

9th OSTIV GENERAL CONFERENCE

Junin, Argentina, February 22, 1963

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The Conference was convened by OSTIV President, Louis A. DeLange. He introduced Juan B. Chourrout, President of FAVAV, who welcomed the members and guests and expressed the pleasure of the Argentine as host to the Congress and Conference. Mr. DeLange extended to Mr. Chourrout the thanks of OSTIV for having made such ample provisions for the technical and meteorology sessions and for providing for the comfort and entertainment of those attending. There were official delegates from 17 countries present for the General Conference.

Prior to pursuing the agenda for the meeting, it was announced that the Board had selected Dr. Richard Eppler, of Munich, Germany, as recipient of the OSTIV Plaque. Also, it was announced that the OSTIV Diploma for the technical paper of most particular value to OSTIV was to be awarded to Dr. Ing. F. X. Wortmann, Technical Hochschule Stuttgart, for his paper, "Einige Laminarprofile fuer Segelflugzeuge." Sufficient time between the closing of the meteorological session and opening of the General Conference did not permit selection of the meteorological paper. It was decided to announce the recipient of this diploma later.

The Standard Class Airworthiness Requirements Working Group was reconstituted as the OSTIV Sail-

plane Development Panel under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. Dipl. Ing. C. W. A. Oyens, The Netherlands. The Panel Members are as follows:

Dipl. Ing. J. Bojanowski, Poland; Dipl. Ing. B. J. Cijan, Yugoslavia; Mr. R. Kunz, Austria; Dipl. Ing. J. Matschego, Germany; Prof. Dr. Ing. P. Morelli, Italy; Mr. T. Tervo, Finland; Mr. L. Welch, England; and Dipl. Ing. H. Zacher, Germany.

This panel will update the "Airworthiness Requirements for the Standard Class Sailplanes" as required. In addition, it will undertake to formulate sailplane airworthiness requirements for other than Standard Class. It was noted that a substantial number of countries have officially adopted the Standard Class Requirements in whole or in part, including France and Germany.

An OSTIV Research and Training Center is to be established in Varese, Italy. The facility is being made available by Mr. Giorgio Orsi and the organization and establishment of tasks will be directed by a Board composed of L. A. deLange, Chairman; Prof. Dr. Ing. W. Georgii, Gen. U. Mannini, Mr. G. Orsi, and Dipl. Ing. H. Zacher.

The OSTIV Active Members (National Aero Clubs) will be kept informed and asked to participate in the various programs.

The General Conference approved increasing the dues for Active Members from \$50.00 to \$75.00 a year, retroactive to 1 January 1963.

All officers and directors were re-elected with the exception of Dr. W. B. Klemperer, who had tendered his resignation. The Conference expressed its appreciation for his past contributions to OSTIV. Floyd J. Sweet was elected to fill the vacancy.

The officers and members of the Board are as follows: President, L. A. deLange, The Netherlands; Vice-Pres., Dr. W. A. Eichenberger, Switzerland; Dipl. Ing. B. Cijan, Yugoslavia; Dipl. Ing. J. Bojanowski, Poland; Floyd J. Sweet, U.S.A.; A. H. Yates, England; and Dipl. Ing. H. Zacher, Germany.

At the closing ceremonies on 24 February 1963, OSTIV announced the winner of the OSTIV Trophy for the best Standard Class sailplane. The trophy was presented to Dipl. Ing. T. Tervo and J. Jalkannen, designers of the Finnish sailplane, "Vasama." This is officially designated after detailed inspection and flight test of the competing designs by the OSTIV Jury.

A banquet hosted by FAVAV concluded the General Conference and formally closed the 9th OSTIV Congress.

OSTIV News

There is an "OSTIV Section" in each issue of the monthly Swiss magazine, *Aero Revue*. A subscription to this magazine is one of the main benefits of an individual membership in OSTIV, dues for which are \$4/yr., to be remitted to OSTIV, c/o the London Gliding Club, 22 Half Moon Street, London, W.1, England. These 12-month memberships begin either January 1st or July 1st and qualify individuals to buy OSTIV publications at cost.

The "OSTIV Section" of the March, 1963, issue of *Aero Revue* had the following contents:

An announcement that OSTIV has arranged to have a handbook written on the subject of sailplane design. The authors will be specialists in their fields. Title of the book is expected to be "OSTIV Guide for Sailplane Designers."

"Development and Progress of Standard Class Sailplanes," a 6-pg. paper by Boris Cijan and B. S. Shenstone with tables of specifications and three-view drawings for the sailplanes entered in the 1938 Olympic Sailplane Design Competi-

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