

REPORT OF THE GAC PRESIDENT

ZOOM PLENARY MEETING 20st NOVEMBER 2021

Annex 4

Last year in November 2020 we had our first Plenary Zoom meeting with our late president Rodney Blois. One month later we received the very sad news that he passed away. Honourable president Pedro Cabanero called me and discussed the situation with me. He informed me that normally, in such a situation, the 1st vice president takes over the office of the presidency. This was also discussed with the GAC bureau, and it was approved. It was an honour for me to take over as president.

With all the Corona pandemic problems worldwide, there were no activities in the past year. Only the FAI WRFC was planned for November 2021 in South Africa, but sadly could not take place.

We had regular GAC bureau meetings throughout the year and watched the Corona situation very carefully.

In July of this year the pandemic hit S.A badly, with S.A. being declared a hi-risk “red” country.

The GAC bureau had a very difficult decision to make to cancel/postpone the S.A. FAI WRFC

S.A is still keen to hold the FAI WRFC in November 2022, and so a new bid was tabled at the GAC sub-committee meeting. Hopefully the GAC Plenary will approve this and give S.A. another chance to host this event in November 2022.

I also attended all the commission president’s Zoom meetings throughout the whole year.

It has been a difficult and challenging year for us all and I sincerely hope that the new year will be a better one, with the planned FAI WPFC 2022 in France, and hopefully the FAI WRFC in S.A.

For the next few years – up until 2025 we have a full calendar! I urge you to put forward further bids, to keep our aviation sport alive.

I would like to thank my extended GAC bureau with Ralf Grunwald, Frank Eckard, Allan Hansen, Maurice Ducret and Art Greenfield for their support and for handling the sub-committees.

Furthermore, I also wish to thank FAI for their input in GAC in this difficult past year.

Hans Schwebel