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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 third Newsletter for 2011 and we are now at the end of the gliding season in Europe. 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.

EU Licensing

The final draft proposal of the 'Implementing Rules for Flight Crew Licensing' was approved by the EU-COM TRAN Committee at the end of August.

We have now to wait for the publication in the Official Journal (expected November next.)

For gliding we will have the option to go for a LAPL(S) -Light Aircraft Pilot License - Sailplanes - or the SPL - Sailplane Pilot License. The training requirements are equal. The differences will be in the required medical declaration and the privileges. Both licenses are restricted to non-commercial operations but the SPL-holder will be allowed to receive remuneration. There will be an easy option to switch from the LAP(S) to the SPL.

An overview of the requirements to obtain these licenses is published on the internal section of our website. (As long as no official document is published, this overview is 'For Information Only', you never know if something will be changed...)

Looking back to the whole rulemaking process, thanks to our involvement and heavy engagement from the start, the final outcome is close to our initial proposals. We are still waiting for the final outcome about the medical. Also for the ATO's, we have to wait the publication. Unfortunately in these domains the sport sector was less represented.

As mentioned before, the new FCL-Regulation will apply from 08-04-2012, but the Member States will have the option not to apply this regulation until 08-04-2015 for the SPL and LAPL(S).

All actual GPL's shall be transferred into the new system via a conversion report made up by the national authorities.

Sailplane Cloud Flying Rating - FCL.008

Andy Miller, our man in FCL.008, reports that EASA published its proposals for a Sailplane Cloud Flying Rating in September – NPA 2011-16 (Google finds it just fine). Glider pilots who already hold a National qualification should not see any great surprises in the requirements. Those flying in member states where the airspace rules never permit gliders to enter cloud will not, of course, be interested at all.

Brief details:

- > Course of theoretical training
- > 5 hrs airborne training
- > 1 hr must be in a glider
- > The rest may be in a TMG or credited from a power rating
- > Flight test with oral questions for the theory
- > Validity 24 months
- > Revalidation/ renewal with a flight test

Part M

In 2010 Howard Torode, our officer dedicated for maintenance and airworthiness, did a great job by making a survey on how Part M was implemented in the different countries and how our members had survived this transfer. (Report available on the website). After handing over our report to the EASA Staff and requesting several times for a meeting to give the necessary explanation, we received no answer. Beginning of July we received the announcement that a special workshop was planned in October to evaluate the implementation of Part M for the general aviation sector in the different member States. The so called users were requested to pass their experiences.

Our members were consulted again and requested to give updated information and examples. In spite of a rather weak response, Howard wrote again a strong paper. This document is also available on our website. We can only hope that this workshop will become the start of the adapted Part M for the sport sector in the near future.

Annual Meeting of the EGU Airspace Group

This meeting will be held on October 30th in Darmstadt, Germany. Our TO Airspace, Günter Bertram, has sent out the invitation. If you have not received information, please contact Günter asap.

EGU Workshop on Marketing, Club Development, Recruiting and Keeping Members

The workshop will be held on Friday February 24th (the EGU Congress is in the adjacent weekend) in Amsterdam at the same venue as the Congress (information to follow). The invitation and call for papers was sent out in August. Please submit a short summary on your presentation (not more than a half A4 page) in word-format not later than **November 1st**. Send it to robert.danewid@gmail.com.

EGU Annual Congress 2012

The annual congress is scheduled for 25-26 February 2012 in Amsterdam/Schiphol. As decided during the last congress, an extra workshop will be held on the day before, see above.