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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 second Newsletter for 2011 and we are now in the middle of the gliding season. 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 websites.

Minutes from the 2011 Congress

The minutes are now published on the EGU website <http://www.egu-info.org/index.htm> under the internal section.

EGU Workshop “Keeping Members”

At the Congress in Madrid it was decided to organize a special workshop on “Keeping Members” and related matters, like recruiting new members. The workshop will be held on Feb 24th (the day before the 2012 Congress) in Amsterdam. The idea is to share and discuss ideas around this most important topic.

We want delegates, national experts, ordinary glider pilots etc etc (= everybody who has an interest in the topic) to prepare a paper and presentation for the workshop. We want to hear about not only problems but also solutions. How do you in your country tackle this important topic? What have you done? What are your plans for the future?

In late summer we will send out a formal “call for papers”. Our intention is to publish all accepted papers either in a “proceedings” and/or on the EGU website after the workshop.

EASA Ops Opinion

EASA has just published **Opinion 04/2011 – Air Operations OPS**. It can be found on the EASA website. EGU is currently studying the documents.

EASA FCL and medicals

We still have to wait for the final outcome.

In the mean time we were informed that the so called ‘EASA Committee’ (high level member states working party) discussed at length EASA’s final Opinion. After some changes the final document is being translated in the official EU languages. At an EP-commission meeting the document was accepted and will get its final approval by the EP in September. Official publication can be expected in November/December. The ‘Medical part’ and the ‘Organisation Requirements part (ATO’s) are still in process. Despite the delay, 8

April 2012 is still the 'transfer date' but there might be an extra transferium up to three years for gliding and ballooning.

We keep a close eye on the whole process and we will inform you as soon as possible.

As mentioned during the congress meeting, we will cooperate and combine efforts to get established in the "new world".

ATO

EASA published its Opinion after the Madrid Congress. The EGU Board reviewed this during its May meeting. No big, overwhelming, problems are apparent, but the danger remains that this legislation could lead to enervating, unnecessary, bureaucracy with no safety benefits.

Some aspects are already faced by individual national associations.

Andy Miller and his working group has under taken to gather and publish examples of good practice.

Acronym Guide:

ATO: Approved Training Organisation – FCL law will require that all training for licences and ratings must be carried out at an ATO.

FCL: Flight Crew Licencing.

AR: Requirements for national authorities

OR: Requirements for organisations (such as gliding clubs)

Airworthiness and maintenance

Some notes from Howard Torode: **EASA Opinion 01/2011 on ELA Certification (inc. sailplanes)**, had been forwarded to the EC on 18 March 2011. Its forward plan contains a longer lead phase involving a change to Basic Regulation BR.010, which would continue with a lengthening timescale into 2013. Detailed comments had been documented fairly but, disappointingly, our proposed changes had been largely declined. While the ELA process is central to sport aviation needs and must be supported, the previous records on 'Opinions' suggests there might be further complications. Further, and of more concern the timescale is so long that any recovery in the European Light Aviation industry and user sector would continue to be prejudiced. EGU will maintain liaison alongside EAS to see if political pressure might be forthcoming at this late stage.

Acceptability of Generic Maintenance Programmes in Part –M. Discussions have taken place with Werner Scholz (German Sailplane Manufacturers Association) and a meeting had been at EASA on 23 February 2011 concerning the interpretation of these helpful measure in Part-M. Consultations around Europe suggested that Generic AMP's are currently generally accepted in the nations with larger sailplane populations, but naturally, the detailed interpretation was directed by individual National Aviation Authorities.

There is no known current developments on the **Part 66 CRD 2008-03** (Maintenance personnel licencing), which is being reconsidered by EASA.

EGU has noted that FAI raised concerns as to **future AVGAS availability**. There are strong messages that AVGAS might be fully withdraw for political/environmental reasons, possibly without adequate substitutes. EGU has noted that the only reason that a solution to this issue had not emerged in the last 25 years was the reticence of any organisation or group to undertake the ground work necessary to secure formal certification. This situation is now infinitely worse under strict EASA legislation.

Airspace

SERA Part B Latest issue NPA2011-02 has been commented on via Europe Airsports. There are only minor changes from previous editions. The key difference is an attempt to reduce and minimise exemptions from ICAO standards. This has resulted in minor changes to airspace classification and Radio Mandatory Zones.



EGU wish you all a nice gliding summer!