



IGC 2023 Plenary Meeting



ANDS Committee

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2023 Report to the Plenary

Dear Delegates,

In 2022, the attention of the Air Traffic, Navigation and Display Systems Committee was divided between two controversial debates, datacommunications and flight recorder calibrations.

On the datacommunications topic, most of the discussions were political, not technical. For example, the full potential of the OGN/IGC Trackers has not yet been realized, because pilots, teams, Organisers, and rule-writers cannot agree on the rules or the enforcement of rules regarding electronic conspicuity in competitions. There is still no working definition of "external aid" to competitors, and support for the mandatory use of Trackers seems to depend on the size of the Team concerned. ANDS has tried to stay away from these debates, with limited success.

On the other hand, the good relationship between IGC and FLARM Technology AG continues, and thanks to Angel Casado and the group of OGN volunteers, we are making progress toward live scoring.

The other topic of debate is the calibration interval for Flight Recorders. A joint proposal from Denmark and France was introduced in 2021 to eliminate the requirement for Flight Recorder calibrations, after the first one. Due to the far reaching implications of the proposal, and our inability to debate this complex topic online, the decision was taken last year to postpone the debate until this year.

There will be a meeting on the Thursday before the Plenary to find out if we can resolve the controversy. The meeting will be chaired by this Committee Chairman. Both sides of the debate believe in not placing unnecessary procedural burdens on our pilots, while preserving the integrity of the evidence provided by Flight Recorders.

Further information about the debate can be found in these publically available documents :

Proposal

https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/6_1_1_2023_y2_sc3_2_4_6_den_fra_-_remove_periodic_calibration_of_flight_recorders.pdf

Position paper supporting the proposal

https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/6_1_1_2023_supporting.pdf

Position paper opposing the proposal

https://www.fai.org/sites/default/files/6_1_1_2023_opposing.pdf

Announcement of meeting

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BwFITZOQgl_CWSsYpkUDEp_fiX1QUBDM/view

Statements of Fact

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aVQ0DI2sKzkTdvOVfzKv6dDLps740lyK/view?usp=sharing>

We look forward to a lively discussion leading to the best possible outcome for pilots seeking badges, records, and fair competition results.

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