

# REMARKS FROM THE OSTIV PRESIDENT

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## IN MEMORIAM – Dr. Wieslaw Stafiej

It is with deep regret that OSTIV announces the death of Board Member Dr. Wieslaw Stafiej who died on September 13, 1995 following a serious illness and a long hospital stay.

OSTIV and the sport of soaring lost a highly respected person, a scientist in the field of aviation engineering, a most creative designer and a talented engineer. He had a life-long interest in the safety interests of both soaring pilots and sailplanes. Much of his work was presented in OSTIV Congresses and documented in OSTIV publications, especially topics dealing with loads on sailplanes and other kinds of structures.

Dr. Stafiej had been active with OSTIV since the 1960s, first participating with papers in the XIth OSTIV Congress in 1968 at Leszno, Poland. From that point on, he was primarily involved with the activities of the Sailplane Development Panel. In the General Conference of the XXIIIrd OSTIV Congress in 1993 at Borlänge, Sweden, he was elected as a member of the OSTIV Board.

In the next quarterly issue of *Technical Soaring*, Vol.20, No.2, Prof. Dr. Justyn Sandauer, University of Warsaw, will honor life and work of Dr. Stafiej.

## CHANGE IN OSTIV-EDITORSHIP

In January, 1996 the OSTIV Editorship for our quarterly publication *Technical Soaring*, the official OSTIV/SSA journal, will be transferred from Mr. Cedric Vernon to Mr. Ladislav Smrcek, Jr.

Since 1965, when Cedric Vernon spontaneously and voluntarily offered to edit the OSTIV papers of the Xth OSTIV Congress at South Cerney, England, he has guided all OSTIV authors with their manuscripts. Many of these were published in *Swiss Aero Revue*, the official OSTIV source for publication at that time, or in the SSA's *Technical Soaring* when space was available there. Since 1988, *Technical Soaring* has been an official OSTIV/SSA source for publication and all OSTIV papers are being published there.

Beginning with the new year, Ladislav Smrcek, an aeronautical engineer at the University of Glasgow, Department of Aerospace Engineering, and a long-time OSTIV Member, is taking over the OSTIV Editor responsibilities. This transition will take place in the period of time between the XXIVth OSTIV Congress of Omarama, held in 1995 at New Zealand and the forthcoming XXVth OSTIV Congress scheduled for 1997 at St. Auban, France.

OSTIV wants to express gratitude to both retiring Editor Cedric Vernon for all his work for OSTIV and the gliding Community in general, and to the new Editor Ladislav Smrcek for his willingness to take over this vital work.

Both Editors will be given special recognition in the next issue of *Technical Soaring*; Vol.20, No.2, to be distributed in March 1996.

– Manfred Reinhardt, President

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