

## REPORT FROM THE IGC REPRESENTATIVE TO CASI

For the IGC meeting March 2011

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The FAI General Conference (GC) with the two CASI meetings were held in October in Dublin, Ireland.

The CASI Bureau has consisted of the same people as last year: President Henk Maertens (Australia), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Grubbström, Sweden, Vice Presidents John Aldridge (CIVL), Graeme Windsor (CIP) and Jean-Pierre Delmas (France), and Secretary Gill Winter (France).

All of the ten NACs elected to be part of CASI were present this year

The following long list of subjects were on the agenda:

1. A Greek proposal regarding insurance. At a previous FAI event an insurance sold at the venue did not comply with the stipulated requirements in the local rules. How to rectify this was the subject of a lengthy discussion. At the end it was decided to simply add such a requirement to the GS.
2. Continental Records. These were introduced last year and a working group consisting of representatives from four of the ASCs was supposed to propose how to implement them. The group reported that they had a split view on whether all commissions needed to have the same rules. The same split was obviously evident in the commission too, as it was decided by a 9-8 vote that each commission could decide its own rules.
3. Requirements for world records. This agenda point was raised by FFVV and supported by IGC. It was unanimously decided that a record set by a two-person crew in a glider does not need to be a national record to become a world record. The general rule that records have to be approved as national records to become world records was questioned, and a working group was established to look into why this requirement exists. Ross Macintyre is a member of this working group.
4. Human powered flight with flapping wings (ornithopter). This category does not exist in FAI. A group in Toronto in Canada seems to have solved the technical problem, and record categories should be established. CIACA will look into how to implement this.
5. Revision of SC 11. The working group with Henk Meertens as the leader had not functioned because of Henk's long sickness. The group was "consolidated" with Buzz Bennett in the chair, Henk Meertens, John Aldridge and Mike Close.
6. Standards of Distance Measurement. This WG also had its problems caused by the President's sickness. The understanding of the general problems with the various distance measuring methods was greatly helped by a paper from Rick Sheppe. Instead of revising GS 7.3.1.1 as proposed, it was requested that each commission review the section on distance measurement in its sporting code to ensure compliance with the GS.
7. CIMA proposal for changes to the GS. According to the new president of CIMA, the commission has decided to change its name and include microlight autogyros (up to 450 kg gross) in the commission's area of responsibility. CASI could not deal with the first item because the decision was not documented in the minutes from the meeting. The second item raised the temperature at the meeting, as the CIG had not been contacted at all. The two commissions involved, CIMA and CIG, were asked to consult together and come up with a proposal.
8. CIVL proposal for change of representation. It was proposed that the two calendar year period between representation for different NACs in FAI 1<sup>st</sup> Category Events be reduced in certain cases. The resolution lost 11-5 with 1 abstention.
9. IPC proposal for change of the GS 4.2.3. It was unanimously approved to accept video evidence with only one Official Observer being present at the event.
10. Review of FAI guide lines in case of serious accidents at FAI events. A WG was established with Graeme Windsor in the chair, Jean-Pierre Delmas and Jürgen Knüppel (CIMP President) to review the document.

11. Request by the FAI Secretariat for a review of FAI appeal procedures. A WG consisting of Henk Meertens and Jean-Claude Weber was established to prepare new guidelines.

At the General Conference the following NACs were elected: Australia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.! **OBS!! Probably not correct as the minutes from the General Conference in Dublin are not yet available**

**Bureau Elections:**

President Henk Maertens (Australia) was re-elected. As the previous 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Grubbström from Sweden had been elected FAI President, he could not be re-elected. Graeme Windsor (CIP) was elected. As Vice Presidents were elected John Aldridge (CIVL), Jean-Pierre Delmas (France) and Tor Johannessen (IGC). Gill Winter (France) was re-elected Secretary.