



IGC NEWS

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MID-WINTER UPDATE



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While the Northern Hemisphere enjoys summery conditions and warm temperatures, a wintry blast descended on New Zealand (again) last week. This photo was taken at Christchurch International airport and Auckland has also had snow.

4th FAI World Sailplane GP Final

The 4th FAI World Sailplane GP Final was completed at the end of July at the Wasserkuppe, in conjunction with the centenary celebrations at this historical site. The weather was not as kind as it could have been, but then we know that if you want it to rain you collect a group of fibreglass gliders together, put them out on the airfield for a competition, and it will rain and rain and rain

Five days were achieved at Wasserkuppe with 20 competitors. My congratulations to the organisers, the participants, and especially to the top placed pilots:



GP World Champion
Giorgio Galetto
Italy
Ventus 2ax - 31 points



2nd
Sebastian Nagel
Germany
ASW27 - 25 points



3rd
Peter Hartmann
Austria
Ventus 2 - 22 points

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2012-2013 SGP Series

We are still keen to receive bids for the next SGP series for 2012-2013. If you have been thinking about putting in a bid please contact Eric Mozer on emozer@me.com

The final decision on the hosts for the 2012-2013 SGP series will be made at the Bureau meeting in Paris on the 8th and 9th of October.



7th FAI Junior WGC

The 7th FAI Junior WGC at Musbach in Germany have been completed with 37 Standard Class and 44 Club Class pilots achieving seven days of flying in somewhat trying weather conditions. The news, photos and results from Musbach are on the website at www.jwgc2011.de

Congratulations to the organisers and our new Junior World Champions



Standard Class
Felipe Levin
Germany
Discus 2a



Club Class
Tim Kuijpers
Netherlands
Standard Cirrus

16th FAI European Gliding Championships

The two 16th FAI EGC have also been completed. The Open/ 18M/ 15M classes were hosted at Pociunai, Lithuania, (<http://egc2011.pociunai.lt/>) and the Standard/ Club/ 20M two-seater and World Classes were hosted at Nitra, Slovakia (www.nitra2011.sk/)

The Pociunai EGC was held from the 26th of July to the 14th of August and nine days were flying were achieved in the Open Class and ten days in the 18M and 15M. Pilots from 20 nations competed with 21 entries in the Open, 29 entries in the 18M and 25 entries in the 15M classes.

In contrast, the weather was most unkind to everyone at Nitra over the 15th to the 30th of July. The Standard, Club and 20M classes managed to complete four days racing but the World Class only achieved three days racing as the competition came to a close. So an additional task was set on the day following the official awards in the hope that a task would be achieved to enable a World Class champion to be announced. Unfortunately, no-one was able to complete this task, with all landing out in difficult conditions. 31 pilots flew in the Standard Class, 33 in the Club, 11 in the World and 16 crews competed in the 20M class. 19 Nations were represented.

Congratulations to the organisers and the European Champions.



Open Class
Markus Frank
Germany
EB-29



18M Class
Karol Staryszak
Poland
ASG-29



15M Class
Christophe Ruch
France
Ventus 2ax



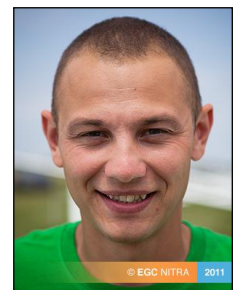
Standard Class
Sebastian Kawa
Poland
Discus 2a



Club Class
Roman Mracek
Czech Republic
Standard Circus



20M Class
Harri Hirvola &
Visa Matti Leinikki
Finland
Arcus



Winner
World Class
Jakub Barszcz
Poland

2011 Uvalde, USA

Eight contest days for 36 pilots flying 18M and 15M classes have just finished at Uvalde, the site of the 32nd FAI WGC in the Open, 18M and 15M classes for 2012. The 18M class was won by Bruce Taylor, Australia (ASG-29) and the 15M class winner was Makoto Ichikawa, Japan (Diana 2). Check out the flying and the results at <http://wgc2012uvalde.com/>

2015 World Gliding Championships - Bids

A reminder to all NAC's that intend to bid for the 2015 FAI Women's WGC and the 2015 FAI Junior WGC. Bids are due by September 30, 2011.

If your NAC is interested in a bid for one of these Championships, please contact Eric Mozer at emozer@me.com

Best regards



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