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EGU Newsletter

The Board of the EGU wants to improve the information from the EGU to the members and the aim is to circulate 5 - 6 Newsletters per year. This is the first Newsletter for 2011 and I have been appointed editor of the newsletter. The Newsletter will be circulated to EGU delegates and National Gliding Organisations. I urge our delegates to spread the information among their members. Please feel free to publish it on your web sites and in your magazines. If you have any information on regulatory matters that you want to circulate, please send them to me.

The 2011 Congress

The Congress was superbly hosted by the Royal Spanish Aero Club at their beautiful venue at Quatro Vientos airfield just outside Madrid on Feb 26th – 27th. Quatro Vientos is the place where the 1952 World Gliding Championships were held and the worlds oldest Control Tower (built in 1910) is also situated on the airfield.



The delegates outside the beautiful house of the Royal Spanish Aero Club

Among the topics were:

Challenges in Part M implementation recognized. Part M is interpreted very differently in the member states. Out TO Airworthiness and Maintenance Howard Torode has written a document about this which has been sent to EASA and we have asked for a meeting. As an example, the requirement for an AMP is very different, ranging from 1 to 100 pages. EAS President David Roberts will address the issue in the top level meeting on 11-03-09.

The forthcoming EASA rules for ATO:s is a main concern. It was decided to establish a **working group for the ATO**, for which the EASA opinion will soon be published. Andy Miller (UK) was appointed chairman of the WG. **The delegates were asked to submit names for experts/contact persons before March 20th.** Andy will rely on a reference group consisting of Mika Mutru (Finland), Steinar Öksenholt (Norway) and Henrik Svensson (Sweden). Andy's first task will be to develop a survey / questionnaire about the current ATO situation in our member states.

EASA published the IR for **Medicals** just before Christmas. Now we are awaiting the opinion. It was decided by the Congress to try to establish **a network** to exchange ideas and information about the implementation process of the new SPL/LAPL(S) in our countries, in order to avoid the mess that we have experienced with Part M. More information on this will follow.

The 8.33 kHz T/R will become mandatory in all new gliders from 2012 and in all gliders from 2018. Francois van Haaff, who has worked with this topic for several years, gave a good and clear explanation on the subject. His presentation can be found on the EGU web site.

The new OPS rules does not seem to be of any major problem for gliding.

How to handle EASA (some comments by EAS President David Roberts)

- Firm solutions instead of just comments and “fluffy” inputs
- “If we don’t do it, some one else will do it for us”
- Keep in control of the critical topics
 - ATO
 - Licensing and Medical
 - Part Ops

The chairman of the BGA, Patrick Naegeli, brought up the subject **“Gliding across our members”**. A discussion on strategies, structures (EGU / OSTIV / IGC / FAI) followed. It was decided that a workshop on “strategy, marketing and keeping members” will be held in conjunction with the next Congress in Feb. 2012. All member organizations will be asked to give a short presentation on how they tackle the present situation with declining memberships. More information will follow.

All presentations given at the Congress can be found on the EGU website.

The minutes of the Congress will be published on the web site within 6 weeks

New membership fees

The Congress decided on new membership fees. They are based on the “2009 John Roake Membership Survey” and the fees for the categories were raised all over by 3%. A table of the fees will be published on the web site.

The EGU Board

The EGU Board consists of:

President: Patrick Pauwels (Belgium)

Secretary General: Markus Gnäegi (Switzerland)

Treasurer: Robert Danewid (Sweden)

Board member: Mika Mutru (Finland)

Board member: Andy Miller (United Kingdom)

TO Officer Flight Safety and Operations: Henrik Svensson (Sweden)

TO Airworthiness and Maintenance: Howard Torode (United Kingdom)

TO Officer Licenses: Meike Müller (Germany)

TO Airspace: Günter Bertram (Germany)

EGU Website

The EGU web site can be found at <http://www.egu-info.org/index.htm>

Our web master is our President of Honour Roland Stuck. He tries to put all relevant information about new EASA NPA etc here in order for our members to find them easier.

Under the internal section (password: winglet) you will find minutes from Congresses, Board meetings etc as well as all the presentations given at the Congress in Madrid Feb 2011.

What's up?

The main work for the EGU during the spring an early summer will be

- To closely follow and comment on the Medical for LAPL
- To closely follow and promote proportionate rules for ATO in gliding
- To further investigate and promote better and simpler rules and standards for AMP:s



The President of the EGU Patrick Pauwels welcomes the delegates to the second day of the meeting