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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

Annual Congress

The EGU held its Congress during the last weekend in February in Amsterdam. 19 members were present. Thanks to the Dutch Gliding Federation and to Francois Van Haaff for their hospitality and the perfect organisation. The presentations given at the Congress are available in the internal section of the EGU website www.egu-info.org/. Patrick Naegeli (UK) was elected as the new President of the EGU. Patrick Pauwels stepped down from EGU service. He has been a member of the EGU board since 1993, the last three years as president. He was elected Honorary President of the EGU. Thanks Patrick for your excellent service to European glider pilots!



The delegates at the Congress, from 19 countries



The old president Patrick wishes the new president Patrick good luck in his new job

Workshop on Club development

On February 24th EGU organised a workshop on Club Development and associated topics. 9 papers were presented by 5 lecturers. There were also a lot of discussions and the workshop was considered highly successful by the delegates. All the papers can be downloaded from the EGU website (under “news”).

During the Congress a decision was taken that EGU shall expand its work to Club Development. A Working Group will be established and in the autumn a new workshop will be organized with more concrete projects. **Any input on project related to Club Development and associated topics are welcomed.** Please send them to the editor.

Later in the spring it is planned to publish proceedings from the workshop. These will be available from the EGU website.



Four of the lecturers at the workshop; Bart (NL), Alexander (GRE), Alison (UK) and Claus (DK). Jöel (FR) and Sakari (FI) is missing in the picture

New EGU Data base

Our Secretary General Markus Gnägi has developed a data base with information on EGU members, delegates, National specialss etc. We kindly ask all EGU delegates to check the information in the data base and update it if necessary. Instructions on how to access the data base and how to edit information can be found on the EGU web site in the internal section. If you have forgotten the password to the internal section, please mail the editor of the EGU Newsletter (mail address is in the header).

Part M Task Force

Our TO Airwothines and Maintenance Howard Toorode reports: As presented at the EGU Annual Congress by David Roberts (EAS President) the EASA Task Force on Part-M for GA is now in full operation, considering both rule formulation and implementation. David is keen to engage with EGU on the concerns of the European Gliding community, and I expect to provide our focal point for him. The items of immediate concern are the formulation of Aircraft Maintenance Programmes, and the procedure by which ARC's are issued and renewed. Technical representatives are strongly encouraged to forward any observation on experiences in these two areas to Howard Torode, at your earliest convenience. In the near future I will be contacting you with more direct questions on these and other topics.

NETOPS Networks Operation Team

Our TO airspace Günter Bertram reports: Netops is the new name of a very successful working party - ANT=Air Navigation Team- at Eurocontrol mainly maned by representatives of the National Air Traffic organisations. The Technical Offer Air space of EGU is following the agenda actually due to his parallel engagement in the same area for Europe Air Sports. EAS has been involved for many years through Marcel Felten and/or Günter Bertram, both members of the EAS board.

Besides others at ANT/NETOPS topics like 8,33kHz, Air Space Classification, Mode S Transponder, Harmonized Rules of the Air and harmonized Transition Altitude are dealt with.

IMC/ Cloud Flying Issue

EASA will soon by reviewing the responses to its proposals for IMC/ cloud flying (NPA 2011-16); the EGU will have a Board Member on the review group (Andy Miller).

EASA-FCL and LAPL medicals

EGU request all its members to give inputs on the implementation process in the various countries. EGU will try to monitor this in order to avoid the mess we encountered with the implementation of Part M.

ATO – Approved Training Organisations

The Agency's latest thinking - currently published as its Comment Response Document – is being careful examined by the EGU, headed by Andy Miller. 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. **Please let us have any inputs from you!**

Accident Statistics

We still miss reports from several countries regarding fatal accident data for 2010 and 2011. We would also like to collect if possible, number of accidents, number of members and gliders, launches and hours/year, XC km/year. It would be nice if you can send your statistic to Henrik Svensson, TO Flight safety. henrik.svensson@segelflyget.se



Spring is here once again – Fly Safe