



HANDING OVER OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUPE ICARE

On Tuesday, March 29th, 2022, the General Assembly of the Coupe Icare Association, which organizes the world's largest free flight event of the same name, validated the handover from Founding President Daniel Raibon Pernoud to a trio of Co-Presidents. All three are active paraglider pilots and residents of the Plateau-des-Petites-Roches, and they are determined to continue and perpetuate the fabulous adventure of the Coupe Icare. The largest outdoor sport event in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region is now beginning a new chapter in its history at the dawn of 50th anniversary.

Daniel Raibon-Pernoud is retiring as president after 48 years' of dedicated service to the Coupe Icare

There was a lot of emotion Tuesday evening in Saint-Hilaire during the General Assembly. The founder of the Coupe Icare had been trying for several years to reduce his involvement in the organization of the event that he co-created in 1974 with his accomplices at the time. It is not easy to find a successor to take the helm of such a ship, with its impressive masquerade competition. So a trio was formed to take over, and share the responsibility of organizing the future editions of the Coupe Icare. Daniel Raibon Pernoud remains a member of the executive committee and is involved in the organization of the Icare Expo.

He was also granted the title of Honorary President in recognition of all his achievements. The Association's General Assembly paid a heartfelt tribute to him on Tuesday evening, as the responsibility was handed over to the new generation. The entire Coupe Icare team would like to thank Daniel for his fabulous 48 years of passion for free flight and for the beautiful heritage he has left us. Photo : Alain Doucé



Who are the COUPE ICARE's new co-presidents?

The Coupe Icare elects its governing bodies every two years. This year's new Governing Body elected the new Presidents. The trio is composed of one woman and two men. All three have been involved in the organization of the Coupe Icare Cup for many years.

- Sara Gill: Treasurer of the association for 10 years and member of the Flight Management Team for even longer,
- Arnaud Cartier-Millon: a child of the Coupe Icare, former president of the Parateam Club and co-manager of the restaurant L'Atterro in Lumbin with his wife,
- Thibault Lajugie: member of the Flight Management Team for several years

Their objective is to keep the soul of the Coupe Icare intact and to organize new editions, as always, each more amazing than the last. Photo : Bruno Lavit



A new Flight Management Team too

We don't see very much of them but they see everything that flies. They are indispensable to the organization of all flights during the Coupe Icare. They are our flight directors. Their mission is to coordinate the entire aerial ballet of this extraordinary event (10,000 pilots, more than 10 flying disciplines). They carry a heavy and important responsibility that must be renewed regularly to coordinate all the volunteers.

- Stéphane Grégoire became the General Flight Director, with the support of by Joël Amiable, Technical Manager at the FFVL,
- Véronique Gensac becomes Deputy Flight Director and she also represents the FFVL,
- At the landing zone, the handover of the position is clearer as this will be his last year in the role. Nicolas Lepape, his deputy for many years, will replace him for the 50th Coupe Icare!



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