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Nomination for the Award of the Pirat Gehriger Diploma

The IGC Bureau nominates Associate Professor Loek Boermans as a most worthy candidate for the award of the Pirat Gehriger Diploma

The Diploma is awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding.

Loek Boermans

'Boermans airfoils' are a household name in the world of gliders. Loek Boermans is an associate professor in low-speed aerodynamics at the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering at TU Delft University. Both Loek and his PhD students have been very successful in research on airfoils for high performance gliders. They have developed the airfoils and wings for more than 15 glider types, produced by sailplane manufacturers all over the world. With the use of the large low-speed low-turbulence windtunnel of the Faculty and sophisticated computer codes, they also developed fuselages and tailplanes, as well as techniques to lower the drag and study the complicated airflow at the junction of the wing with the fuselage.

His research work has been an important factor in the continued improvement of glider performance and he has held the position of President of OSTIV since 1998.

Bob Henderson
President, IGC