Editor's comments

Information on the 100th anniversary of Orville Wright's famous soaring flight, provided by Jim **Short** and Bernald **Smith** of the USA, is on the next page. This event is being planned for the weekend of 21-24 October 2011 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina USA where the flight occurred. So mark you calendars!

This issue completes the publication of papers received from the 2008 OSTIV Congress. **Sachs** and colleagues present a flight profile for achieving the maximum range for a motor glider with a retractable engine. And, **Liechti** presents a unique method for predicting aligned lift and for planning soaring flights using the predictions.

This issue begins the publication of papers submitted to and presented at the recent OSTIV Congress in Szeged Hungary. To introduce the Congress, the papers presented at the Congress are summarized by the Chairs of the Technical and Scientific Sections, respectively, Mark **Maughmer** and Zafer **Aslan**. Then, the first two papers to be peer-reviewed appear. **Gedeon** and **Dóra** present a novel analyses and modeling procedure for chaotic data. And, **Fövényi** summarizes the techniques used by the Hungarian Meteorological Service to predict atmospheric conditions in support of the World Gliding Championships in Szeged.

Also, this issue contains two contributed papers. **Souckova** and collaborators report the results of a useful coordinated numerical modeling and wind tunnel study of flow past high-drag devices. And, **Hoff** and colleagues report a computational method for estimating sailplane mass properties as an alternate to measurements.

The following persons located the reviewers and supervised the reviews of the papers in this issue: Guest Associate Editor Götz **Bramesfeld** (Sachs, et al. paper), Editor Ward **Hindman** (Liechti paper), Associate Editor **Aslan** (Gedeon - Dóra and Fövényi papers), Guest Associate Editor Judah **Milgram** (Souckova, et al. paper) and Associate Editor Helmut **Fendt** (Hoff, et al. paper). To assure accuracy of the published manuscripts, each senior author received a 'galley-proof' for corrections-only prior to publication. I applaud the team that made this issue possible in a timely manner: associate editors, peer-reviewers, authors, copy-editor/layout person, printers and distributors. Thank you!

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