



## **President's Letter to Delegates and Committee Chairmen**

**20 August, 2012**

I am pleased to submit for your consideration my first newsletter as acting President of IGC. I want to thank President Bob Henderson as well as the IGC Bureau for all of their work on your behalf. Changes in the Bureau include the departure of Visa-Matti Leinikki to join the FAI staff in Lausanne as their lead Information Technology person. Dick Bradley has filled Visa-Mattis' position on the Bureau. Dick will serve until the 2013 Plenum meeting when full elections will be held.

### **IGC Plenary Meeting 2013**

I am pleased to report that the 2013 Plenum meeting will be held in the Netherlands. The location is in the city of Arnhem, in the eastern part of Holland. The site is Papendal, the Dutch National Olympic Center. Details on registering for the plenary meeting will follow. The website is: [www.papendal.nl](http://www.papendal.nl).

### **Championship Bids due at the 2013 Plenum**

A reminder that bids for the following Championships will be considered at the 2013 Plenary. These include the following Championships:

- 34<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships – 15 Meter, 18 Meter, Open (2016)
- 34<sup>th</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships – Standard, Club, 20 Meter Two Seat (2016)
- 1<sup>st</sup> FAI 13.5 Meter World Gliding Championships (2015)

The deadline for notifying the IGC with intent to bid and to submit a preliminary application is September 30, 2012. Applications can be requested at [emozer@me.com](mailto:emozer@me.com). Intentions to bid may be sent to the IGC Bid Specialist at [emozer@me.com](mailto:emozer@me.com) or the IGC Secretary at [eriksen@cegetel.net](mailto:eriksen@cegetel.net).

### **World Sailplane Grand Prix Final**

The IGC Bureau has selected Sisteron, France as the host site for the World Grand Prix Final. The Final will be competed in May 2014. Details will follow.

### **FAI Awards**

I am very pleased to report that GFAC has been awarded the FAI Group Diploma of Honour. The Diploma is awarded for the extraordinary accomplishments and work of

GFAC on behalf of IGC and will be presented at the FAI General Conference this October in Antalya, Turkey. Congratulations to all present and past members of GFAC.

### **Safety Pays Working Group**

The Safety Pays Working Group continues their activities. One of their initiatives is the OSTIV Safety Award. The first award was given at the conclusion of the World Gliding Championships in Uvalde, Texas – USA to **Wolfgang Janowitsch** of Austria.

### **32<sup>nd</sup> World Gliding Championships – Uvalde, USA**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> World Gliding Championships in the 15 Meter, 18 Meter, and Open Classes concluded this past Saturday in Uvalde, Texas USA. The Competition featured extraordinary soaring conditions that enabled 13 contest days. Task lengths were set daily with long distances flown, sometimes exceeding 700 kms. The speeds achieved were very high, with the fastest speed on one day at 161 kph. The top three finishers in each class;

#### **15-meter Class**

<b><u>#</u></b>	<b><u>Pilot</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Glider</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
1	<b>Kawa, Sebastian</b>	POL	Diana 2	<b>11062</b>
2	<b>Sturm, Matthias</b>	DEU	ASW-27	<b>10628</b>
3	<b>Krejcirik, Radek</b>	CZE	Ventus 2ax	<b>10526</b>

#### **18-meter Class**

<b><u>#</u></b>	<b><u>Pilot</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Glider</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
1	<b>Nieradka, Zbigniew</b>	POL	ASG-29-18	<b>12170</b>
2	<b>Wojcik, Lukasz</b>	POL	ASG29-18m	<b>11840</b>
3	<b>Young, Mike</b>	GBR	ASG-29-18	<b>11774</b>

#### **Open Class**

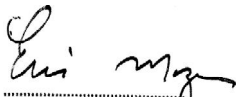
<b><u>#</u></b>	<b><u>Pilot</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Glider</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
1	<b>Aboulin, Laurent</b>	FRA	Quintus M	<b>12084</b>
2	<b>Sommer, Michael</b>	DEU	EB29	<b>11977</b>
3	<b>Goudriaan, Oscar</b>	RSA	JS1-C 21	<b>11835</b>

Congratulations and thanks to all of the hard-working volunteers comprising the organization of Team Uvalde for making the 32<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Gliding Championships a tremendous success!

Also, thanks to Chief Steward Dick Bradley and International Jury President Peter Ryder for their efforts on behalf of IGC.

**32<sup>nd</sup> World Gliding Championships – Gonzales Chaves, Argentina**

Chief Steward Brian Spreckley reports that the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Gliding Championships in Argentina have 95 preliminary entrants for the WGC to be held in January 2013. Brian and the organizers in Argentina report that agreement has been reached on the logistics of importing gliders into Argentina for the competition.



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