

The Chairs of the OSTIV Sections and Panels also serve as Associate Editors for *Technical Soaring*. I rely on them to supervise the reviews of papers in their area of expertise. At the XXIX OSTIV Congress, Lüsse-Berlin, Germany, 6-13 August 2008, Dr. Hermann Trimmel chair of the Meteorological Panel, asked to no longer be an Associate Editor. As a result, Prof. Dr. Aslan and I will supervise the review of the scientific and meteorological papers.

This issue continues the publication of papers presented at the recent Congress in Lüsse-Berlin. The Niesner and Maul paper expands an earlier study using flight logger data to determine flight profiles of top, international competition pilots. The Jackson, et al. paper reports important characteristics of energy-absorbing foams for cockpit safety. Finally, the Lindstedt, et al. paper investigates the crashworthiness of the Polish PW-5 glider.

The following Associate Editors located the reviewers and supervised the reviews of the manuscripts in this issue: Zafer Aslan (Niesner and Maul), Ian Oldaker (Jackson and colleagues) and Helmut Fendt (Lindstedt and colleagues). To assure accuracy of the 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!

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

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