



# EGU Newsletter 4/2011

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## Input

We ask all members to continuously send us input/updates on how the implementation of Part M, EASA-FCL, ATO etc is done as well as experiences made. This is very important information for EGU and it is used in the communication with EASA in our effort to simplify rules and procedures

## Nomination for President

Our president Patrick Pauwels is resigning from office at the Congress in February. We therefore ask for nominations from our members to be forwarded in due time for the Congress.

## Annual Congress Meeting & Workshop

Our annual Congress Meeting will take place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February 2012. The invitation to attend this meeting and the agenda and related documents will be distributed to the members and delegates.

One day ahead, for the first time we will organise a workshop dedicated to 'Marketing, Recruiting and Keeping Members, see below.

Many thanks to the Dutch gliding organisation who is acting as host for both events.

## Part M workshop

On 4 July 2010 EASA launched a consultation on the implementation of the Part M Airworthiness and Maintenance rules as the applied to GA and Sport aviation. The EGU study paper on this subject was immediately re-presented to EASA as an input to this process, which resulted in a workshop in Koln on 27 October, attended by Howard Torode (TO Airworthiness) and Patrick Pauwels (President). The overall message of the workshop was of a readiness on the part of EASA to listen to practical experiences, and if justified, to modify the processes to be simpler and more cost effective. Disappointment was expressed that some National Aviation Authorities had applied overbearing measures, inappropriate to light sport aviation. A new review group is forming imminently and EGU hopes to be directly involved. In support of this, Howard would be pleased to here of any experiences that have caused your National Association particular frustrations, inconveniences and/or cost in the continuing application of Part M measures.

## EASA-FCL

Our TO License Meike Müller reports: On November 3 the European Commission decided the regulation on the requirements to aircrew and it was published on November 25 in the official journal of the European Union as Commission Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011: "Technical Requirements and Administrative Procedures Related to Civil Air Crew" (via Eurlex –website you can download the regulation in the different languages - [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH\\_naturel.do](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH_naturel.do) ). The proposed concept for flight crew licensing was set into force in major points and therefore the legislation process can be considered as successful for most of the requirements. The Light aircraft pilot licence instructor (LAFI) was deleted during the comitology process. Due to this only the 'Flight Instructor' certificate is in place, but connected either to

the SPL or to the LAPL(S), with the requirement of a repeated assessment of competence every third revalidation of the licence.

## **LAPL medicals**

The LAPL medical was included into the regulation and herewith a medical below ICAO requirements will be in place in whole Europe. On December 16 the AMC (Accepted Means of Compliance) and GM (Guidance Material) were published at <http://easa.europa.eu/agency-measures/acceptable-means-of-compliance-and-guidance-material.php#AMCPart-MED>. Our specialists are now busy studying the material. We ask for your opinion on this as well.

## **Cloud flying rating**

EASA has published its proposals as NPA 2011-16. The issue is crucial for some member states, but of no interest at all for others.

Inevitably for this sort of work, details are a compromise, but, overall, the EGU Board strongly supports the proposed Sailplane Cloud Flying Rating. (An EGU Board member, Andy Miller, was part of the group which developed the proposal for the Agency.)

There may be other organisations which would not want this rating to exist anywhere in Europe: glider pilots from countries where cloud flying is currently permitted are urged to respond positively.

## **ATO – Approved Training Organisations**

The Agency's latest thinking - currently published as its Comment Response Document – is being carefully examined by the EGU. Although many of the initial problems have been removed, the proposed regulation still contains many opportunities for National Authorities to impose extra, disproportionate burdens on our volunteer organisations.

These challenges, however, are common across many different member states. The EGU Board is working to produce a handbook that gathers examples of best practice from member associations.

## **Airspace**

The EGU Airspace Group had its annual meeting on October 30 in Darmstadt.

## **Accident Statistic**

Our TO Operations and Flight Safety Henrik Svensson has sent out the annual request for accident statistics. Please make sure that your National Gliding Organization answers promptly.

## **Workshop on Club development**

As previously announced, EGU will organise a workshop on Club development on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Amsterdam at the same venue as the EGU Congress, which is the day after.

At the 2011 EGU Congress it was suggested by the British Gliding Association to organize a workshop on marketing, club development, recruiting, keeping members and associated topics. The decline in membership is the largest problem gliding is facing today. There has so far been no European forum for discussing this problem. The attending members were supporting this idea and the Board to take action. The EGU Board decided to organize the workshop adjacent to the 2012 Congress and early in the autumn a call for paper was sent out.

The programme is below and as you can see that it is a full day with time for discussions. The workshop shall also give a lot of scope for creating networks and exchanging ideas.

We hope to see not only EGU delegates attending the workshop but kindly invite specialists, all interested and especially the chairmen/presidents and officers active in the area of PR and promotion, of our gliding organizations.

More information on how to register, accommodation and abstracts of all the papers can be found on the EGU web site [www.egu-info.org/](http://www.egu-info.org/)

0900-0915	Opening of the workshop	Patrick Pauwels, President EGU
0915-1000	IGC Membership Survey	Alexander Georgas, IGC Country Development WG
1000-1030	From a Glorious Past to a Glorious Future	Claus Nedergard-Jacobsen, Denmark
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
1100-1130	Gliding is the Answer - But What is the Question?	Claus Nedergard-Jacobsen, Denmark
1130-1200	Short summary of the situation in The Netherlands	Bart Pelt , Head of Gliding Department, the Netherlands
1200-1230	Experiences in Finland on GPL and TMG theory distance learning system over web	Sakari Kuosmanen, Managing Director, The Finnish Air Sports Institute Ltd, Finland
<b>1230-1400</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1400-1430	A Wonderful Gliding Day in 2025 - A Workshop Exercise	Claus Nedergard-Jacobsen, Denmark
1430-1500	The Story of Valde who reinvented Gliding - A Story-Telling exercise	Claus Nedergard-Jacobsen, Denmark
1500-1600	How can we best work together on development issues – including addressing reducing participation - for the long term good of gliding in Europe?	Alison Randle and Pete Stratten, British Gliding Association
<b>1600-1630</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	
1630-1700	Discussion and conclusions. How do we proceed?	Robert Danewid
1700-1715	Closing of the workshop	Patrick Pauwels, President EGU

***The EGU Board wishes all European glider pilots a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year***

