evaluate impact on our competitions

The bureau nominated BS as the IGC focal point for discussions with Flarm. BS should update the bureau on the result and conclusions from the discussions.

17.3. Other business

EM proposed the idea to establish the IGC champion pilot of the year to be awarded the prize at FAI General Conference. The pilots should be selected based on a predefined criteria possibly using the recent results from the WGCs and the EGCs. CASI should be invited and involved. As the communication to outside world is essential the coordination with the FAI media should be further explored. The newly established IGC media working group should take note of this proposal and elaborate it further (see also item 11 and action recorded within).

Roland Stuck suggested that the bureau should update IGC Mailing lists that were out together and used some time ago. EM asked VF to look at it and propose a way forward (action 15_2/23 for VF).

EM suggested that the next bureau agenda should be linked with the supporting documents. VF to consider it before the next bureau meeting (action 15_2/14 for VF).

18. Closure

The President thanked all participants for their constructive collaboration and concluded the meeting at 12:30 (on Saturday).