

IGC Plenary 2006

Report of IGC Web Specialist

Recent improvements

During the past year, use of the new content management system (CMS) has enabled us to make several improvements to the IGC site, making it more attractive by providing regular news updates. These include for example:

- The President's letters to Delegates and Committee Chairmen.
- Announcements (e.g. bids for the Sailplane Grand Prix, publication of Sporting Code).
- Presentation of the Bureau.
- Display of leaders of the Ranking System. It is intended eventually to integrate the Ranking System into the IGC site.
- Improvement of the presentation of information about past and future IGC meetings (thanks to help and suggestions from the Secretary).
- Preparation of the agenda for the IGC plenary meeting. For this purpose, a page was created which, until ready for publication, was accessible only to the Bureau members.

The new system makes it easy to post new items. Older items are automatically archived when they are replaced, on the front page, by new items (see box "Latest Articles" in the right column).

The method used for cooperative production of the agenda can also be made available to working groups if required.

Past championships

The FAI has a central database of the results of past championships. Unfortunately, the gliding results have not yet been fed in, so the page with the results of past gliding championships is in a sorry state at the moment. I hope to have more news at the meeting.

Ranking System

There is a box showing the three leading pilots with a link to the Ranking List page, but the display is not yet updated automatically, so I have to check regularly. It is planned to integrate the Ranking List pages into the IGC site, but the Bureau is of the opinion that we will need extra manpower for that, and to keep the data base up to date. Unfortunately, I cannot help with that, because I have no knowledge of data base programming.

Presentation of Bureau

At the last meeting, I took photographs of the delegates, intending to publish them on the web. Unfortunately, many of the pictures turned out to be of such poor quality that I abandoned the task. I did, however, manage to make a presentation of the IGC Bureau, with pictures and short biographical information. (However, some members of the Bureau are too modest to provide even this information).

Sporting Code

This is a point where I really would like some feed-back from the IGC delegates. Please have a (critical) look at the HTML version of Section 3 of the FAI Sporting Code: <http://www.fai.org/gliding/sc3> and let me know if you think it is this is the way to go with the publication of the Code. If there is a positive response, I will proceed with the Annexes.

Peter Ryder, January 6, 2006.