

WELCOME MEETING 2005

Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear delegates and friends,

A whole year has already passed by. Since our last meeting in Alicante, we have been doing a lot of things. Some of them very big and well known, others smaller and almost unknown like normally happens in a big organisation like FAI is. When I myself and this bureau got this commission responsibility, I promised you to do my best, our best, for the good success of our interests. I think we have got it, this year, as much as we find out along this meeting. At least, I can tell you that we fight for it honestly. Now you can check yourselves, dear delegates and friends, if all that it's been enough.

We have got a nice and successful Europeans, like you realise along this meeting, we have been represented in most of the Centenary events of FAI, except our own meeting, the fly-in concentration in May in Lausanne, cancelled due to a short level of registration, probably because in May, almost all NAC's are in maximum activities in their competitions and so, the dates were not very accurate. (explicar decision + Heini)

We got also some checkins for recorder and scoring programs, as you'll see also along the meeting, always in order to give our competitors better tools to fly and compete in more and more safety conditions, and also to get, as far as possible, better ways to organisers and judges to be able to do their jobs in a fair and comfortable way.

We participate in the GC 2005 last week, a very big success thanks basically to our President Mr Portmann, who surprised us with a very accurate organisation helped himself by the Aerclub of France, and our friends Mr Georges and Mr Gerard Frendzel. We also talk about that along the meeting.

In the GC we had also a CASI meeting, with elections in its bureau. I have the pleasure to inform you that there, was elected as a new CASI President of Commission, our vice president Mr Henry Lindholm, (two presidents in GAC bureau) and as CASI vice president, our USA delegate and friend, Mr Art Greenfield. If you add to all that that the President of FAI Mr Portmann, also comes from GAC, you'll understand that was starting to be heard in Paris something about " the GAC mafia..." like and octopussy putting his arms everywhere... they joke.

Well, now seriously, I want to thank you very much for coming here. This year we have a very high level of registrations, 24 countries of 4 continents, if I'm right. I 'm sure that we'll do a good job in rules, decisions, schedules and all items we'll talk about, and this meeting will be again, very successful.

Thank you very much, my friend, and let's start working...

The word is to our Secretary Mr Schavaller...

Thank you.