



2010 annual report from the International Formula Windsurfing Class to the ISAF Windsurfing Committee

It has been a successful year of activity for the Formula Windsurfing Class considering the effects of the financial crisis.

Membership of the Formula Class was up (by 1) on 2009, with 30 countries represented by national associations from 5 continents, individual memberships representing 4 countries were also received. However, these memberships do not reflect the complete activity within countries around the world – where over 50 countries have recorded activity in national events.

Activity within some NWA has been reduced, but in many NWA it has been maintained, and others even increased eg Australia, Croatia, Lithuania..

The Formula Ranking scheme and accompanying international calendar continues to generate interest in the class and encourage/ reward national event organisers.

There were 28 international events on the 2010 Ranking calendar, an increase on 2009, including a Formula Worlds, and 4 Continental Championships.

However the Grand Prix tour was reduced to 2 stops, although could be back to strength for 2011.

Regional championships included the - Baltic, Nordic and Iberian. However, the one big disappointment of the year was the cancellation of the inaugural FW Balkan Championship. The event, organized in Marathon, Greece, at an approved centre by a federation member club, under the auspices of the national class association (FWA.GR) was refused federation approval- a full report is made separately to this committee.

Championships

The World Championships were hosted by the Argentine Windsurfing Association, in Mendoza, in March. It was a truly memorable event, that attracted huge audiences during the week, and a full series of races in windy conditions !

2010 World Champions are Antoine Albeau (FRA) and Marta Hlavaty (POL).

Continental Championships were held in AUS, USA, ESP, and URU; and a European Formula Festival was held in Sardinia.

The Formula World Festival, inc. Formula Youth & Masters World Championships, again combined with the Formula Experience World Championship, was held in Araruama, near Rio, Brasil, in October.

2010 Youth World Champion – Gabriel Browne (BRA) ;

2010 Masters World Champion – Mathias Pinheiro (BRA).

For **2010/11** seasons there was increased investment from manufacturers, with four brands registering production formula boards with ISAF for the first time, giving a total of 11 new boards from 9 brands.

It is expected that at least 2 new brands will enter boards for the 2012/13 list

Ceri Williams –Chairman.

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