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IGC Bureau Meeting

A very successful and productive Bureau meeting was completed in Paris. Bids have been accepted for the Womens' and Juniors' WGC in 2015, six bids have been accepted for the next SGP series and negotiations are underway with a potential host for the SGP Final. A total of 29 various proposals, including requests for modifications to Annex A, were considered and we are now working with each of the proposers to ensure we have everything ready for the plenum meeting in March next year.

A decision was taken to proceed with the development of the tracking support for the SGP, including tendering for the supply of trackers and the creation of a dedicated web portal to provide support to organisers and to carry the live tracking. This web portal will be integrated into the FAI website as it is further developed.

We also decided to proceed with funding the development of high-quality safety briefing videos for use at all sanctioned championships. This will be an ongoing project with an initial four videos supplemented by an extra one or two videos every year. In addition, we are working with SeeYou to develop software tools to help us extract graphic images from .igc files during a championships. This will allow us to investigate and display flights that cause safety concerns. The aim is to be able to take a complaint from the pilot safety committee or the safety box and have a graphic of the flights in question available at briefing the next day.

And our presence was sufficient to cause it to rain– the first in Paris since February!

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One point of concern was the seemingly growing practice of organisers using the Local Procedures to deviate from Annex A requirements. This is not good and in future one of the requirements for a bid to be accepted will be a written declaration from the organisers that they will comply with Annex A and work with the Chief Steward.

FAI General Conference

A successful General Conference was completed in Belgrade and the Serbian Aero Club were very generous hosts. It was good to participate in a conference where there was a free flow of discussion in the room and where a lot of concerns were aired and debated about how the FAI should develop.

In my last IGC News I talked about the FAI Anti-Doping programme. This subject was debated at the conference and the President of CIMP, Dr Jürgen Knüppel, and myself have accepted responsibility for reviewing the present situation, providing support to those who have been nominated into the Registered Testing Pool and recommending a new, revised Anti-Doping Plan to the Executive Board for their meeting in mid-January 2012. We are being assisted in this work by a group comprising medical experts, ASC Presidents and NAC representatives.

Other Conference news:

- The experimental and home-built Technical Commission (CIACA) was accepted as an Air Sports Commission
- A proposal to transfer the General Section of the Sporting Code from CASI to the ASC Presidents group did not gain a lot of support
- A new Statutes Working Group has been formed under the chairmanship of Paulo de Moura Marques of Portugal. Gunter Bertram (SecGen DAeC) and Marina Vigorito were elected as members of the working group and I am the Executive Board representative on the group
- A 2% increase in subscriptions was accepted by the NACs; the first increase in seven years
- The budget for 2012 is in the red and it is urgent that alternative sources of funds are created; using air sport products like the SGP seems to be the way to go

Best regards



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