



EHPU MC Newsletter

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The President says.



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A very warm welcome to the second EHPU Management Committee newsletter, bringing you news of EHPU activities between our Annual General Meetings.

First of all, may I welcome two new countries' flying associations to the EHPU table - Estonia and Iceland. We aim to continue the expansion of EHPU membership and look forward to welcoming other countries' associations in the coming year.

Secondly, I would urge all EHPU delegates to block off the weekend of 11th and 12th February 2023 in your respective diaries. This is the weekend of the 2023 EHPU AGM, and I look forward to welcoming you in person to the beautiful Lake District in the north-west of England. See the "EHPU Events" section for more information.

Marc Asquith - President EHPU 2022 (and some of 2023).

From the General Secretary's desk.



Hopefully all EHPU delegates will have had the chance to download the 2021 AGM minutes, have taken a few moments to peruse the photos and reflect on the fabulous hospitality shown by our Swiss friends in Lucerne. There were many highlights for me, but I have to mention in particular how much fun it was to fly at "Emmetten" with so many EHPU friends the day after the meeting.

The EHPU Management Committee (MC) continues to be very active, with its regular online meetings involving Robin Friess, Thomas Senac, Rodolfo Saccani, László Szöllösi, Sanne Both (as Chair of the European Safety and Training Council) and led by our 2022-'23 president Marc Asquith.

As background information for our new member countries, MC minutes are produced for all MC meetings. These are available on the EHPU "Internal" database using your personal login details (which you will have received from me). Details of the location of Minutes are in the "Resources" box in this newsletter's margin (back page). Also on the EHPU "Internal" database are minutes of past AGMs and other resources such as documents and photos from AGMs. I invite you

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all to log in and view the photos from our last AGM in Lucerne, Switzerland in September 2021. If there is anything you would like to contribute for future newsletters, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at ehpu@ehpu.org

I enjoyed participation as an online observer at the four-day CIVL Plenary event earlier this year. In the spirit of forging stronger links with others involved in our sports, we intend to invite FAI / CIVL to send a delegate to observe the EHPU AGM.

I look forward to meeting up with you all next year at the AGM and wish you a healthy and happy 2022.

Mark Shaw - EHPU General Secretary.

EHPU Events.

Announcement of 2023 EHPU Annual General Meeting.

The next AGM will take place on Saturday 11th February 2023. The location is a hotel on the shores of Lake Windermere in the Lake District National Park, England. It is suggested that delegates fly to Manchester airport and take the train north to the Lake District or make use of a scheduled transport shuttle provided by the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. Further travel information will of course be provided nearer the time. There will be social activities on the Friday night and Sunday daytime before delegates travel back home. We hope that we will be joined by representatives from Europe Air Sports (EAS), whose participation in recent AGMs has been so valuable.

EHPU Membership.

New EHPU member countries.

We are very pleased to welcome Estonia and Iceland to EHPU as new member countries. In Estonia, the national body is "Eesti Lennusporti Föderatsioon" (ELF) (<https://www.lennusport.org>) and Jaano Räsä (ELF president) is the EHPU delegate.

In Iceland, the national body is "Fisfélag Reykjavíkur" (<https://fisflug.is>) and Þröstur Freyr Hauksson is the EHPU delegate. Þröstur has supplied the photograph to the right so we have an idea of Icelandic landscape and flying.



We look forward to the opportunity to welcome both delegates in person - hopefully at the 2023 AGM!

Launch of poll for the 2021 member survey.

Please look out for the email from the General Secretary launching the membership poll for 2021. As in previous years, we will collect information on total numbers of hang glider and paraglider pilots in your countries.

Airspace.

Airspace, U-Space and drones.

It is clear that U Space will shortly be implemented in many EHPU countries. Our concern has been that hang gliders and paragliders will be forgotten or pushed into bottlenecks that are created as airspace becomes designated for drone use.

Government Departments of all nations have previously overlooked our sports and EHPU members' 110000 active aircraft. Thanks to work by our team and through our membership of Europe Air Sports, EASA now has a better understanding of the specific needs and limitations of HG and PG.

EHPU's Airspace Officer Helmut Bach has been hard at work attending various meetings about European airspace and fighting our corner when it comes to U Space airspace, where drones will mix with manned aircraft.

Earlier this year he prepared a submission commenting on EASA's "Notice of Proposed Amendment 2021-14". This is a proposal from EASA to develop acceptable means of compliance for manned and unmanned aircraft operating in U Space airspace. It highlighted the possible Electronic Conspicuity solutions including ADS-B for certified aircraft, SRD 860 (the band used by FLARM) and mobile telephone technology. As many HG and PG pilots carry mobile 'phones, this would appear to be the solution most compatible with our cockpit-less aircraft.

However, a feasibility study on the use of mobile telephones for making manned aircraft electronically visible in U Space has somewhat dampened hopes for a simple single mobile 'phone solution. There are many hurdles: apps running in the background whilst a device is broadcasting its position, networks' roaming agreements, and countries' frequency restrictions for aerial broadcasts. There are a number of innovative proposals being developed to address these hurdles. A series of trials will be required to test whether mobile telephone technology will be an acceptable means of compliance with Electronic Conspicuity requirements.

Helmut asks that you email any incidents involving drones and PG / HG directly to him. Reports can be in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish. Helmut can be contacted via his DHV email address: helmut.bach@dhvmail.de

ESTC update from Sanne Both, ESTC Chairwoman.

Last year the ESTC meeting was held on the 24th September, the day before the EHPU AGM. It was very pleasing to host the majority of participants in person in Lucerne and we had a full and lively meeting. Our aim for 2022 is to deliver the finalised European Pilot Identification (EPI) tandem card for non-commercial / friends and family tandem flying. This should enable pilots who hold the EPI tandem card (as well as a valid tandem licence from their home federation) to fly with friends and family in the European countries that will accept the card. We are planning our next ESTC meeting on 18th June in Nice (France), and we have a full agenda of topics to address.

EHPU "Safety Network" Accident database update.

Many EHPU member associations contribute data to the EHPU accident database and realise its effectiveness for conducting research into accidents and incidents. The database continues to illustrate its value by providing us with information (collected from many federations' submissions) that has resulted in the publishing of safety actions.

The exciting news about the database is that thanks to hard work by DHV, it will shortly be relaunched with additional features including more detailed search functions, additional filters and the ability for photos, videos and documents to be uploaded. There will be two-factor authentication for users, and a limited access set up for manufacturers. The new database platform has received a lot of interest from other aviation bodies who admire the EHPU's facility to log and analyse accident and incident data.

Steen Poulsen (Denmark)



EHPU delegate Steen Poulsen was appointed to the Management Committee at the September 2021 AGM in Lucerne. Steen decided not to stand for election to the Danish Association board at its elections in March 2022 and consequently had to withdraw from the Management Committee and from EHPU itself.

Steen has been a valued long-term participant in EHPU and ESTC and his contributions will be missed. If any delegates wish to contact Steen, General Secretary Mark Shaw has his personal contact details. Meanwhile, we welcome Sanne Røhe, Chairman of the DHPU who will be stepping in as Danish EHPU delegate for the foreseeable future.

Finish on a high note!

Our photo in this edition features Austria and was provided by EHPU delegate Ewald Kaltenhofer. We will attempt to run alphabetically through member countries - Belgium next!



Ewald says the location is the Stubaital, Tyrolean Alps, taken by his friend Markus Gründhammer.

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