

The Call-for-papers for the XXX OSTIV Congress to be held 21 to 28 July 2010 in Szged, Hungary is on the next two pages. Please plan on submitting your studies and attending the Congress so we can all learn from each other!

This issue continues the publication of papers presented at the August 2008 Congress in Lüsse-Berlin. The paper by Shabrang and collaborators describes large-scale weather systems that may affect soaring in the Middle-East and Iran. The paper by Chinmay and collaborators, accepted by the Congress but not presented, describes novel theoretical and experimental studies on extracting energy from atmospheric turbulence. The paper by Dunnmann contains useful information on the frequency and locations of wave flights in Germany and provides a template for similar studies elsewhere. Finally, the paper by Tokgozlu and Aslan presents provocative relationships between climate-scale atmospheric oscillations and soaring weather in Turkey.

The following located the reviewers and supervised the reviews of the manuscripts in this issue: former Associate Editor Hermann Trimmel (Shabrang and collaborators), Associate Editor Zafer Aslan (Patel and colleagues) and your editor (the Dunnmann and Tokgozlu and Aslan papers). 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, printers and distributors. Thank you!

Technical Soaring was recently awarded 'learned-journal' status by the Polish Ministry of Education due the efforts of OSTIV member Prof. Dr. Miroslaw Rodzewicz (miro@meil.pw.edu.pl). I encourage other members to do likewise in their countries.

The World Meteorological Organization Technical Note No. 203 "Weather forecasting for soaring flight", authored by a team from the OSTIV Meteorological Panel, has been recently published. Copies can be obtained either from the OSTIV Secretariat or from the WMO at www.wmo.int/e-catalog/detail_en.php?PUB_ID=535&SORT=N&q=.

You are invited to send me comments on papers so a useful dialogue with the author(s) can occur in *Technical Soaring*.

An article that touches many facets of motorless aviation is *Anatomy of a Miracle* by William Langewieche (www.vanityfair.com/style/features/2009/06/us_airways200906). It tells the extraordinary story of the Airbus emergency landing without loss of life in the Hudson River abeam New York City in January 2009. *Anatomy of a Miracle* is the basis for a longer treatment of the landing to be published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux this fall, probably late October.

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