



IGC NEWS

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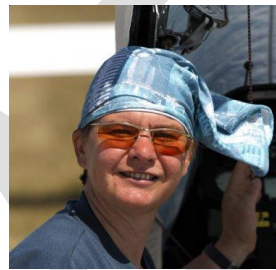
WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

The 2011 World Gliding Championships season is in full swing. Already we have found the World Champions from the **6th Womens' World Gliding Championships**. Completed recently in Arboga, Sweden, 47 competitors from 12 nations flew a total of 16 tasks across the 3 classes.

Our Womens' World Champions are:



Susanne Schödel (GER)
15 M Class



Sue Kussbach (GER)
Standard Class



Agnete Olesen (DEN)
Club Class

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And the Team Cup was won by Denmark.

Congratulations to our Champions and to everyone who took part – competitors, teams and organisers.

The **7th Junior WGC** starts soon on the 5th of August at Musbach, Germany. There are 83 entries in the two classes, representing 21 nations, including entries from Argentina, Australia, Canada and the USA. You can keep up to date with news and photos from Musbach on the website at www.jwgc2011.de

The **4th FAI Sailplane GP Final** is all set to start at the Wasserkuppe on the 23rd of July. This Championship is being held in conjunction with the 100th Centenary event at the Wasserkuppe. We have a full field of 20 competitors representing 9 nations, including Australia and Chile, flying for the honour of being the FAI World Sailplane GP Champion. You can follow the racing at <http://sailplane-grandprix-2011.aero>

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IGC JOURNALISTS

Our journalists are hard at work and supplying copy to the website. Check out the news updates on our homepage at <http://www.fai.org/gliding>

FAI GENERAL SECRETARY

Our Secretary General, Stephane Desprez, advised the FAI board last week that he is resigning. He has been tempted by “an offer he couldn’t refuse” and will be taking up a position with another sports federation in October. FAI President John Grubbström is working on the task of finding a new Secretary General.

IGC PLENARY MEETING 2012

I’m sure that we are all looking forward to joining our South African colleagues in Potchefstroom on the 2nd and 3rd of March, 2012. Now is probably a good time to start looking at options for air travel before prices start sneaking up for the southern hemisphere summer!

SGP+ Project

Discussions are continuing with Planetaire on the development of the Sky Race and the SGP+ project. The concept we are now working towards is to have the IGC involved in all operational and safety related matters and to work together with Planetaire to deliver this exciting concept.

Best regards



Bob Henderson
President, IGC
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