

From the Editor

New Editor-in-Chief

I am pleased to report that, beginning with Volume 40, No. 1, Dr. Arne Seitz will take the helm as Editor-in-Chief of *Technical Soaring*.

Arne is a researcher at the DLR Braunschweig and a lecturer at the Technical University (TU) Braunschweig. Born in Hamburg, Germany, Arne reports having always felt fascinated by aircraft. He started flying sailplanes at age 17 at the Fischbek Glider Club south of Hamburg. After his military service, he enrolled in the aerospace engineering program at the TU Braunschweig. As a member of the Akaflieg Braunschweig, Arne participated in the design and construction of the SB 13 flying-wing sailplane. During this time he also became involved in cross-country soaring and participated in training courses on sailplane flight testing conducted by IDAFLIEG (Interessengemeinschaft Deutscher Akademischer Fliegergruppen — the umbrella organization for the German Akaflieds).

After graduating as Diplom-Ingenieur from the TU Braunschweig in 1989, he started working at the Institute for Aerodynamics and Flow Technology at the German Aerospace Center, DLR, in Braunschweig. His main field of interest is laminar flow technology and he has been involved in theoretical and experimental research in transition prediction as well as laminar flow wing design for low speed and transonic applications. In 2006 Arne earned his doctorate (Dr.-Ing.) with a dissertation on an in-flight investigation of Tollmien-Schlichting instability wave propagation in laminar flow wings. Since 2010 Arne has taught the course “Fundamentals of Sailplane Design,” based on the well-known textbook of Prof. Fred Thomas with the same title.

Arne was selected as Editor-in-Chief following careful deliberation by the OSTIV leadership and I am confident that *Technical Soaring* will thrive under his guiding hand.

Changes to OSTIV Dues

During the last OSTIV General Conference in Lausanne the Active Members approved the following dues structure for OSTIV membership:

Individual members:	EUR 25
Students:	gratis

Dues may be paid by money transfer to:

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In addition, members outside of Europe now have the option to pay by PayPal in order to save wire transfer fees. To do so, log in to PayPal and use the address admin@ostiv.org as the recipient. Select the “send money to friends and family” option to save on fees. Please make payment in Euros. Provide the member name and member number in

the notes. Currency exchange fees and transfer fees (a few percent of the payment) will be automatically charged to sender account.

Reminder to Authors

Although we are rather flexible regarding manuscripts submitted to *Technical Soaring*, we do prefer that they be set in a single column with double line spacing. Authors should also plan on submitting, no later than final acceptance of the manuscript, a complete set of electronic files with the figures, one figure per file.

Berblinger Competition

Many of us are familiar with the story of Albrecht Ludwig Berblinger, “Der Schneider von Ulm” (The Tailor of Ulm) who, it is reported, in 1811 invented the first hang glider and attempted to fly it across the Danube at the city of Ulm in Southern Germany. In 1986, on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the attempt, a meet was held at the site of Berblinger’s flight with around 30 contestants, one of whom actually made it across the river in a modern high-performance hang glider.

Starting in 1988, the city of Ulm has awarded a prize named in honor of Berblinger as a tribute to his work. The prize is awarded for outstanding achievements in the design of general aviation aircraft.

For 2016 the city is hosting a design competition to inspire interest in innovative developments that would support an environmentally friendly long-distance flight along the entire length of the Danube River from its source to its mouth (roughly 2,900 km — I had to look this up.) We are told that a total of EUR 25,000 in prize money is being offered.

For more information, see <http://www.berblinger.ulm.de/>. Applications are due 21 June 2016.

Experimental Soaring Association Meeting

The 2016 Experimental Soaring Association Western Workshop will be held in conjunction with a Vintage Soaring Association Regatta from September 3–5, 2016 (Labor Day Weekend) in Tehachapi, California USA. Tows, flying operations and camping facility will be provided by Skylark North (661-822-5267). For more information contact Josh Knerr 661-912-2102 or via email to VSANews@gmail.com.

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Respectfully,

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