

## From the Editor

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### About this issue

The article in this issue of *TS* examines an unfortunately large global database of fatal accidents with training gliders attributed to failure to recover from spins. For the statistical analysis, the authors introduced a metric called the Aircraft Service Years, an approach that may help other researchers to analyze accident data. One of the conclusions is the sobering finding that

the annual rate of fatal spin crashes shows no significant change over the last three decades. It reminds us that important improvements to safety in gliding remain to be done, through pilot training, sailplane design or technology, and gliding operations. The authors of the article advocate for a comprehensive global incident database to support safety research and allow evaluating the effectiveness of safety measures.

Very Respectfully,

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