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**Betreff:** Re: [igc-delegates] Hans Nietlispach

Dear gliding friends worldwide,

The Swiss dentist Hans Nietlispach was not only a great glider pilot, who belonged to those ones with the most participations in World Gliding Championships between 1954 and 1985, he was also a philosopher, whom we have to thank for many shrewd sayings and wise advice. Admirable was his humor, which enabled him to express even unvarnished truths with a twinkle in his eyes.

Moreover, Hans was a successful fighter for the rights of the gliding community – particularly in Switzerland, where he several times kept the upper hand in his differences with the aviation authorities. We glider pilots worldwide owe him the first time registering „Photo-time Camera“, the simple scoring system and many more good ideas, which gained access into our sport. Many years he was delegate of Swiss gliding in the IGC, a good number of years as Vice President of this body.

Refreshing and also instructive to read are his two books „Gliding, a bit of theory and practice“ (1959) and „Gliding“ (1997).

Hans Nietlispach was showered with honours, in 1982 he became the 35<sup>th</sup> holder of the FAI Lilienthal Medal.

Since his marriage in 1946, Hans Nietlispach was unthinkable without his wife Josette, with whom he was indivisible for 62 years. She was for him wife, companion, helper, retrieve crew, and strong advocate of his personal interests. He himself said: „Without Josette, my career as glider pilot would never have been possible!“

We all lost a great man of our sport, and our sympathy goes to his dear wife and his family as well as to his friends of the Swiss Gliding Association.

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