

REMARKS OF THE OSTIV PRESIDENT TO THE XXIV OSTIV CONGRESS

at Omarama, New Zealand, 12-19th January, 1995

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In January, 1995 the XXIV OSTIV Congress will be held at Omarama, New Zealand, together with the XXIV World Gliding Championships.

Like the 23 World Championships, only 3 OSTIV Congresses out of 24 took place in the Southern Hemisphere, namely the IX Congress at Junin, Argentina in February, 1963, the XIV Congress at Waikerie, Australia in January, 1974 and the XX Congress at Benalla, again in Australia in January, 1987.

Now we have the opportunity to meet for the 4th time in the Southern Hemisphere in a wonderful country unique in its geographical situation as a large isle in the Pacific Ocean, unique in its wonderful landscape, but also unique as a place of magnificent gliding opportunities, where the 2000 km flight in a broken line has been performed.

In providing such an event in their country, the New Zealand Gliding Association showed a strong self-confident team of organizers for this event. It received the majority of the International Gliding Commission (IGC) for preparing Championships and Congress for January, 1995 in New Zealand, compensating by this decision the imbalance of the international events between the Northern and Southern Hemisphere to a certain extent.

Although the place of the OSTIV Congress and the World Gliding Championships is a relatively remote one, OSTIV is, together with the New Zealand organizers, undertaking all efforts to make the Congress a successful one. Having now received 35 proposals for technical, meteorological and medical papers, we still can include additional papers and want you to contact and personally encourage scientists, designers, constructors, meteorologists, medical persons, etc. which you may know to be potential authors, for sending in further papers. A Short Summary, as in the Call for Papers indicated, will be helpful to send you further information, the Extended Abstract should reach us by August 31, 1994.

Perhaps you yourself have interesting news for gliding. Please, realize also that in cases of authors

being not able to participate in the Congress, we can offer professional presentations by the respective chairmen and its experts being present in the Congress. Those papers will also be published in our magazine, *Technical Soaring*, and made known to a wide audience through it.

We expect in the future to extend the general knowledge about Technical Soaring and its worldwide distribution through the International Book Index Number Service (ISBN) which will be introduced with No. 3 of Volume 18 of *Technical Soaring*, to be published in July, 1994.

Finally, following is a preliminary time table for the XXIV OSTIV Congress:

Saturday, January 7, 1995 Separate meetings for OSTIV Crash Worthiness Sub Committee (CWSC) and Glider Recovery Systems Working Group (GPRS)

Sunday, January 8, 1995 Joint meeting training and safety panel (TSP)/CWSC/GPRS.

Monday, January 9, 1995 Sailplane Development Panel (SDP) meeting.

Tuesday, January 10, 1995 Joint meeting SDP/TSP.

Wednesday, January 11, 1995 a.m. SDP meeting p.m. TSP forum.

Thursday, January 12, 1995 Opening Ceremony of OSTIV Congress.

Friday, January 13, 1995 Technical session.

Saturday, January 14, 1995 Technical/training and safety sessions.

Sunday, January 15, 1995 Technical/training and safety/joint sessions.

Monday, January 16, 1995 Excursion to Christchurch.

Tuesday, January 17, 1995 Meteorological session.

Wednesday, January 18, 1995 Meteorological/medical sessions.

Thursday, January 19, 1995 a.m. Meteorological/joint sessions. p.m. OSTIV General Conference and closing dinner.

—Dr. M.E. Reinhardt