

Records Subcommittee Report

for GAC plenary meeting in Catania (Italy), February 2025

Dear Friends:

You will recall that we adopted several changes to the FAI Circumnavigator Diploma during our last meeting in Funchal. From my perspective, those changes were most beneficial and have made the application much simpler for pilots wishing to receive the diploma. It has also made it easier for NACs to process the applications. In the USA, we have had two applications under the new rules. The diploma is very popular with folks making around-the-world flights, so please be sure to make people aware of it in your countries, if you haven't already done so.

I will occasionally be asked by FAI headquarters staff to assist with interpreting Section 2 for a record claim that is under review. However, I have had no such requests since our last meeting.

While we have employed GNSS flight recorders to document most records, we have continued to use barometric data for altitude and time-to-climb records. We are working on standards that would allow the use of GPS altitudes for those records in the future. I expect to propose those changes to Section 2 at our next meeting.

Meanwhile, if you have any proposed changes to the Sporting Code, or have any ideas for new record tasks, please share them with me so we can get them approved at our next meeting.

Wishing you all a good meeting in Catania,

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