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SUBJ: Report to SSA on 2017 IGC Meeting

The annual meeting of the International Gliding Commission took place on 3-4 March 2017. This is a summary of the decisions and votes.

Approval of Bids for future competitions

2019 PAGC	18m and Handicap	Ontario, Canada
2020 WGC	Open, 20m, 18m	Stendal-Borstel, Germany
2020 WGC	15m, Standard, Club	Châlons-en-Champagne, France

Changes to Championships Structure

- WWGC and JWGC may be combined into a single event, beginning in 2021.
- Beginning in 2022: two entries per class per country in Open and 18m Classes; two entries per class per country in JWGC, WWGC; one entry per class per country in all other classes.
- Realignment of the WGC calendar: beginning in 2021 – Open, 18m, and 20m in odd years, and 13.5m, Club, Standard, 15m in even years.

Changes to Badges and Records, effective October 2017

Loss of Height rule deleted for 5-hour duration badge legs

Changes to Competition Rules, effective October 2017

- CofA not required for microlight motorgliders (Silent, GP-14, etc.)
- Airframe parachutes accepted in place of personal parachutes, where legal.
- 13.5m Class WGC to require self-launch, beginning in 2019
- Devaluation of distance days (e.g. winner gets 600 points if no finishers)
- No extra invitation for reigning Champions (except Women and Juniors)
- Pilot Ranking goes to PIC in two seaters, 20m Ranking List discontinued
- Formula for incorporating SGP results into Ranking List changed
- Bids must include disclosure of all known fixed costs

Year 1 Proposals affecting Badges and Records (final vote in March 2018)

- Definition of Silver Distance improved
- New rules for dealing with multiple Flight Recorders
- Deletion of release point as start point for declared closed course tasks
- More strict declaration required for Goal Distance declaration
- A paradox involving the 28% rule is removed.
- Coordinates required (waypoint codes no longer allowed)

Year 1 Proposals affecting Competition Rules (final vote in March 2018)

- Minimum distances for 1000 points changed to depend on Class
- Minimum distances for valid day changed to depend on Class

- Scoring Formula changed (USA proposal)

Year 1 Proposal to create a new Trophy (final vote in March 2018)

- The “Champion Pilot of the Year” will be chosen from the World Champions of all classes.

Awards

Lilienthal Medal: Patrick Pauwels (Belgium)

Gehriger Diploma: not awarded

Pelagia Majewska Medal: not awarded

Elections (2 year terms)

President: Eric Mozer

1st Vice President: Brian Spreckley

Vice Presidents: Terry Cubley, Alexander Georgas, Marina Vigorito, Rene Vidal,

Frouwke Kuijpers

Secretary: Vladimir Foltin

Treasurer: Dick Bradley

Next meeting

2-3 March 2018, venue to be decided.

Happy to answer any questions.

-Rick