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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I bet all of you would agree the past two years have been challenging to say the least. Many of us have lost loved ones and friends to this awful virus that has engulfed the world. Despite everything we have faced, ballooning is surviving.

After almost a complete shut down in 2020 we were able to hold a few very good Cat 1 Events in 2021.

Thanks to our friends in Poland for hosting two FAI/CIA Cat 1 events in the midst of a pandemic.

Getting permission to fly into many different countries for the 64th Gordon Bennett was amazing. Not only did the Polish run a fantastic Gordon Bennet, they also put on a Jr. World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Thank you Arkadiusz and all the team you put together.

Our friends in Hungary were able to run a very successful European Championship while also dealing with COVID. Thank you Zoltan and all of your team for a job well done.

The FAI/CIA knew that sanctioning events during a pandemic would be problematic in that some pilots would not be able to attend. It was felt that having an event instead of another year of postponements and cancellations was critical to the survival of our organization. For those of you who were unable to attend one of our events because of issues with COVID please know we all missed you and look forward to seeing you next year.

As most of you know the pandemic will have lingering effects on our sport. Sponsors and organizers are getting harder to find as funds are limited for sporting events. It is up to you as Delegates to make events happen. It is you who must find new venues, and money to run events. Pilots will find that there may not be events to attend if we all don't do our part in finding new opportunities. Please take some time to work on this endeavour.

Our new generation of loggers/tracker has taken off with great success. I believe we will find our investment in this new project even better than our old tracker project. We have a great team managing the program for our events. So, let's put them to work and get some events!

Delegates, please remember to make nominations for our FAI/CIA awards.

Montgolfier has four categories your country may have a deserving sportsman that you should consider. Don't forget to look around and see if you might have someone that should be nominated for the FAI/CIA Hall of Fame.

The Air Sport Medal is a good award for persons who have made a significant contribution to our sport.

I wish all of you a great holiday season and a prosperous new year, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Rome!

Mark Sullivan

CIA President

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1 BUREAU DECISIONS 2022

Please find the 2022 bureau decisions in the attachment or on the website.

2 CIA PLENARY MEETING 16-19 MARCH 2022 – ROME

Organizational details

We are planning to meet again for a physical plenary after 2 years of working remotely.

The Italian National Aero Club has invited us to hold our plenary meeting and Sub-Committee and Working Group meetings at the Aero Club of Italy, Via Cesare Beccaria, 35

The bureau would like to invite you to join the physical plenary in Rome:

16 - 19 March 2022

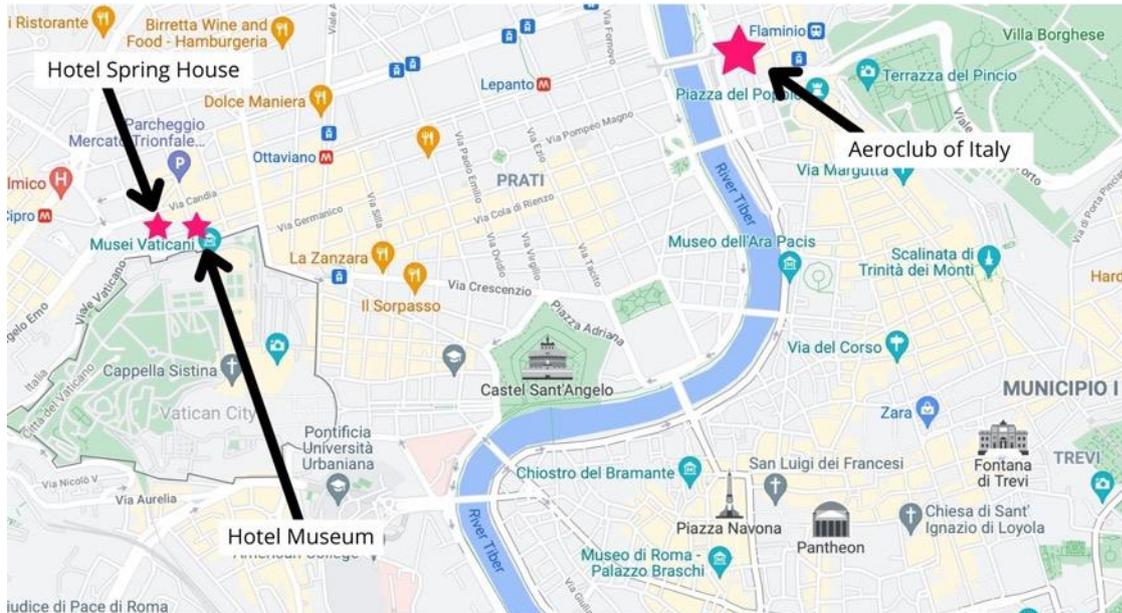


The Italian NAC has proposed two hotels that would be good for the delegates to stay in during the event. Both hotels are in each other vicinity and are close to the Vatican and are about a 25 minute walk and 20 minute public transport ride away from the meeting location.

Our first choice for your reservation would be Best Western Plus Hotel Spring house (A). This hotel has enough rooms to accommodate all attendees. To make a reservation here, copy the booking form and email this to **booking@hotelspringhouse.com**

Your other choice would be Hotel Museum (B), your reservation there can be made by e-mail or phone.

Reservations to each of these hotels need to be made as soon as possible and before Dec. 20th.



Best Western Plus Hotel Spring House, link to website

Best Western Plus Hotel Spring House
 Via Mocenigo, 7 | 00192 Roma
 Tel. +390639720948
booking@hotelspringhouse.com

Standard Double room for single use (1 person) - € 99,00 per night

Standard double room (2 persons) - € 117,00 per night

Standard rooms feature contemporary style furnishings and modern finishes to offer a relaxing stay in the center of Rome. The standard double rooms for single use have air conditioning, 55" TV with international channels, free Wi-Fi, safe, tea and coffee making facilities and minibar with free mineral water. The private bathroom has a shower and hairdryer.

The hotel offers a rich breakfast with a line of diet foods and gluten-free breakfast.

The cafeteria is open 7/7 days from 10:30 onwards.

From Monday to Saturday, our Bar is available for cocktails and spirits from 18:00 to 23:00 while the restaurant service is open from 19:30 to 22:30 and offers an à la carte menu. Guests can enjoy dishes such as pizza, pasta and salads.

Guests have access to a 24-hour gym and a private garage available upon reservation at a rate of € 20.00 per day.

The above rates are quoted per room, per night and inclusive of breakfast and taxes.

The tourist tax of Euro 6.00 per person per night is not included in the rate.

Our proposal is valid for bookings to be made by 20.12.2021

After the aforementioned date, rates may vary.

We guarantee the same rates for the 3 days before the arrival date and the 3 days after the departure

Our availability is limited

Please indicate your choice in the Price box on the form below

The use of our services is subject to the regulations currently in force on health and safety.

The impeccable and meticulous cleanliness in the details of our structure has been further strengthened with hygiene and sanitation protocols. Thanks to the "Special protection" program, we are proud to guarantee our guests a safe and responsible stay.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

-To modify or cancel the reservation, communication by e-mail is required by 4.00 pm, **7 days before the arrival date.**

- In case of cancellation after the deadline or failure to arrive at the hotel, the penalty corresponding to the first night will be charged to the credit card provided at the time of booking.

-In case of no-show at the hotel, the room reservation will be kept for the first night only.

We inform you that this offer does not guarantee availability at the time of any confirmation

HOW TO BOOK

- To confirm your reservation, please fill out the form below in all its parts, specifying the offer chosen.

- Email this form to booking@hotelspringhouse.com

- Once we have received the form with the credit card details, we will send the final confirmation.



MODULO DI PRENOTAZIONE/BOOKING FORM

Descrizione della prenotazione/Description of the reservation

Tipo di Camera/Type of room:	Numero di camere/n. of rooms:
Arrivo/arrival:	Partenza/Departure:
Numero di persone/n. of persons:	Tariffa/Price: "FAI/CIA 2022"

Intestatario della prenotazione

Cognome/Surname:	Nome/Name:
Indirizzo/Address:	Città/City:
Stato/Nation:	e-mail:
Tel:	fax:

Carta di Credito a garanzia della prenotazione/Credit card to guarantee the reservation

La pre-autorizzazione dell'importo pari alla prima notte del soggiorno verrà effettuata al momento della conferma e 7 giorni prima dell'arrivo/The pre-authorization of the amount equal to the first night of the stay will be made upon confirmation and 7 days before arrival

Nome e Cognome del Titolare/Name, Surname of card holder	
Tipo e Numero Carta/Type and n. of Card	
Data di scadenza/Expiry date	
Indirizzo, CAP, città e Stato/Address, PO box, City, Nation	
e-mail*	

*Attenzione: l'e-mail di conferma della prenotazione verrà inviata anche al titolare della carta di credito qualora fosse persona diversa dall'intestatario della prenotazione.

* Attention: the booking confirmation e-mail will also be sent to the credit card holder if he is a person other than the holder of the reservation.

Data/Date Firma/Signature

Hotel Museum, link to website

Via Tunisi, 8 - 00192 Roma
Telefono: (+39) 06.97.27.66.95
WhatsApp: (+39) 333.16.48.988
Fax: (+39) 06.56.56.28.85
E-mail: luca@hotelmuseum.it

Standard single rooms with breakfast 69.00

Standard double rooms with breakfast 115.00

Classic double rooms with breakfast = 125.00

Superior double rooms with breakfast = 135.00

(standard = not renewed - classic = renewed - superior = new)

In the Museum Hotel's rooms, comfort meets classic design to give life to elegant environments and offer the ultimate in relaxation. The sober decoration, the warm tones of wood and the quality services are designed for your well-being during your stay in hotels. Rooms, available in different types, are equipped with private bathroom with shower and toiletries, desk, air conditioning, wardrobe / closet and free Wi-Fi.

HOW TO BOOK

- Booking by phone or email please state "FAI-CIA conference" in order to benefit from the agreement
- Booking confirmations: by credit card as guarantee or prepaid by bank transfer, according to the preferences of the individual booking.
- No problem extending the nights just before or after the convention dates.
- No problem to extend the agreement also to family members (also possibility of multiple rooms such as triple or quadruple)



3 SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP E-MEETINGS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Following the success and wide acceptance of the 2021 Plenary online meetings, the CIA bureau offers to all subcommittees and working groups the opportunity to hold one or more working sessions online prior to the plenary week. These online e-meetings are NOT intended to replace the meetings scheduled the 2 days before the plenary, but they are additional sessions to prepare and start the work in the subcommittees or working groups. The weeks up to the plenary can then be used to do some homework and prepare for shorter and more efficient on-site meetings just before the plenary.

3.2 REGISTRATION AND LINK DISTRIBUTION

To attend the online meetings, you must register using the registration link below before November 30th, 2021. This registration is only for the online meetings, not the face-to-face meetings nor the plenary in March 2022.

[Link to the registration form](#)

The chairpersons of the working group and subcommittee meetings will contact you by email and send you the Zoom link to connect to the meeting.

Once you received the link from the chairperson, do not share the link with others. For reasons of security the Zoom session login details MUST NOT be communicated, distributed or published in any way at any time, especially via social media. This is essential to prevent unauthorised persons from joining and potentially disrupting the session. If this does occur the chairpersons will abandon the session immediately and circulate fresh details to people who have registered to initiate a new session.

3.3 PROCEDURES FOR THE SESSIONS - ZOOM

Each Zoom meeting will be established and managed by the CIA bureau or the chairpersons and will commence in accordance with the schedule given below under item 4.

The chairpersons may be supported by moderators for purposes of technical operation, time keeping or the fair distribution of questions according to participation.

3.3.1 Connecting

Please connect to the meetings 5-10 minutes beforehand so that any technical issues (on your side or the organiser's) can be identified and resolved.

The meeting will start strictly at the identified start times.

You can join the Zoom meeting via computer, tablet or mobile phone, using the link sent to you.

To better understand who is presenting or speaking, please change your name in your profile settings on the Zoom website (not the application itself) to the following scheme:

- IOC country code (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_IOC_country_codes) followed by
- DEL (for delegates), ALT (for alternates), MEM (for other WG or SC memberships) or OBS (for observer) followed by
- your SURNAME and name

Example: LUX DEL WEBER Claude or GER OBS SURNAME name

3.3.2 Audio

It is intended to run throughout using the standard Zoom setting, i.e. not in Webinar mode. This will mean that the view-port of every participant will be visible to all others, and it is therefore essential that unless you are given approval to speak you should **keep your microphone muted**. Speakers will be organised to speak in an orderly manner.

Depending on the number of participants, the transmission of unexpected comments and/or background noise can seriously interrupt proceedings, so, if necessary, all participants will have their audio stream muted by the chairperson or moderator.

Use a headset (eg, your mobile phone ear buds/headset) to secure the clearest voice quality and the least noise (If this is not possible, please check your phone setup to ensure minimal disruption). Conduct a sound check prior to the meeting.

Please remain on mute unless invited to talk (regardless of whether you're using a laptop, smartphone, direct dial-in via phone, etc). When unmuted, please avoid activities that may create background noise (eg, typing on a keyboard, moving a chair etc).

Enable your camera only when necessary (eg, when presenting).

3.3.3 Presentations

To make the best use of this completely different conference environment:

- Speakers must always take steps to present their material in a brief and concise manner. A maximum of 5 minutes should be aimed for agenda related presentations.
- The chairpersons will monitor requests to speak by participants, who will be able to communicate by using the *Raise hand* function in Zoom or clicking the Zoom chat system icon at the foot of the screen and typing their name and country details into the textbox, with brief details of their intended question or statement.
- These requests will be monitored and handled strictly in chronological order.
- When you are called to speak please remember to turn ON your microphone to reverse the muting, keep your comments as brief and relevant as you can so they are strictly related to the subject being discussed, and avoid wasting time through off- subject exchanges.
- Finally, you must mute your microphone again after giving your input.

3.3.4 Other details and recommendations

Please also consider the following:

- Please do not use the Zoom chat during the sessions which will be used as an administrative channel for the chairperson and moderators.
- Do not disconnect during a day's session. Should you be kicked out of the Zoom session, please reconnect.
- To keep bandwidth requirements low, participant video may not be activated unless required by presenting a topic, etc

3.3.5 Duration, breaks, closing

The chairpersons will decide when to make breaks or close the meeting. Unless there is a compelling reason, the latter will be at the scheduled stop time.

Individual participants may, of course, take breaks if necessary but are requested to take these in a way that is not disruptive to other participants (eg, remain connected to the Zoom session, ensure you are muted before leaving, do not re-introduce yourself on your return).

3.3.6 Recordings

The sessions may be recorded. The recordings will be used solely to support the chairpersons, minute takers and meeting facilitators. Recordings will not be published or shared.

3.4 SCHEDULE

The schedule includes all plenary sessions as well as all working group and subcommittee working sessions.

For all plenary sessions, a backup session is scheduled for unfinished business and agenda items of the previous session. Whether the backup session is used or not, will be announced by the CIA president at the end of the main session.

In case the agenda items of a session have been dealt with early, the session will finish early. No items on the agenda will be brought forward from the next day.

Working group and subcommittee sessions participants may decide on an individual basis to use one additional session on another day. The time and date will be agreed on by the working group or subcommittee members at the end of the main session. If no agreement is found, the additional session will be held the same evening from 20:00-21:00 UTC. No further announcement or publication will be made for these additional sessions.

Date	Time	Session details
Working groups (WG)		
Monday 22 Nov 2021	13:00-15:30 UTC	AX WG
Tuesday 07 Dec 2021	13:00-15:30 UTC	AA/AM WG
Tuesday 14 Dec 2021	13:00-15:30 UTC	BA/BX WG
Thursday 16 Dec 2021	13:00-15:30 UTC	Scoring WG
Saturday 18 Dec 2021	13:00-15:30 UTC	Statutes, By-Laws & Sporting Code WG
Wednesday 29 Dec 2021	13:00-15:30 UTC	AX WG
Subcommittees (SC) and other groups		
Tuesday 04 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Records SC
Thursday 06 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Officials SC
Tuesday 11 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Event Development Service
Thursday 13 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Public and media relations SC
Tuesday 18 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Hall of Fame
Thursday 20 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Safety and education SC
Tuesday 25 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Competitors SC
Thursday 27 Jan 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	New Technology SC
Tuesday 01 Feb 2022	13:00-15:30 UTC	Event and organiser support

4 EVENT ORGANIZERS SEMINAR

The CIA is proud to announce The Balloon Organizers Workshop to be held in Rome, Italy in conjunction with its 2022 Plenary Conference. Meetings will take place at Aero Club D'Italia, Via Cesare Beccaria 35/A 00196 Rome, Italy. This first of its kind conference is designed to educate balloon event organizers and prospective bidders to host CAT 1 events as well as the event officials required and their responsibilities on the various aspects of running a safe and successful hot air balloon event.

The Mission of the Workshop is to bring together all parties with upcoming CAT 1 events and NAC's and their organizations who may be interested in bidding on future CAT 1 events. The Symposium is designed to promote a free exchange of ideas in a social gathering that will feature two distinct but intertwined tracks: Balloon Event Organizers education and Official's training.

The following events have received sanctioning or are available for bidding and those involved in these events or planning to submit bids should plan on attending this workshop.

65th Gordon Bennett Race, Switzerland – 2022.

66th Gordon Bennett Race, Switzerland - 2023

3rd Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Australia - 2023.

6th Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Poland – 2023

2022 Women's Continental Championship – Open for bids

2022 Junior Continental Championship – Open for bids

2024 World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Open for bids. Intention to bid submitted by Mallorca.

Event Organizers will be offered presentations from CAT 1 directors of long-standing successful balloon events: Les Purfield, 22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship and Claude Weber, 23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Austria who will provide insight and practical solutions on how to organize a CAT 1 event.

Topics to be presented throughout the Workshop by the above and other experienced event organizers and event directors may include the following:

- Working with the CIA, its critical requirements, and timelines
- Selecting the right team: where do I start and what am I looking for?
- Financial and budget considerations: average cost per balloon, use of gate proceeds or parking to meet budget, sponsors, fund raising & grant writing,
- Sponsor, vendor, and crowd management
- Risk management and legal
- Working with community emergency and safety services
- Working with new technology
- Auxiliary entertainment – how much is too much?
- Volunteer and workforce needs and recruitment
- Logistics and infrastructure, field size
- Historical weather analysis and when should I hold my event

We invite all CIA delegates, sub-committee members, CAT 1 organizers, community leaders and those intending to bid on CAT 1 events in the future to join us in Rome in March 2022.

For additional information contact Workshop Chair Maury Sullivan at tequilatom@aol.com

5 NEW EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHEE

The original European Hot Air Balloon championship trophy got donated in 1982 by the Luxembourg National Aeroclub.

Because Stefan Zeberli (SUI) has won the trophy 3 times in a row (he won 5 of the 6 previous Europeans: 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019), Switzerland decided to retire the trophy and keep it. It is planned to display it in public.

The Swiss Ballooning Association (SBAV) has donated a new trophy:



The new trophy was handed by Stefan Zeberli to the winner of the 22th European Hot Air Balloon championship: Roman Hugli (SUI).



6 FAI/CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITIONS 2022

6.1 5TH JUNIOR WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

In Leszno, Poland, 43 pilots from 15 countries took part in the Junior World Championship. After 6 flights and 26 tasks this was the final result:

1. Roy Gommer NED
2. Denis Dawidziuk POL
3. Dimitry Zhokhov RUS



Story by Roy Gommer, Competitor

After almost 1,5 years with no competition flown due to the COVID-situation, me and my team arrived in Leszno. We were very happy that we finally could fly competition again! In the year before we did some training flights, but of course missed the real competition. We were welcomed in a nice area that is very suitable for competition flying. The hospitality of the people was great to experience, and the people were very enthusiastic about ballooning. All the ingredients were there for a very nice week!

In 2018 we managed to win a silver medal during the junior world championship in Wloclawek, so I could really feel the pressure to perform well during this championship. The fact that this was my last chance competing at the juniors contributed to that. I knew that if everything went well this week we might had a chance, but also knew that there were some other pilots that were very hard to beat. For example, Denis Dawidziuk and Dimitry Zhokhov who performed very well during other competitions in the past years.



Flight 1 AM

We started off with a PDG, CRT, 3DT, JDG and JDG. We were sent out to find an individual launch site and had an additional briefing close to the target of the CRT to get a last weather update. This made the timing on the CRT quite difficult, because we were running out of time. We decided to wait for the next timeslot. Even though we waited for the next slot, we mistimed the CRT and arrived at the target 30 seconds too early. Luckily on my way to the CRT I was able to reach the PDG within 17m. The 3DT didn't go to well and I struggled to get enough left for the last two targets. When the results came in, we found out that it was not too bad. An okay start!

Flight 2 PM

Flight two went a lot better. The tasks were a PDG, 3DT, HWZ and FON. We could fly the tasks in a different order and decided to first fly the PDG, FON and HWZ and then the 3DT (so the profile flying wouldn't affect the flown direction). At the ground there was little wind, but thanks to our windsound we knew that the right direction was there at the higher altitudes. After this flight we climbed a lot of places and entered the top 3.

Flight 3 AM

Nice and steerable conditions and a lot of tasks: HWZ, MDD, JDG, RTA, JDG and MD. I decided to start early because the higher winds were forecasted to decrease which we didn't need for the RTA and the lower winds were forecasted to increase which we didn't need for the MD. The conclusion was: earlier is better. I did okay on the first two targets, but went down a bit too early at the first JDG. The RTA, second JDG and MD all went very well. After this flight we went up to the first place. The pressure was building up!

Flight 4 PM

Flight 4 was quite difficult with very windy conditions at the start and unpredictable directions. The tasks were CRT, FON and HWZ. We missed the CRT and HWZ, but did well on the FON. After the flight the first feeling was that it didn't go all too well, but all the pilots were struggling with the conditions. After this flight we were able to keep the first place.

Flight 5 AM

The tasks were FIN, JDG, LRN, HWZ, FON and MDT. Again a very busy morning. The FIN went okay and I was able to drop the marker on approximately a meter. To reach the next JDG you really had to climb fast to make the turn to the right. After that we had to fly a LRN. The difficulty here was that if you did well on the LRN, you never could reach the next HWZ anymore. I decided to go for the LRN and sacrifice my HWZ, because I figured most of the pilots would do the opposite. The FON I could reach nicely (24m) and also on the MDT I was able to find a quick layer which resulted in a nice score on this task. After this flight we still managed to keep the first place, but there were still some flights to come!



Flight 6 PM

This time there were only two tasks on the tasksheet: a FIN and a MDT. We were allowed to start two times in case the first attempted on the FIN wasn't successful. However, the winds were forecasted to calm down during the evening, so a second start would compromise the result on the second task. I was able to start early and luckily the first attempt on the FIN was successful. During the second task I could find a quicker layer which resulted in a nice distance and good result. Still first in the ranking. How many flights were still to come?

None. All the further remaining flights were cancelled. After cancellation of the final flight I first couldn't really believe it. Had we really won this championship? I still was to some degree a bit stressed and in the competition mode. After a few hours it started to sink in a bit more, but still I found it hard to realize. Of course we were very happy and relieved.

I really would like to thank my team for the great support during this competition! I also would like to thank the organizers and officials for the great event. Finally, I would like to thank all the other competitors for the nice competition we had. Hope to see you all soon during the next competitions.



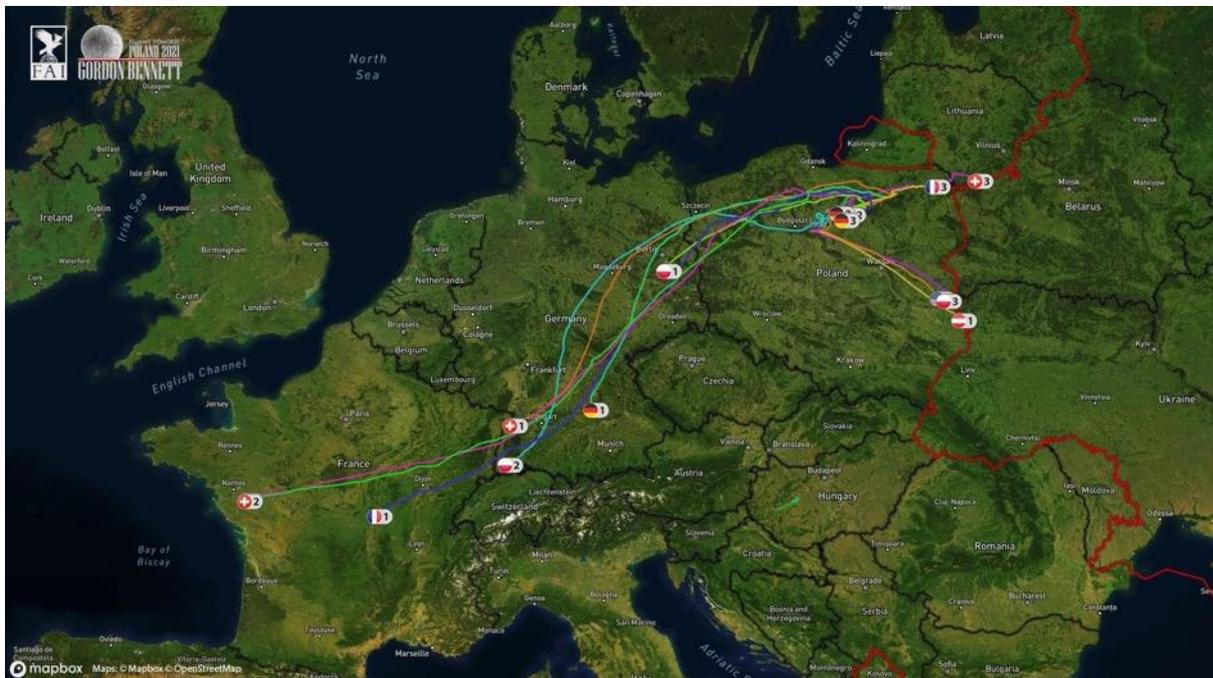
6.2 64TH COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT

There was feasting and dancing in Torun, Poland on Saturday 28 August, as Swiss Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett winners Kurt Frieden and Pascal Witprächtiger (Team SUI-2) received their medals and trophies alongside the FRA-2 and FRA-3 crews who finished in second and third place.

After a fascinating race that required patience, courage and skill, Frieden and Witprächtiger were the last crew to remain airborne and flew 3.58km further than the closest of their competitors to claim victory in the 64th edition of the historic gas balloon race by landing in Les Landes Genusson in France just before 9am on Wednesday 25 August.

In total, they spent a little over 85 hours in the air and travelled an incredible 1559.63km from the starting point of the Aeroklub Pomorski in Torun.

"The patience and persistence paid off," SUI-2 said at the awards ceremony in Torun last night. "We had stopped believing it would work. But it is not only the victory that counts, just the participation results in unforgettable moments."



Congratulations to them, and well done to all the crews and to the many people who worked behind the scenes - organisers, sponsors, air traffic controllers, meteorologists, admin staff and officials, as well as the team at Gordon Bennett TV for their dedicated and professional coverage of the race.

Results;

Rank	Pilots	Country	Score	Duration	Landing
1	Kurt Frieden Pascal Witpraechtger	 SUI	1559.63 km	85:05:00	Les Landes Genusson (FRA)
2	Eric Decellieres Benoit Havret	 FRA	1556.05 km	80:53:00	La Bruffiere (FRA)
3	Hervé André Moine Herve Moine	 FRA	1301.85 km	69:02:00	Avermes (FRA)



Story by Herve MOINE, Competitor

One of the best Gordon Bennett in 7 time race

Like always the general organisation of the race was wonderful and specially after pandemic time where we was not sure until last minute to race.

All competitors were very happy to meet back after two years out. It is always like a family meeting, competition is in air but on ground everyone is friendly.

This 64th edition was for me the best one in 7 participations. Not because we reach the podium, that is the berry on the cake, but because I have the opportunity to race with my Dad.

He was always supporting me as my ballooning was growing. He even decided to pass his licence one year after me and we bought a balloon together go to some balloon fiestas.

Six times he drove as my crew in the Gordon Bennett race. Every one knows him on different nicknames- ZZ top, Santa Clauss or just papy on top of his 68years old.

This race we decided to do it for fun for us. Without a sponsor, with an old net and heavy balloon, on own money, with friends and love, that why it is so special.

We were already on top of the podium before we started the race in the hearts of everyone. Finally we made it more than true with all team support and reached 3rd place on the podium.

Gordon Bennett is a human adventure race. We run for fun a spirit . We can't dream more gratitude for Dad and Son to share such adventure like that together one time in life. An amazing memory we keep and hopefully not the last.

6.3 22ND EUROPEAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

Results:

In Szeged Hungary 81 pilots from a total of 23 countries competed for the title of European Champion, between 13-18 September 2021.

After 6 flights and 19 tasks the winners were declared as follows :

1. Roman HUGI – SUI
2. Stefan ZEBERLI – SUI
3. David SPILDOOREN – BEL



Story by Roman Hugi. Competitor

It has already been a while since the European Championship in Szeged (Hungary). Of course, I still like to look back on it.

It was a great experience. In my opinion, the organisation was great. They reacted very fast on issues like a problem with the queue at the refuelling station or the bad sound system in the briefing hall.

The facilities on the aerodrome of Szeged were great and the flying area was very nice. After all, it is not easy to host more than 80 balloon teams with all the needs they have.

The officials did a great job. The task setting was a good mixture between modern and classical. The scorers also did well, especially regarding the number of pilots and amount of scores coming in.

We had a tremendous collaboration in the Swiss National Team, and I could count on a fantastic ground crew supporting me.



Personally, I obviously had a great week. It was almost like being caught by a wave. From the first flight on, I achieved some really good results, mixed with worse ones that were still quite acceptable. I received a well-deserved 500 points penalty for a ground contact in flight 3, but was still able to hold the lead. There were some critical moments in flight 4 and 6, but the results kept being good enough to stay on top.

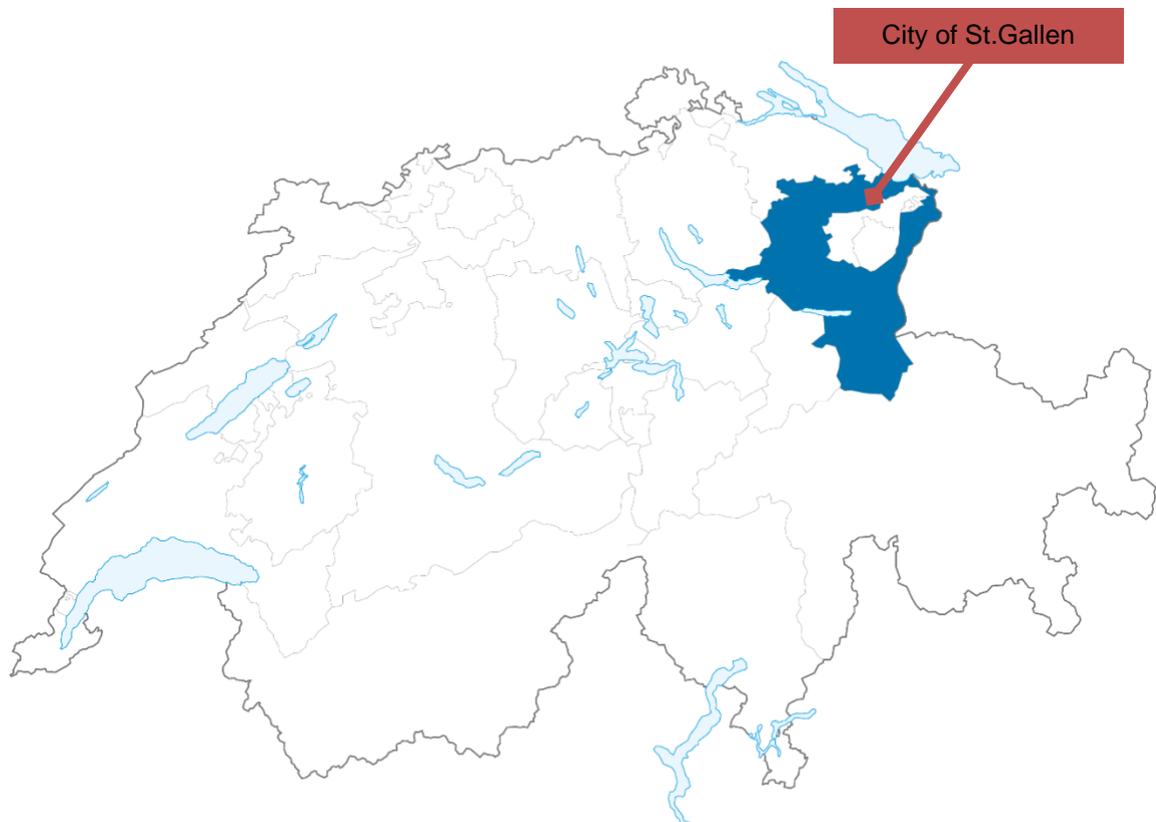
After 6 flights and a total of 19 tasks, I could call myself European Champion in hot air ballooning. A dream came true.



7 FAI / CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITION 2022

7.1 GORDON BENNETT

The 65th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett will take place in the city of St.Gallen in the eastern part of Switzerland. The organizers are very much looking forward to welcoming the ballooning community from all over the world to the city known for its UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Abbey district.



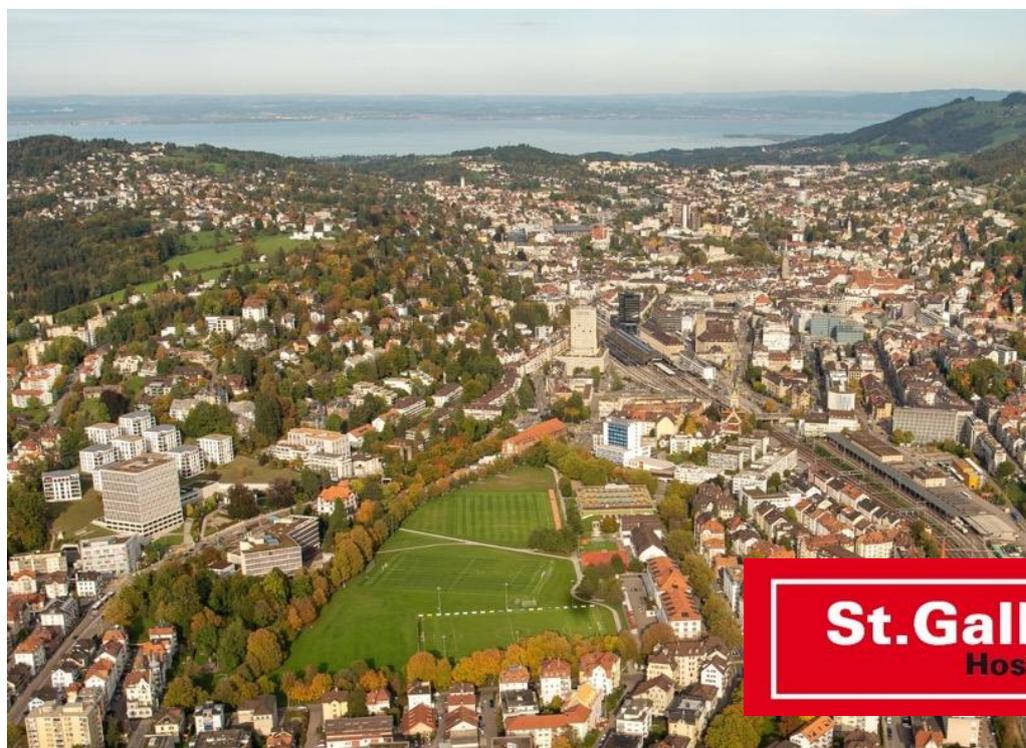
Schedule

The invitation process for the event will start in December 2021 with the initial invitations being sent out to the NACs. The schedule for the event will be:

Date	Activity
Thursday, September 1, 2022	Opening Ceremony
Friday, September 2, 2022	Filling and Launch (after 10 PM)
Saturday, September 3, 2022	General Program for the public
Sunday, September 4, 2022	General Program for the public
Friday, September 9, 2022	Welcome Back Party
Saturday, September 10, 2022	Closing Ceremony

Launch Site

The city of St.Gallen had issued a declaration of intent for supporting the Gordon Bennett 2022 early in the process and is looking forward to hosting the Gordon Bennett 2022. With this support, the launch will take place on Kreuzbleiche, an area only a few hundred meters from the central train station and the old town.



Launch Field with the city of St.Gallen and the Lake Constance in the background. Picture: Walter T. Vogel.

Organization

The 65th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett is organized by the association “Verein Gordon Bennett 2022”. The organizing committee presided by Walter T. Vogel has experience in organizing various ballooning events including the Gordon Bennett 2012 in Ebnat-Kappel. We are also happy to have Markus Haggeney as Event Director and Thomas Hora as Deputy Event Director.

Support

The organizers are supported by the Aero-Club of Switzerland, the Aero-Club of Eastern Switzerland, the Swiss Ballooning Federation and several local Ballooning Clubs.

More information about the event can be found on <http://www.gb22.ch>

7.2 24TH WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2022



The 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship was meant to be held in September 2020. The pandemic forced the organiser and the FAI Ballooning Commission to postpone this important event in all balloonist's calendar by at least a year or two. We now know that the rescheduling it to September 2022 was a good decision and the organiser is looking forward to welcoming the worlds best pilots and their teams in Murska Sobota.

Here are some of the key dates and details for the upcoming World Championship.

Location: Murska Sobota, Slovenia **Dates:** September 16-23, 2022

Website: www.hotairballoons2022.com

Invitation process

- 21.12.2021 Invitation to NACs sent out
- 31.01.2022 (23:59CET) Deadline for acceptance of invitation by NACs
- 15.02.2022 Start sending out 1st round invitations to competitors
- 01.04.2022 (23:59CET) Deadline for 1st round registration and entry fee
- 15.04.2022 Start sending out 2nd round invitations to competitors
- 15.05.2022 (23:59CET) Deadline for 2nd round registration and entry fee

Event schedule

16.09.2022	Registration
17.09.2022	General Briefing
18.-22.02.2022	Competition flights AM & PM
23.09.2022	Reserve flight AM
23.09.2022	Prize giving and closing ceremony



8 FAI / CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITION 2023

8.1 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The CIA bureau did not receive an intention to bid in the set time frame for the European Championship therefore there will be no European Championship in 2023.

The flag for the European Championship has been sent back to the FAI and is waiting for the next organiser to use it in the next event in 2025.



8.2 5TH WOMEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2023, AUSTRALIA

8.3 6TH JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023, POLAND

8.4 66TH COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT 2023

Intention to bid Switzerland

9 FAI/CIA EVENT CALENDAR

CIA Category 1 Championships Calendar and Events Open for Applications

Section 1 of the FAI Sporting Code states that “World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years” and “Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent”.

The FAI World Air Games is the premier, international, multi-discipline air sports event conducted under FAI rules but is included in the table for completeness.

This event calendar does not show CIA Sporting Events. The objectives of Sporting Events include: encouraging participation in international events in which pilots of all abilities can take part and facilitating fair "entry level" competition using simplified rules that apply equally to all CIA Sporting Events and participants.

EVENT	CATEGORY	2022	2023	2024	2025
WORLD AIR GAMES – NONE SCHEDULED					
HOT AIR BALLOONS (AX)					
General	World	Slovenia		Mallorca Intention to bid	
	Continental		X		OPEN Bids by 2023
Women's	World		Australia		OPEN Bids by 2023
	Continental	X		OPEN Bids by 2022	
Junior	World		Poland		OPEN Bids by 2023
	Continental	X		OPEN Bids by 2022	
GAS BALLOONS (AA)					
General	World	No Event	No Event		
	Continental	No Event	No Event		
Women's	World	No Event	No Event		
	Continental	No Event	No Event		
Junior	World	No Event	No Event		
	Continental	No Event	No Event		
GORDON BENNETT RACE					
		Switzerland Winner 2019	Switzerland Winner 2021		
HOT AIR AIRSHIPS (BX)					
General	World	No Event	No Event		
	Continental	No Event	No Event		
Women's	World	No Event	No Event		
	Continental	No Event	No Event		
Junior	World	No Event	No Event		
	Continental	No Event	No Event		

¹ Grey background indicates NOT open for bidding in that year.

The Event Development Service (EDS) invites and encourages all NAC's and Delegates to review the Championship Calendar and consider what competitions they might consider hosting in their country. If your country has never run a major International event you may consider that a smaller event such as a CIA Sporting Event or a Junior or Women's championship would be a good entry level. If you would like further advice on what is required to host an event or on completing the sanction application form, please e-mail Lindsay Muir (CIA Event Development Subcommittee Chairman) for assistance – lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk

Further information can be found in Section 1 of the Sporting Code particularly Section 5 and Annex - <https://www.fai.org/cia-documents>

10 CIA JUROR'S LIST 2021

The 2021 list of approved Jurors below is to be used when making nominations for Juries for 2022 Sanctioned Events. You can find the list on the documents section of the FAI/CIA website.

<https://fai.org/cia-documents> [under *Officials* line/tab]

2021 CIA JURORS LIST				CIA JURY BOARD 2021-3		
SENIOR LEVEL JURORS	BX	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JURORS	BX	ENTRY LEVEL JURORS	BX	ENTRY LEVEL JURORS
Gary BRITTON (USA)		Jaroslav BARAN (SVK)		Marc ANDRÉ (SUI)		Tong LI (CHN)
Jakob BURKARD (SUI)	X	John DAVIS (USA)		Adam BARROW (AUS)		Igor LOBASHOV (UKR)
Don CAMERON (GBR)	X	Luc van GEYTE (BEL)	X	Aleksandr BURANTSEV (RUS)		Adam MAGEE (USA)
Thomas FINK (GER)		Johann FÜRSTNER (AUT)		Andy CAYTON (USA)		Kim MAGEE (USA)
John GRUBBSTROM (SWE)		Dominik HAGGENEY (GER)	X	Harold CLIVER (USA)		Alexander MAVRIN (RUS)
Garry LOCKYER (CAN)	X	Salvator HAIM (BRA)		Marnix DOBBELAERE (BEL)		Mike MEINL (GER)
Alex NAGORSKI (CAN)	X	Gerrit HEIRMAN (BEL)	X	Hiromi FURUKAWA (JPN)		Sylvia MEINL (GER)
Les PURFIELD (GBR)	X	Cees van HELDEN (NED)		Mike GILLIGAN (USA)		Ivan MENYAYLO (RUS)
Debbie SPAETH (USA)	X	Sandor HIDAS (HUN)	X	Ilona GIZATULINA (RUS)	X	László MÉSZÁROS (HUN)
Bengt STENER (SWE)		Nancy van HUFFEL (BEL)		David GLEED (CAN)		Yury MITYAGIN (RUS)
Mark SULLIVAN (USA)		Sabu ICHIYOSHI (JPN)	X	Gérard GRANGÉ (FRA)		Dávid PAÁL (HUN)
Claude WEBER (LUX)		Vladimir KARNAUKOV (RUS)		Stefan HANDL (GER)	X	Gren PUTLAND (AUS)
Jean Claude WEBER (LUX)	X	Linus KAVOLIUS (LTU)	X	Torben HANSEN (DEN)		David RAPP (USA)
Hans ÅKERSTEDT (SWE)	X	Eugenijus KOMAS (LTU)	X	Jason JONES (USA)		Shigeo SAKATA (JPN)
		Dave MORGAN (GBR)	X	Stephen JONES (GBR)		Igor STARKOV (RUS)
		Lindsay MUIR (GBR)		Patrick KEARLEY (GBR)	X	Maury SULLIVAN (USA)
		Paolo OGGIONI (ITA)		Cathy KNUCHEL (CAN)		Mike WALLACE (USA)
		Rudy PAENEN (BEL)	X	Robertas KOMZA (LTU)		Cheri WHITE (USA)
		Zoltán PÁLHEGYI (HUN)	X	Tomasz KUHCINSKI (POL)		Ruth WILSON (AUS)
		Brita PETERSEN (GER)	X	Gary LACEY (AUS)		
		Deividas PINKEVICIUS (LTU)	X			
		Danny SHERRILL (USA)				
		Hiromori SOEJIMA (JPN)				
		Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN)	X			
		Moniek VANDE VELDE (BEL)				
14	8	25	13			39
The above are qualified to serve as Jury President or Member at any type of event		The above are qualified to serve as Jury President at any type of event except World Championships, and as Jury Member at any type of event		The above are qualified to serve as Jury Member at any type of event.		
Total Jurors	78					CIA JURY BOARD 2021-03-15

11BALLOON LIVE SENSOR EXPERIENCES

Story by Jonas Maes, Event Director

In the fall of 2019 – before Covid – as Event Director, I had my first experience with the Balloon Live app during the Ad Ballon Cup in the Netherlands. The app that should eventually replace the FAI logger.

The Balloon Live Sensor that should go together with this in the future was still in full development at the time.

The idea of the app itself was very good. Unfortunately we were confronted with various problems. The system was obviously still in its' infancy. Mainly the failure of the app and 'freezing' of the screen was a very common problem. Furthermore, the way it worked with the built-in GPS in mobile devices was not an ideal situation. Every device has a different type of GPS, but we tried to score everything in a straight line and in good order.

The Early Birds competition we set up in times of Covid was also flown with the same principle. Again, problems and annoyances came to light, and there was a lot of discussion on social media, via email and with the developers. Conclusion was then; The principle is certainly good, but it still needs to be tinkered with.

All hopes were placed on the Balloon Live Sensor.

In the beginning of October of this year, after cancellation in 2020, and postponement earlier in 2021, the time had come for the Belgian Balloon Trophy 2021 to take place. The first real competition after Covid in the low countries, and the first since 2019.

Because the Balloon Life App in combination with the Balloon Live Sensor will become the future of competitive ballooning, we decided to fly this competition with these devices.

For us the first real test, and with the previous experiences, in all honesty, we were a little scared to see if everything would go as it should.

In combination with Watchmeffy – and all (new) tools that are now available on this platform, we actually had a state-of-the-art system.



Foto : John Petrehn

The Balloon Life App and sensors worked fine, and there were relatively few issues. Or at least relatively few problems were reported to us.

Let me sum up the main ones for clarification :

-1 pilot dropped out of time as his screen 'froze' for a while. Knowing this pilot, we could take him at his word, but of course we have to judge straight here and we obviously can't give him a result. The pilot in question fully understood this, which was greatly appreciated by myself as Event Director.

- Another problem we found was that a declaration was not registered. They could declare 2 times (in goal 1 and 2), but only found one declaration in goal 2. The pilot in question apparently took a screenshot every time he did an action on the Balloon Life App, and considering it was unusual that there was only one declaration on the IGC file, and then at goal 2, it was decided to declare the screenshot as valid.

- During the first flight there was too little time to approach the last task closely. Everyone tried to get as close to the goal as possible. So they had to digitally drop the marker before the end of the scoring period. According to the data, a certain pilot had dropped too late, and would therefore normally receive a 'No Result'. However, on his Flight Report Form we could find that he wanted to drop on time, tried this several times, but that the App did not work properly. (The drop button on the logger apparently didn't turn black). After some research by our scorers in the data file, we found 2 registered marker drops. One in, and one out of time. This pilot was eventually scored to this drop in time. Obviously very strange that 2 drops were registered with the same number in the track.

- Last but not least something we saw every now and then – and where the fault was not with Balloon Live App, but with the pilot himself... Some things obviously don't change... It is important to upload the data in a location where you have an internet connection. It was therefore already mentioned at the general briefing to do this during the task briefing, as there is sometimes a very poor – or no – internet connection in rural areas. A mistake they will only make once.

Conclusion of the Balloon Life App and the sensors is all-in-all very positive. As already mentioned, in combination with WatchmeFly, this is a top combination and progress for competition ballooning.

All 'errors' or 'comments' that we had experienced during the Belgian Balloon Trophy were communicated to the designers. They will therefore work to improve this app even more.

Everything evolves in life, and so does competition ballooning. Regards, and hope to see you all-in-a briefing room soon!



Foto : John Petrehn

12 UPDATED INTERNAL REGULATIONS

After the 2021 Plenary meeting, with the help of Jean Claude Weber, I undertook to revise and update the CIA Internal Regulations. These were last reviewed and published in 2000.

I had also requested input from all Sub-Committee and Working Group chairs so as to revise chapter 6, Mission Statements and Responsibilities. Thank you to all who responded with changes. In June 2021 the Bureau approved version 3 of the document, and it is now published on the CIA Web.

Could all Sub-Committee and Working Group chairs please add an item to their 2022 agendas to review chapter 6, Mission Statements and Responsibilities. When your SC / WG minutes are approved by the Plenary, I will update the Internal Regulations with any changes and issue version 4 in April 2022.

If there are changes to other chapters which any Delegate feels are required, please forward your recommendations to me. **Chair Statutes By-Laws and Sporting Code Working Group (Les.Purfield@gmail.com)**. Proposed changes to be received by 12th February 2022.

These will be reviewed by the WG and any changes published in the approved WG minutes will be included in version 4.

13 CIA BALLOON LIVE COMPETITION

Story by Steven Vlegels, Competitor

The Balloon Live contest (BLC) is an international decentralized balloon competition organized by the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) held between May and December 2021.

“Decentralized” is the key word in this definition because it refers both to space and time:

- Decentralized in space: each participating pilot can fly the proposed tasks in his own flying area of choice, as long as it happens outside controlled airspace.
- Decentralized in time: each participating pilot can make the flights at a convenient time for himself, although there are some deadlines to respect.

Tasksheets for each flight are published on an online noticeboard and pilots can send their questions to a WhatsApp group, like a virtual briefing room.



Flights are logged with the Balloon Live App on the pilots' phone in combination with the Balloon Live Sensor to guarantee precise GPS measurements. The Live App transfers the pilots' track automatically to the scoring team. Estimated results shall be entered in an online flight report form to facilitate the scoring process.

The same setup will be used in future World and Continental championships and my experience during the 2021 flights was good. Both the App and the Sensor are reliable instruments.



Challenges for this competition format:

- Big differences in weather windows and suitable steering occur worldwide, e.g. Australia in winter period while Europe has summer.
- Less than 50% of pilots that pay the entry fee actually do participate. It would be worth investigating why people do not fly.
- Linked to the previous bullet point: one can also see a declining participation with time: the longer the competition runs, less pilots are participating. How can participants be motivated to continue till the last flight ?

Opportunities :

- New variations of classic tasks can be tried out and experimented with both by the director and the pilots. Some of these variations will find their way to the traditional competitions
- BLC offers a framework for practicing competition flying on a regular basis and thus makes you a better pilot.
- No more cancelled flights! The period is certainly long enough to find a suitable flying window for every flight.

My personal experience with this new competition format is positive, and it would be even more challenging with a broader participation

14 CIA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BALLOON YOUTH CAMPS RESUME IN 2022

At the 2021 CIA ePlenary meeting, the delegates approved reinstatement of the CIA funding of the Balloon Youth Camp (BYC) scholarships for 2022. Balloon Youth Camps are an important part of the future of ballooning. From past camps, an impressive number of pilots and P.U.T. have been camp attendees.

The CIA budget for BYC scholarships is a total of CHF4000 with the funds to be distributed as follows :

- 1) Maximum one (1) BYC scholarship per country per year.
- 2) Annual CIA Budget of CHF4000 to be shared across approved BYC applicants with a maximum payment of CHF1000 per country.

The application for CIA Scholarship for BYC, as well as the CIA BYC Guidelines, can be found on the CIA documents page.

<https://www.fai.org/cia-documents> [Scroll down to *Balloon Youth Camp* line/tab at bottom]

DEADLINE FOR 2022 APPLICATION SUBMISSION : Monday, 20th December 2021.

Any questions, please contact Debbie Spaeth, CIA PMR Chair, email: CIA-media@fai.org.

15 CIA HALL OF FAME AND FAI AWARDS

Our sport depends a lot on the enthusiasm, work and devotion to our sport by many individuals and groups of persons. They spend a lot of time to spread and develop the sport through education, instruction, event organization or technical development.

What can we do to recognize their work and to reward them?

One way is to nominate them for an award. The CIA and FAI has a large number of those and nominations should be encouraged.

For most of the awards, nominations shall be made by NAC's to FAI office, so the trick is to make the NAC's aware of possible candidates.

We would like to encourage all balloon federations and balloon clubs to make use of this way of recognizing the hard working volunteers in our community. Think of people you know who are giving a contribution to the sport and how you can awards them. Make your proposals to your national FAI members.

If you know someone you believe should be rewarded for their time and efforts but don't know what award to nominate them for. Please reach out to the CIA bureau to see how we can support you.

One of the awards within the CIA is **The MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA**. (FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.2)

Awarded for :

- Best performance during the previous Montgolfier year in gas, hot air or Rozière balloons.
- For a major contribution to the development of ballooning in general.

Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting.

Note: The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th the following year.

This year's deadline for the Montgolfier diploma is January 17th 2021.



Another way to recognize someone within the CIA is nominating them for the **HALL OF FAME**.

The Hall of Fame recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Aerostation, including those who have excelled in business, history, design and engineering, in addition to those better known for their contributions in flying balloons or airships of any category, in competition or records.

Inductees are elected into the CIA International Hall of Fame by the Selection Committee. Each year they will normally elect one living and one posthumous inductee from the list of nominated candidates.

To nominate someone for the Hall of Fame you need to fill out the nomination form and send it to

Within the FAI there are many awards one is the **FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL**. FAI Statutes 10.7

Awarded for:

- For outstanding services in air sport activities, training or education.

This medal was established by the FAI Council for the 100th anniversary of Lilienthal's first flights. It may be awarded, at any time, to individuals or groups for outstanding services in connection with air sport activities like work in FAI commissions, organising World and Continental Championships, training and educating new pilots, or for promoting aviation in general, especially with regard to young people.

Order forms are available at the FAI office, email: members@fai.org

Invoice for CHF 100 will be sent from FAI office.

There are many more awards and Air Sport Medals within the FAI and CIA. Hans Åkerstedt has created an overview of these. This document can be found as an appendix to this newsletter.



15.1 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



Nominated person

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Nationality: _____

Date of Birth: (Year/Month/Day): _____

Date of Death (Year/Month/Day): _____

Short Biography (10 lines):

Achievements, honours and awards:

Photographs attached:

Please send this completed form to the CIA Secretary. A full CV may be requested later.

Nominating person: _____

Name: _____ NAC: _____

Date: __/__/__



FAI Awards for Ballooning 2022

Nomination Form

(one nomination per form)

Name of the Award:

- Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Gas Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.1)
- Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)
- Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Roziere Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.3)
- Montgolfier Diploma / contribution to development of ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.4)
- Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal (By-Law 7.2.2)

Submitted by:

NAC: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____ Function: _____

Date: __/__/____

Signature and stamp: _____

Nomination for:

Name: _____

Birthdate: __/__/____

E-mail address: _____@_____

Reasons for nomination (maximum 250 words, English only):

Please provide at least one high resolution picture of the nominated person, if possible taken while practicing his/her sport or beside his/her (model) aircraft. All nominations must be received at the FAI Head Office by 15 January 2021 at the latest in electronic format (to members@fai.org) preferably or by fax or post.

16 THE CIA BALLOONING COMMISSION 2020/2021

Delegates of the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) as of 6 november 2021

(This list can change, the most current list is available online <http://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates>)

Country	Title	Name	Email
USA	President	Mr. Mark SULLIVAN	marksullivansr@gmail.com
France	President of Honour	Mr. André de SAINT SAUVEUR	
Germany	President of Honour	Mr. Horst HASSOLD	
UK	President of Honour	Mr. Jacques W. SOUKUP	
Luxembourg	President of Honour	Mr. Jean Claude WEBER	jwe@pt.lu
Luxembourg	1st Vice-President	Mr. Claude WEBER	claudeweber@mac.com
Germany	2nd Vice-President	Mr. Uwe SCHNEIDER	uwe.cia@dfsv.de
Switzerland	3rd Vice-President	Mr. Marc Andre	marc.andre@netline.ch
The Netherlands	Secretary	Ms. Sanne Haarhuis	sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl

Country	Title	Name
Albania	Delegate	SHIMA Gridi
Argentina	Delegate	STOCKER Roberto
Australia	Delegate	IRELAND Steve
	Alternate Delegate	WILSON Ruth E.
Austria	Delegate	STÜRZLINGER Gerald
	Alternate Delegate	FRAISL Christoph
Belarus	Delegate	BONDARENKOV Dmitri
	Alternate Delegate	TSARIK Konstantin
Belgium	Delegate	VAN GEYTE Luc
	Alternate Delegate	DE COCK Philippe
Brazil	Delegate	BONIMCONTRO Marcos
	Alternate Delegate	GIMENEZ Aquilino
Bulgaria	Delegate	ASPARUHOVA Orlina
Canada	Delegate	GLEED David
China (People's Republic of)	Delegate	WU Gongyu
	Alternate Delegate	LI Tong
Chinese Taipei	Delegate	MAI Elsa L.C.

Colombia	Delegate	CORTES Carlo Oaswaldo
Croatia	Delegate	MIKLOUSIC Igor
Czech Republic	Delegate	SUCHY Jan
	Alternate Delegate	HORA Tomas
Denmark	Delegate	PAAMAND Rune
	Alternate Delegate	MUNDT Christoffer
Egypt	Delegate	HASSAN Mohamed
	Alternate Delegate	FARGHAL Ahmed
Estonia	Delegate	RASSA Jaano
Finland	Delegate	SEVELIUS Max
	Alternate Delegate	LUOMA Olli
France	Delegate	PELARD Benoit
	Alternate Delegate	CUENOT Olivier
Germany	Delegate	SCHNEIDER Uwe
	Alternate Delegate	MEINL Silvia
Greece	Delegate	PETINIS Vasilis
Hong Kong, China	Delegate	BLACK Nigel
	Alternate Delegate	CHAU Andy
Hungary	Delegate	MOLNAR Peter
	Alternate Delegate	SZABOLCS Garab
Iceland	Delegate	GUDMUNDSSON Agúst
Indonesia	Delegate	NASUTION Chepy R
Ireland	Delegate	MCCORMACK Tom
	Alternate Delegate	O'NEILL-DAVIS Carol
Italy	Delegate	OGGIONI Paolo
	Alternate Delegate	GIOMI Marco
Japan	Delegate	ICHIYOSHI Saburo
	Alternate Delegate	SOEJIMA Hiromori
Korea	Delegate	ROH Eunyong
	Alternate Delegate	KANG Seoku
Kosovo	Delegate	VULA Shkumbin
	Alternate Delegate	BEJTULLAHU Berat
Latvia	Delegate	GRINBERGS Ivars
	Alternate Delegate	STAMURS Kaspars
Lithuania	Delegate	KAZLAUSKAS Zydrunas
	Alternate Delegate	GEGEVICIUS Tadas

Luxemburg	Delegate	WEBER Claude
	Alternate Delegate	KLEIN Jean
Mexico	Delegate	SILVA SOLARES Isaís
	Alternate Delegate	CERVANTES AGUILAR José Luis
Netherlands	Delegate	HAARHUIS Sanne
	Alternate Delegate	PELLEGROM Erwin
New Zealand	Delegate	CURSONS Scott
North Macedonia	Delegate	PAUNOVSKI Borce
Philippines	Delegate	ROA Jose Mari "Joy"
Poland	Delegate	FILUS Witold
	Alternate Delegate	IWANSKI Arkadiusz
Portugal	Delegate	SOARES Anibal
Romania	Delegate	CHIRIAC Dan
Russian Federation	Delegate	MITYAGIN Yury
	Alternate Delegate	KARNAUKHOV Vladimir
Saudi Arabia	Delegate	ALMADANI Amr Saleh
	Alternate Delegate	ALNAMI Nouf Ahmed
Serbia	Delegate	SRDJAN Srdic
Slovakia	Delegate	BREZAN Juraj
	Alternate Delegate	NOCIAROVÁ Anna
Slovenia	Delegate	AMBROZIC Branko
South Africa	Delegate	BOVELL Richard
	Alternate Delegate	CLEGG Felicity
Spain	Delegate	ARACIL ROMERO Ricardo
	Alternate Delegate	FIGUERAS LEAL Carles
Sweden	Delegate	STENER Bengt
	Alternate Delegate	ÅKERSTEDT Hans
Switzerland	Delegate	ANDRE Marc
	Alternate Delegate	FASLER Ralph
Thailand	Delegate	KLONGAK-KARA Pol. Maj. Gen. Somchai
	Alternate Delegate	DUMKHUM Tawin
Turkey	Delegate	KEREMOGLU Ismail
	Alternate Delegate	UCAROGLU Gokhan
Ukraine	Delegate	LOBASHOV Igor
United Arab Emirates	Delegate	AL HAMMADI Yousif Hassan Ali

	Alternate Delegate	YOUSIF Mohammed
United Kingdom	Delegate	MUIR Lindsay
	Alternate Delegate	BAREFORD David
USA	Delegate	BAIRD Andy
	Alternate Delegate	PARKS Sam
Venezuela	Delegate	_N/A_n/a
	Alternate Delegate	CHIRIBOGA DE GONZALEZ Julieta

Representative to	CASI	Mr. Mark Sullivan (USA)
Representative to	EnvC	Mr. Steve Ireland (AUS)
Representative to	CIEA	No representative
Representative to	CIMP	Dr. David Bareford (GBR)
Europe Air Sports		Bureau will appoint if necessary

The questions for preparation of filling out the online survey are published as an appendix at the bottom of the newsletter.

The questions are some what the same as in previous years, but we hope this format makes it easier to fill out.

Please answer as accurate as you can.

When your answer is none, please write a 0 (zero) in the answer box.

When you don't know the answer, let us know as well by writing an x in the answer box .

This information helps the CIA to defend its position and interests in FAI, and an accurate return is therefore very important. Members are reminded of their obligation under Chapter 8 of the CIA Internal Regulations to make an annual return of their national statistics.

Please fill out the online questionnaire before 31st Januari 2022. We will give you feedback on the answers from the delegates during the plenary.

19NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Thank you to those who submitted articles and photos.

Contributions are welcome and should be sent to the CIA Secretary at the email address below.

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20 APPENDIX 1: FAI AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

by Hans Åkerstedt

Below is a summary of CIA/FAI awards and a short description of the nomination procedure.

CIA Sporting Badges, Sporting Code, section 1, chapter 8.

These are available in silver, gold and gold with one, two or three diamonds. Each require recognized performance in distance, duration, altitude and precision. Detailed requirements are found in the Sporting Code. Application form is available on the CIA web site, documents section. Send application to FAI office.

The MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA. FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.2

Awarded for best performance during the previous Montgolfier year in gas, hot air or Rozière balloons and for a major contribution to the development of ballooning in general. Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting. Note: The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th the following year.

The SANTOS-DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL. FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.3

Equivalent for airship pilots of the Montgolfier diploma awarded for best sporting performance during the previous Montgolfier year in airships or for a major contribution to the development of airship flying in general. Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting.

The FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.7

For outstanding services in air sport activities, training or education. Any number may be awarded to individuals or groups. Order forms are available at the FAI web site, documents page. Invoice for CHF 100 will be sent from FAI office.

The following are FAI General awards available for ballooning. Applications to FAI office before 31 May and shall cover performances until 31 December the preceding year or contributions over a longer period. Citations shall not exceed 250 words. Other supporting documents may be attached. The awards will be given at the FAI General Conference to recipients present.

The FAI GOLD AIR MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.2

One of the FAI's two highest awards. Given to those who have contributed greatly to the development of aeronautics by their activities, work or achievements. Since 1925, 76 Gold Medals have been awarded including 7 for ballooning and 1 for airship achievement.

The FAI SILVER MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.9

For persons having occupied high office in FAI or in a national organisation and have shown exceptional leadership and influence to the benefit of the whole air sport community.

The FAI BRONZE MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.3

Only the FAI Secretary General may make nomination for this award. The Medal is reserved for persons who have rendered eminent services to the FAI in administrative work, in Commissions, or in the organisation of FAI sporting events.

The DE LA VAULX MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.5

This medal is given automatically to all holders of recognized absolute world records established during the previous year. Count Henry de la Vaulx was founder and past president of the FAI. He flew Gordon Bennett 1906.

The SABIHA GÖKCEN MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.8

The Medal is reserved for the woman who performs the most outstanding achievement in any air sport in the previous year. Sabiha Götzen was Turkey's first woman pilot and in 1937 became the world's first female military pilot.

The NILE GOLD MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.10

This medal may be awarded to a person, group of persons or organization to reward distinguished work in the field of aviation and space education, particularly during the year preceding its award. The medal is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt.

The OUTSTANDING AIRMANSHIP DIPLOMA. FAI Statutes 10.11

It shall be awarded to a person or a group of persons for a feat of outstanding airman-ship in sub-orbital flight during one of the previous two years which resulted in the saving of life of others or was carried out with that objective.

The PAUL TISSANDIER DIPLOMA. FAI Statutes 10.12

May be awarded to those who have served the cause of aviation in general and sporting aviation in particular, up to three diplomas per FAI Member, depending on their class of membership, may be awarded. Paul Tissandier was a balloonist and Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945.

The FAI GROUP DIPLOMA of HONOUR. FAI Statutes 10.14

A FAI Group Diploma of Honour may be awarded to a group (design offices, scientific bodies, aeronautical publications, etc.) that has contributed significantly to the progress of Aeronautics or Astronautics during the previous year or years.

The H.R.H. PRINCE ALVARO de ORLEANS-BORBON GRANT.

To Persons or institutions who have devoted themselves to create and/or promote technical developments and innovation in sport aviation. Additional consideration will be given to projects. Nominations should be received in writing by the FAI Head Office latest 30 June (using the Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon Grant Nomination Form available on FAI website) (members@fai.org)

The IOC Women and Sport trophies.

Awarded annually to promote the advancement of women in sport. They recognize outstanding achievement and contributions made to develop encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls at all levels in the sports world. There is annually one trophy worldwide and one each for the continents.

Nomination forms will be posted to national Olympic committees.

FAI RECOMMENDED MUSEUM recognition. FAI By-Laws 10.1

The FAI may give recognition to deserving venues such as museum collections, special exhibitions, etc, which educate the public, particularly children and young people, in the history and practice of air sport, aeronautics (including commercial and military aviation) and astronautics.

21 APPENDIX 2: STATISTICS QUESTIONS

		AA	AM	AX	BA	BX	TOTAL ¹
1	Number of licensed aerostat pilots (P1)						
2	Number of aerostat pilots under training (PuT)						
3	Number of licensed aerostat flight instructors						
4	Number of aerostats with valid Certificate of Airworthiness (CofA)						
5	Number of active aerostat manufacturers						
6	Number of aerostats built in current year						
7	Number of National Records claimed						
8	Number of FAI World Records claimed						
9	Cost of National Record Fees in US\$ (if any)						
10	Cost of World Record Fees in US\$ (if any)						
11	Number of aerostat accidents ²						
12	Number of aerostat incidents ³						
13	Number of fatalities in aerostat accidents						
14	Number of injured in aerostat accidents						
15	Number of CIA sanctioned FAI CAT1 events						
16	Number of CIA sanctioned FAI CAT2 events						
17	Number of events not sanctioned by CIA, NAC or Federation						

18	Number of National Championship tasks flown						
19	Number of National Championship participants						
20	Number of FAI Sporting Licenses (aerostation) issued by NAC						
21	Number of FAI Sporting Licenses issued by Balloon Federation						
22	Number of aerostat flights during the year						
23	Hours flown (all aerostat flights) during the year						

24	Has your Balloon Federation been delegated the FAI Sporting Powers for ballooning in your country	
25	Do you have a National Ranking List in operation in your country	
26	Is the selection process for FAI Championships (World, Continental, WAGs) in your country based on	your National Ranking List
		the National Championship ranking
		a combination of both
27	Does your National Aero Club or Balloon Federation organise dedicated ballooning youth activities	
28	Does your Balloon Federation accept individual members	
29	Does your National Aero Club accept individual members	
30	What is the cost (in \$US) of the FAI Sporting Licence in your country	
31	How many ballooning "officials" (national and international competition officials and observers, jurors, record observers, etc.) do you have in your country	
32	How many ballooning associations (clubs) are there in your country	
33	How many ballooning associations (clubs) are member of your Balloon Federation or National Aero Club	
34	How many commercial balloon operators are there in your country	
35	What are the proportions (in %) in your country of	competition and record flying
		recreational flying
		commercial and passenger flying

36	Aerostation Pilot Licences are issued in your country by	Government Authority or Administration
		National Aero Club
		Balloon Federation
37	Aerostation Certificates of Airworthiness (CofA) are issued in your country by	Government Authority or Administration
		National Aero Club
		Balloon Federation

