



# IGC NEWS

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## Looking Forward

...to Christmas; to 2012; to holidays; to snow; to sunshine ... the seasons are changing and that means we all have something to look forward to. Looking back over the past month the majority of the things that have been happening are administrative tidy-ups from the Bureau meeting in Paris.

Christof Geissler (Germany) has taken over the chairmanship of the Annex A Handicap sub-Committee and also is the OLC Representative to IGC. Axel Reich has been in both these roles for a number of years and has provided sterling service but, unfortunately, he is not able to continue. My thanks to Axel for all his work in these two positions and I am pleased that he will still be able to be involved as a member of the Annex A and Sporting Code Committees.

The next Plenary meeting in Potschefstroom, South Africa, is now only 3 months away. Information is available on the website at <http://www.fai.org/igc-about-us/igc-meetings> I recommend that you fill out this form and get it back to Oscar Goudriaan or Dick Bradley promptly before Christmas gets in the way of planning for the New Year.

And thinking ahead to March, 2012, **NOW** is the time to send in your nominations for IGC Medals and Awards. Remember citations need to be with Peter Eriksen no later than 2 months before the meeting, so December 31, 2011 is the cut-off. Again, the holiday period in December is going to get in the road of any preparation of citations – so do it now!

We want to recognise and celebrate those who have contributed to our sport. The website you need is: <http://www.fai.org/igc-awards/igc-individual-disciplines> I look forward to receiving your candidates for the IGC Awards:

**The Lilienthal Gliding Medal** To reward a particularly remarkable performance in gliding, or eminent services to the sport of gliding over a long period of time.

**The Pelagia Majewska Gliding Medal** Awarded annually to a female glider pilot to reward a particularly remarkable performance in gliding during the past year, or eminent services to gliding over a long period of time.

**The Pirat Gehriger Diploma** Awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding.

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The calendar for the SGP Qualifying Series for 2012-2013 has been set:

Country	Venue	Dates	Contact	Email
Romania	Brasov - Ghimbav	29 Apr to 6 May 2012	Bogdan Sorescu	<a href="mailto:bogdan.sorescu@aeroclubulromaniei.ro">bogdan.sorescu@aeroclubulromaniei.ro</a>
South Africa	Pilanesberg Airport	20 Sep to 6 Oct 2012	Bruce Greeff	<a href="mailto:bruce@wird.co.za">bruce@wird.co.za</a>
Australia	Lake Keepit	12 to 18 Nov 2012	Chris Bowman	<a href="mailto:Chris.Bowman@pcce.net">Chris.Bowman@pcce.net</a>
Chile	Santiago Vitacura	Dec 2012 or Jan 2013	Rene Vidal	<a href="mailto:rvidal@bombatek.cl">rvidal@bombatek.cl</a>
Slovakia	Prievidza	26 May to 1 Jun 2013	Jozef Snirc	<a href="mailto:snirc@aerospool.sk">snirc@aerospool.sk</a>
France	TBC	TBC	Philippe de Pechy	<a href="mailto:philippe@depechy.net">philippe@depechy.net</a>

The qualification rules have also been updated. The pilots who qualify for the SGP Final at the end of the 2013-2013 series will be:

- The pilots placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> if there are 10 entries or more at the qualifying SGP
- The pilots placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> if there are between 5 and 10 entries
- There will be no qualifying pilot if there are less than 5 entries

In addition, the reigning SGP Champion is allowed to participate and, if no pilot from the host country achieves qualification, then the host nation may nominate a "wildcard" finalist.

The IGC Bureau may also invite additional pilots as they feel appropriate.

Best regards



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