

# CVSM MEETING

September 4-5, 1963

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This meeting of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale Gliding Committee (C. V. S. M.) took place at FAI Headquarters in Paris. A. Gehringer presided. The U.S. was represented by W. S. Ivans and Dr. Harner Selvidge. Ten countries sent delegates. Following is an account of major items discussed and action taken.

The rules for Badge flights were once again revised, following receipt of considerable criticism of action taken at the December, 1962, meeting, which called, among other things, for a 100-kilometer flight for the Silver Badge and the elimination of out-and-return flights for badge distances. The new rules, effective January 1, 1964, spell out the customary requirements for duration and altitude gain for all three Badges. Distance for Silver Badge is once again 50 kilometers, to be achieved *only* by straight-line flight. Distance requirements for Gold and Diamond legs remain as before (300 km. for Gold Badge; 300 km. for Diamond Goal; 500 km. for Diamond Free Distance). These requirements can all be met by either straight-line flight, broken-line with *one* (only) turn point, completed triangle, or goal-and-return. The 28-percent minimum leg rule still applies to triangles. No minimum length or minimum angle is set for the legs of a broken-line flight; the goal-and-return will

be recognized as a special case of the broken-line flight.

Permission to overfly goals and still have the goal flight counted for Badge and Record purposes was approved in principle at the 1962 meeting; the committee officers were to establish control procedures to be voted on at the 1963 meeting. No agreement could be reached on methods of control, so the old rule of having to land within 100 meters of the goal will continue to stand.

The 1965 World Soaring Championships were awarded to Great Britain. They are to be held at South Cerney Airfield, lat. 51° 42' N, long. 1° 55' W. Team entry fee is expected to be 700 dollars for a pilot and 3 crewmen, plus 56 dollars per person participating in the preceding practice week. Radio is to be permitted in both Standard Class and Open Class competition. This is contrary to previous practice, wherein only Open Class gliders were allowed radio, and was approved following a request from the British spokesman, Philip Wills, who argued the advantages of maximum radio usage in terms of reduced trailer traffic near the contest site and lessened chance of saturation of telephone communications. The Committee recommended that the practice of setting common tasks and equal starting opportunity for Standard and Open Classes be maintained at

South Cerney. A maximum entry of 90 gliders was proposed by Mr. Wills, but the Committee proposed half this number as a practical and equitable maximum, in view of the desire to intermix the classes. The British Nationals will be held at South Cerney in 1964 as part of the advance preparation of site and organization. Number of entries from each country is fixed as 3, plus 1 additional if preliminary count is within limits; the number of entries from each country must be stated by April 30, 1964, with deposits sent in by September, 1964.

The Gliding Committee recommended that the practice of holding the OSTIV Congress in conjunction with the World Championships be abandoned, as the atmosphere of competition appears to be in conflict with the presentation and discussion of technical papers and the deliberate examination and testing of sailplanes for award of the Standard Class equipment prize.

All officers of the Committee were re-elected.

Next meeting was set for September or early October, 1964.

List of attendees follows:

Germany—Mr. Seff Kunz, V-P  
Austria—H. Wolf  
Belgium—W. Grandjean  
U.S.A.—W. S. Ivans, H. Selvidge  
Finland—K. Hedstrom  
France—R. Eyraud, Sec.  
Great Britain—P. A. Wills, V-P  
Italy—U. Nannini  
Netherlands—M. Manting  
Switzerland—Ruckstuhl  
F.A.I.—C. E. Hennecar, Director General, W. P. Welsh, Assistant Director General



Photo by Harner Selvidge

Part of the CVSM delegates are shown at the conference table at FAI headquarters in Paris, September 4, 1963. Left to right: W. P. Welsh, FAI; M. Manting, Netherlands; W. S. Ivans, USA; H. Wolf (and daughter), Austria; U. Nannini, Italy; K. Ruckstuhl, Switzerland; S. Kunz, Vice-President, CVSM, Germany; Philip Wills, Vice-President, CVSM, Great Britain; and A. Gehringer, President, CVSM, Switzerland. Not shown, K. Hedstrom, Finland; R. Eyraud, Secretary, CVSM, France; and C. E. Hennecart, FAI.

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