

World Air Games 2009

Progress report

Turin Aeromodelling Organising Committee (ALOC)

The ALOC is made of experienced modellers and headed by Sandro Schirru with extended contest organisation experience. I attended a meeting in Turin on January 24, 2008 where I had the opportunity to visit the WAG competition sites, Aeritalia airport (nowadays a sports airfield) and the Ruffini sports hall. Both are absolutely superb and extremely well suited to CIAM events. Moreover they are both within the Turin city boundaries and easily accessible by the public transport system but also by car, thanks to their proximity with the peripheral and regional highways system.

Italy has direct experience with Artistic Aerobatics (F6A), which is a National competition class, and with F3P which, organisation-wise, is quite similar to Hand Thrown Gliders (F6D), but indoor competitions are not yet organised in Italy. As a consequence, a party from ALOC attended the first AeroMusicals selection contest in Prague, Czech Republic and will attend the large AeroMusicals contest in Mons, Belgium on April 5 so as to gain more experience with the way such contests are organised and run.

The Turin WAG test events in June have been set up as selection contests. Entries are already coming and we can expect a good turnout in all three events.

I am satisfied that ALOC will be able to organise successful CIAM events during WAG 2009.

Selection contests

A number of selection contests have already been run or are scheduled along the year up to November. Unfortunately, information has been extremely difficult to go from CIAM to NACs and down to clubs and individuals. In most countries everything about WAG is still ignored, We had to resort to direct communication with individual modellers through every possible mean and those modellers eventually went back to their NAC. At this point, one F6D selection contest is scheduled in North America and another one is being set up in New Zealand, but much remains to be done in this respect.

A communication mean has been found with the so-called CIAM WAG Newsletter that is sent to NACs and interested individuals. It is presently sent to over 350 individuals on all continents.

The invited WAG competitors' selection, as it presently goes, will produce the required, high-level WAG contestants. It is, however, to be wished that those contestants come from a wider range of countries. The Working Group efforts in the coming months will be aimed at this result.

WAG 2011

The WAG 2011 bid process is already going on since last October. The Working Group task in the coming months will be to refine the selection system as a continuous process valid for every successive WAG edition. However, the main task is to succeed getting NACs directly involved and feel concerned with WAG.

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