

## **CIAM SC Education**

### **Technical Meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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#### **I. CIAM Scholarship**

For the fifth time now we award that money, which is singular within FAI and a kind of prestige project. Usually, we let the education experts do their appraisal job in order to forward it to Bureau and Plenary. But as some candidates don't keep the rules regarding their applications and the experts don't know how to behave: DQ them or to be kind and accept? The 2015 winner stayed well within the guideline. – Another topic will be a Bureau proposal to simplify the payment. The original demand "no monies directly to the winner" seems being impractical.

#### **II. CIAM-Flyer**

We got quite a few educational projects presented during the last years but the public awareness of these projects within our worldwide community left much to desire. Emil Giezendanner, editor of the most appreciated CIAM Flyer, is willing to publish them if well prepared. Per Findahls contribution which had been published in CIAM Flyer 1-2015 is a good example, and others are to follow.

#### **III. Introductory Classes**

During the last Bureau Meeting the matter arose whether CIAM should have such classes. The TM acknowledged that the threshold to these classes – not at least because of the fast development of our sport – is so low in most cases that rules within our Sporting Code don't seem adequate. Additionally, the Sporting Code seems being so inflated that reduction of classes – not further inflation of them should be the goal. Within that system, introductory classes stay a matter of the national aeroclubs. – The TM was not quite content with that solution. There should be a list of ideas available on the CIAM website in order to help teachers and instructors who wish to start educational programs.

#### **IV. Longterm Project**

Most top pilots learned their skills within their families, that must be puzzling for CIAM. In the past, clubs or federations were conducting educational projects which ended up in some national or international careers. Nowadays, these actions look rather like PR – necessary, but leaving the main work to the engaged fathers. A deeper knowledge of our hobbysport demands long-term projects which would be best implemented into schools. The S/C Education chairman is involved in such a project and gave a presentation on that. It includes three simple indoor models with a box and winding facilities, all built by the students. They want to compete at a national contest July 2015. The engaged school in the North of Germany wants to establish a permanent working group in addition to other school activities like choir or rowing.

## **News**

Mike Colling informed, that the Finnish Aero Club have this year introduced the Dart as a School Program. The initial order for 1500 models was originally planned to last for 2 years but the last report was that with over subscription they may have to reorder before the end of the year. And the BMFA University Challenge has gone from strength to strength and at the last event there were competitors from Germany and China. This year a third class had been introduced and now all the classes are electric powered.

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