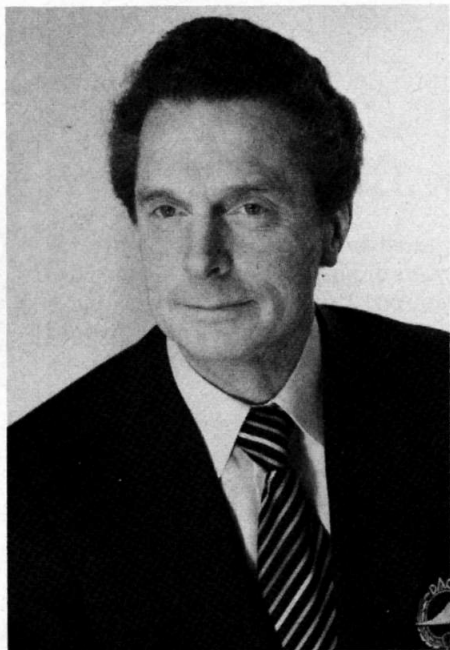


# The New President of OSTIV: Dr. Manfred E. Reinhardt



Dr. Manfred E. Reinhardt was born at Wildberg/Schwarzwald, Germany, on 26th January 1927.

After studying physics at the Technical University of Stuttgart, Dr. Reinhardt became a member of the Akademische Fliegergruppe of that University in 1951, and three years later he was made the leader of that group. He continued to study aircraft construction and aerodynamics under Prof. Dr. Ullrich Hütter and meteorology and atmospheric physics under Prof. Dr. Walter Georgii, the former president of ISTUS. In 1956 he became Assistant Scientist and Research Pilot to Prof. Dr. Georgii at the re-established Deutsche Forschungsanstalt für Segelflug (D.F.S.) of München-Riem airfield.

Dr. Reinhardt graduated in physics at the University of Tübingen in 1972 on the thesis "Air-Electricity", and continued his career in meteorology and physics.

He was appointed to be Director of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the German Aeronautical and Space Flight Research Establishment (D.F.V.L.R.) at Oberpfaffenhofen, near Munich, in 1974.

Throughout his career he has been a firm believer in "listening to what Nature is telling us, especially in the free atmos-

phere", and in using sailplanes and other aircraft as his instruments.

Dr. Reinhardt took his first steps in gliding at the age of 15, in the sort of glider (distinctly not a sailplane) normally used for early flying instruction in those days, namely S.G. 38 primary. His A, B and C badges were gained in successive years 1942, 1943 and 1944, in flights made by successively advancing methods of launching, namely bungee, winch and aerotow, respectively. He became an individual member of OSTIV in 1954, in which year he took part in the congress at Camp Hill, England, and also acted as crew member for the West German pilot August Wiethüchter in the associated World Gliding Championships. Subsequent activity included participation, usually as director or task-setter, in eleven national championships, and as West German team captain in the World Championships at Marfa, Vršac, Waikerie and Räyskälä.

Dr. Reinhardt was elected Vice-President of OSTIV at the Räyskälä General Conference in 1976, and President at the Châteauroux General Conference in 1978.