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Minutes

of the December Bureau Meeting of the **FAI Aeromodelling Commission**

**held in Lausanne
at MSI Building**

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Present:

In the chair: Mr Antonis Papadopoulos (Greece)

Mr Bruno Delor (France),

Mr Narve Jensen (Norway)

Mr Massimo Semoli (Germany)

Mr Ian Kaynes (Great Britain)

Mr Peter Uhlig (Germany)

Mr Barrie Lever (Great Britain)

Mr Stefan Wolf (Germany)

Mr Tomas Bartovsky (Czech Republic)

Mr Pal Anthonisen (Norway)

Mr Sotir Lazarkov (Switzerland)

Mr Zoran Pelagic (Slovakia)

Mr Per Findahl (Sweden)

Mr Markus Hageney (FAI)

CIAM President

1st Vice-President,

Drone Racing Sub-Committee Chairman

2nd Vice-President

Secretary

F1 Free Flight Sub-Committee Chairman

F1 World Cup Co-ordinator

F3 Aerobatics Sub-Committee Chairman

F3 Pylon Sub-Committee Chairman

F3 Helicopter Subcommittee Chairman

F3 Soaring Sub-Committee Chairman

F4 Scale Sub-Committee Chairman

F5 Electric Sub-Committee Chairman

Space Models Sub-Committee Chairman

Education Sub-Committee Chairman

FAI Secretary General

The meetings started at 14.00 on the 1st of December and at 9.30 of the 2nd of December.

Meetings Procedurals

1. **2023 December Bureau meeting Agenda**

No comment provided.

2. **Approval of the Plenary Meeting Minutes or April 2023**

The minutes are still in draft. They will be released next week.

3. **Approval of the Bureau Meeting Minutes of April 2023**

The minutes are still in draft.

4. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

General Reports

5. **2023 FAI General Conference and CASI Meetings** Report by CIAM President, Antonis Papadopoulos.

The FAI General Secretary informed that the election was performed only for CASI. A lot of activity was performed by FAI office and the IT development training, about antidoping, for the sport commissions. Mr Delor is member of CASI. The next General Conference will be in Saudi Arabia in November 2024. For the finance, the expenditure will be different between membership and commercial income. The FAI staff was reduced, but good experience was lost.

The CIAM President informed that there was a discussion about the General Section document to be revised in few items. For the appeals, the sanction fee was increased to 3000 CHF. Some experienced layers suggested to strictly follow the rule since last year two appeals have been requested. CASI organised on-line training for the Juries.

The medal legend award was well appreciated by the attendances. Other airports will introduce a medal legend award. The amended Code of Ethics was appreciated and considered very important.

Competition Reports

6. 2023 FAI World Championships. Reports by Jury Chairmen:

6.1. 2023 FAI F1 Seniors World Championship for Free Flight Model Aircraft.

Ian Kaynes

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.2. 2023 FAI F1E World Championship for Free Flight Model Aircraft.

Narve Jensen

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.3. 2023 FAI F3A World Championship for Aerobatic Model Aircraft.

Peter Uhlig

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.4. 2023 FAI F3P World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft.

Peter Uhlig

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.5. 2023 FAI F3B World Championship for Model Gliders.

Tomas Batovsky

Written report submitted prior to meeting

6.6. 2023 FAI F3CN World Championship for Model Helicopter.

Stefan Wolf

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.7. 2023 FAI F3DE World Championship for Pylon Racing.

Markus Griggs

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.8. 2023 FAI F3K World Championship for Model Gliders.

Tomas Bartovsky

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.9. 2023 FAI F5J World Championship for Electric Model Aircraft.

Andras Ree

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.10. 2023 FAI World Drone Racing Championship.

Bruno Delor

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

6.11. 2023 FAI World Championships for Space Models.

Antonios Papadopoulos

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

There were no comments from the CIAM Bureau members.

7. 2023 FAI Continental Championships. Reports by Jury Chairmen

7.1. 2023 FAI F1 Juniors European Championship for Free Flight Model Aircraft.

Ian Kaynes

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

7.2. 2023 FAI F1D European Championship for Free Flight Indoor Model Aircraft.

Andras Ree

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

7.3. 2023 FAI F2 European Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft.

Massimo Semoli

Written report submitted prior to meeting.

There were no comments from the CIAM Bureau members.

8. 2023 FAI World/Euro Cups. Reports by World Cup co-ordinators.

8.1. Free Flight World Cup: Ian Kaynes

Preliminary written report submitted prior to meeting.

8.2. Control Line World Cup: Pavol Barbaric

Written report submitted prior to meeting

8.3. RC Aerobatics World Cup: Rob Romijn

Written report submitted prior to the meeting

8.4. RC Thermal Soaring and Duration Gliders World Cup: Martin Weberschock

No report submitted prior to meeting

8.5. RC Helicopter World Cup: Ian Emery

Written report submitted prior to meeting

8.6. RC Slope Soaring World Cup: Lukas Gaubatz

No report submitted prior to meeting

8.7. RC Thermal Duration Gliders World Cup: Sotir Lazarkov

No report submitted prior to meeting

8.8. RC Hand Launch Gliders World Cup: Erik Dahl Christensen

Written report submitted prior to meeting

8.9. RC Pylon Racing World Cup: Robbert Van Den Bosch

No report submitted prior to meeting

8.10. RC Drone Racing World Cup: Bruno Delor

Written report submitted prior to meeting

8.11. RC Indoor Aerobatics: Peter Uhlig

Written report submitted prior to meeting

8.12. RC Electric Powered Motor Gliders World Cup: Sotir Lazarkov

No report submitted prior to meeting

8.13. Space Models World Cup: Dragan Jevtic

Written report submitted prior to meeting

Competition Officials related matters

9. Jury performance at FAI World and Continental Championships.

9.1. Appeals

None.

10. Judges' performance at FAI World and Continental Championships

10.1. Judges' analysis

No issues were found for F2B, F3A and F4 categories.

It was mentioned the importance of the judge training and, for aerobatics, of the calibration flights.

Annual Reports

11. 2023 Annual reports by Subcommittee Chairmen. Additional information, comments.

- 11.1. **Free Flight: Ian Kaynes**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.2. **Control Line: Vernon Hunt**
Written report was not yet available.
- 11.3. **R/C Aerobatics: Peter Uhlig**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.4. **R/C Gliders: Tomas Bartovsky**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.5. **R/C Helicopters: Stefan Wolf**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.6. **R/C Pylon: Barrie Lever**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.7. **RC Drone Sport: Bruno Delor**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.8. **Scale: Pal Linden Anthonisen**
Written report was not yet available.
- 11.9. **R/C Electric: Sotir Lazarkov**
Written report was not yet available.
- 11.10. **Aerostats: Johannes Eissing**
Written report was not yet available.
- 11.11. **Space Models: Zoran Pelagic**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.
- 11.12. **Education: Per Findahl**
Written report submitted prior to meeting.

12. Sporting Code Section 4 and related items. Report by CIAM Technical Secretary, Tyson Dodd

The CIAM Technical Secretary submitted his report prior to meeting.

13. CIAM Trophies. Report by CIAM Secretary, Massimo Semoli

The main issue is relevant to the trophies awarded to Russia or to Russian competitors in the previous championships which were not returned to be awarded at the 2023 Championships.

One of F3D Trophy needs to be repaired.

One of the F3C Individual Trophy needs a new base for engraving future champion names.

14. Financials. Report by CIAM Treasurer, Andras Ree

A written report was made available by the Treasurer.

- 14.1. **Aeromodelling Fund. Report.**
The report explains the FAI management of the Balance and Special Reserves account.
The CIAM financial reports are now using CHF as the base currency.
- 14.2. **Budget**
The budget is shown in the report.
- 14.3. **Sanction Fees**
Most of the events sanctions fees (about 2/3rd) were already paid a few days ago.
2023 Scholarship payment is not yet claimed.
- 14.4. **Payments for medals**
Medal payments are now handled by the office, only the cost of junior medals is charged on CIAM.

15. CIAM Flyer. Report by the Editor, Emil Giezendanner

No report provided.

16. EDIC WG report.

No report was provided by Manfred Lex and he has to be chased.

Mr Lazarkov informed that Mr Lex should be clearer and ask approvals. The Subcommittee chairmen of Free flight, Electrics, Pylon and Space will cooperate for organising the WG technical specifications.

Sporting Calendar

17. 2023 Sporting Calendar. To be presented by CIAM President, Antonis Papadopoulos.

17.1. Use of AMS system

No issues were identified using the tool.

In 2023, 219 events have been organized when, before the COVID time, they were about 400.

17.2. Clashes

No comments provided.

17.3. Payment status

As reported in the CIAM Treasurer report: most of the events (about 2/3rd) were already paid a few days ago.

18.4 FAI Medals for 2024

The FAI office should let us know how to pick up the 2024 medals during the next Plenary Meeting.

18.4 Bids Approval for 2024 CAT1 events (late submission)

The following late bids have been approved by the Bureau:

- F1D World Championship in Romania
- F2 World Championships in USA
- F3J World Championship in Norway
- F5B World Championship in USA
- F1 Asian-Oceanic Championship in Mongolia
- F3K European Championship in Poland

Interim Decisions

18. Decisions to be ratified

Changes of some F2B Judges of the F2 European Championships.

Approved late bids as defined in section 18.4.

Drones Matters

19. 2023 Drones World Championship in Korea

The CIAM President explained how the Championship was held with the aid of a video.

20. Upgrade of F9U class from provisional to Official with Championship Status

Mr Delor is proposing to upgrade the F9U class from provisional to Official class. He also proposed to host the championship in odd years.

21. Any other

It was pointed out to take care of the UAV rules section while preparing the Bulletins for FAI CAT1 events.

Issues

22. Judges' education and qualification – Possible use of a tool

Some tools can be used for evaluating the F2B, F3A, and F4 categories. It was mentioned that it is required that all the judges are aware of the general rules.

23. Entry Fees – Review of the concept

The CIAM President presented a table for defining the entry fee costs based on the cost of life index of the country where the championship may be held. It was discussed during the meeting and various comments were provided. The CIAM President will distribute the table waiting for comments and suggestions.

ACTION: CIAM President and CIAM Bureau members

24. Section 4 – Sporting Code renumbering and format

It was announced that in 2025 there will be the task to harmonise the sporting code volumes of the various CIAM disciplines.

25. Online participant's registration to CAT1 events

It was proposed to use the e-navigator application for the registration of the participants to the CIAM CAT 1 events. CIAM President will contact Noosphere and FAI IT Manager for the next steps.

26. Jury and Judges panel composition for CAT2 events

Various problems were identified using the required number of international judges at the CAT2 events: like for Australia and USA. Various proposals were discussed, like having only one international judge or making exceptions for some countries. SM S/C Chairman will prepare a list with the current status and then we will be able to decide.

27. Bulletin – 0 Template

The existing Bulletin 0 template, needs to be improved to introduce the new rules, and new information and to remove not applicable any longer provisions:

- Adding 10 CHF as an additional fee for each competitor and team manager
- COVID statement not required anymore.
- Introduce phases 1, 2, 3 for increasing participation.
- Introduce UAV rules requirements per country if required.
- Introduce classification for Juniors and Females with at least 6 for championship title.
- Introduce awarding with only diplomas for Juniors and Females when less than 6 participants.

28. Insurance provided by the organizer

Attention must be taken to the insurance statement that the CAT1 organisers use to include in the bulletins 0. This is to avoid that some responsibility could be considered for FAI.

29. CIAM forms update

Many CIAM forms are obsolete and need to be made up to date. This will be discussed in April

30. CIAM web pages update

The CIAM web pages need to be constantly up to date for all disciplines and categories using photos as well.

31. Future of the Trophies (cost of transportation, missing Trophies)

A discussion started for making easier and cheaper the management of the trophies for their transportation. Various solutions were discussed including defining standard dimensions, choosing a specific courier or locating the trophies at FAI.

For the FAI trophies in Russia and not returned to the championships, we have to decide if to create a replica or a copy of them.

Activities

32. Status of official classes with championships with no events

Some provisional classes haven't been yet official.

The CIAM President will prepare a proposal for the next Plenary meeting

ACTION: CIAM President

33. Education S/C - Rookie Project

The CIAM President pointed out the advantage of having this subcommittee and projects like this. Only CIAM has this strong education subcommittee. New ideas could be implemented for the Space category.

34. Meet with the Champions – On line presentations

We have to prepare a webinar. The CIAM President asked the Subcommittee Chairmen to suggest possible candidates.

ACTION: Subcommittee Chairmen

35. IT Projects

For IT currently we have in place the AMS and the CIAM Judges and Technical Experts applications. The CIAM President presented the new application and the repository for the CIAM Events history. The history started back in 1951. The database needs to be filled with the data relevant to World and European Championships and World Cups. There will be about 1300 CIAM CAT1 events and about 15.000 CIAM CAT2 events.

Another survey will be developed for presenting the activity of the various NACs.

The CIAM President made some proposals for this tool. They were discussed but further discussions will be continue in the future.

36. CIAM Legends medal review

In 2024, two more medals should be awarded.

37. E-airports

Mr Delor is confirming that this category attracts a lot of youngsters and the simulators are used for practising the competitors. Further discussions will be necessary. A detailed plan will be prepared and the CIAM will take care to finance this activity.

38. Members Survey

Topic discussed at item 35.

39. Rules change proposals

39.1. Bureau Proposals

The Bureau will prepare new rules to be presented together with the Agenda for the 2024 based on the decisions of this meeting.

Plenary Meeting

40. 2024 Plenary Meeting

40.1. Decision about location

Various options have been evaluated.

The meeting could be held without cost in MSI which can accept up to 60 delegates in classroom format or 80 just with chairs.

In the past when we were using Hotel Movenpic as the venue, the cost was close to 6000 CHF shared between FAI and CIAM. This is no longer an option.

We have received offers to host the Plenary in UK, Belgium and Spain.

40.2. Dates

To be defined.

40.3. Agenda

The agenda was discussed and agreed.

It was proposed to hold the technical Meeting virtually via zoom starting from mid-February.

The technical aspects (voting etc) will be announced together with the Agenda after we know the exact venue.

40.4. Technical meetings

Technical meetings will be held for F1,F2, F3 Soaring, F3 Pylon Racing, F4, F5, F9 and Education

40.5. Interim Technical Meeting (if any)

No Interim Technical meetings was requested.

40.6. Award ceremony

It will be organized in the afternoon of the Friday session of the Plenary.

40.7. Nominations for CIAM awards

These are the nominations provided.

The CIAM Secretary didn't receive the forms for FRA and SUI.

He asked the FAI office to send them to him.

Award	Nominee	Country	Details
Alphonse Penaud Diploma	Hans STOLL	SUI	Annex - 2023 SUI nomination_ Alphonse Penaud Diploma
	Dezso ORSOVAI	HUN	Annex - 2023 HUN nomination_ Alphonse Penaud Diploma
	Didier BARBERIS	FRA	Annex - 2023 FRA nomination_ Alphonse Penaud Diploma
	Jan van VLIET	NED	Annex - 2023 NED nomination_ Alphonse Penaud Diploma
	Krzysztof PRZYBYTEK	POL	Annex - 2023 POL nomination_ Alphonse Penaud Diploma
Antonov Diploma	Vladimir HORVAT	CRO	Annex - 2023 CRO nomination_ Antonov Diploma
Frank Ehling Diploma	Csontos ARPAD	SVK	Annex - 2023 SVK nomination_ Frank Ehling
Tupulev Diploma	Leszek MALMYGA	POL	Annex - 2023 POL nomination_ Tupulev Diploma

Championship Assessments

41. Consideration to keep or not the COVID warning note

The COVID warning note will be not required in the CAT1 Bulletins.

42. Consideration of the UAV section

UAV Section will be required in the CAT1 Bulletins when required.

43. 2024 FAI World Championships. Reports on preparation by S/C chairmen or representatives of organisers.

2024 FAI World Championships for...	Awarded to	Location and Actual Dates
F1A, F1B, F1P Juniors	NORTH MACEDONIA	
F1D (Seniors and/or Juniors)	ROMANIA	
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D (Seniors and Juniors)	USA	
F3F (Seniors and Juniors)	FRANCE	
F3J (Seniors and/or Juniors)	NORWAY	
F4CH (Seniors and Juniors)	ROMANIA	
F5B (Seniors and Juniors)	USA	

44. 2024 FAI Continental Championships. Reports on preparation by S/C chairmen by representative of organisers.

2024 FAI Continental Championships for...	Awarded to	Location and Actual Dates
F1A, F1B, F1C Seniors	ROMANIA	
F1 Asian-Oceanic (Seniors and Juniors)	MONGOLIA	
F1E (Seniors and/or Juniors)	CZECH REPUBLIC	
F3A (Seniors and Juniors)	BELGIUM	
F3CN (Seniors and Juniors)	DENMARK	
F3K (Seniors and/or Juniors)	POLAND	
F5J (Seniors and Juniors)	ROMANIA	
SPACE MODELS (Seniors and Juniors)	SERBIA	

The Bulletin 0 relevant to the F1E ECh in Czech Republic was missing. It was provided after this

meeting and the bureau approved to delegate the approval of the championships to the CIAM President and the CIAM Secretary.

45. Future FAI World and Continental Championships

FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 FAI World Championships for...	Awarded to	Location and Actual Dates
F1A, F1B, F1C Seniors	ROMANIA	
F1E (Seniors and/or Juniors)	CZECH REPUBLIC	
F3A (Seniors and Juniors)	USA	
F3B (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3CN (Seniors and Juniors)	ROMANIA	
F3D, F3E (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3K (Seniors and/or Juniors)	GERMANY	
F3P (Seniors and Juniors)	SWITZERLAND	
F5J (Seniors and Juniors)	ARGENTINA	
SPACE MODELS (Seniors and Juniors)	SERBIA	

2026 FAI World Championships for...	Bids From	To be Awarded in 2024
F1A, F1B, F1P Juniors	North Macedonia (firm)	
F1D (Seniors and/or Juniors)	USA (firm)	
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3F (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3J (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F4CH (Seniors and Juniors)	UK (firm)	
F5B (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	

2027 FAI World Championships for...	Bids From	To be Awarded in 2025
F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q Seniors	Mongolia (firm)	Early award requested
F1E (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3A (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3B (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3CN (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3D, F3E (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3K (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3P (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F5J (Seniors and Juniors)	USA (firm)	Early award requested
SPACE MODELS (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	

FAI CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 FAI Continental Championships for...	Awarded to	Location and Actual Dates
F1A, F1B, F1P Juniors	ROMANIA	
F1D (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3F (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3J (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	

2026 FAI Continental Championships for...	Bids from	To be Awarded in 2024
F1A, F1B, F1C Seniors	Offers invited	
F1E (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3A (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3A Asian-Oceanic (Seniors and Juniors)	France (firm)	
F3B (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	

F3CN (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3CN Asian-Oceanic (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3K (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3P (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F5J (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
SPACE MODELS (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	

2027 FAI Continental Championships for...	Bids from	To be Awarded in 2025
F1A, F1B, F1P Juniors	Offers invited	
F1D (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F2A, F2B, F2C, F2D (Seniors and Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3F (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	
F3J (Seniors and/or Juniors)	Offers invited	

Any Other Business

46. Any other business

- The CIAM President informed that he will discuss the possibility to create a CIAM Cloud so to have all the necessary documents available for the Bureau members.
- The bids from UK relevant to 2026 F4 World Championship and from USA 2027 F5J World Championship will be approved at the next Plenary Meeting.
- Mr Lever pointed out the difficulty to check the use of Gyros and the relevant sanction in case of illegal use of it.
The CIAM President will identify a proper declaration that a competitor has to accept for being aware of all the consequences of that illegal use.
- Actions should be taken for promoting CAT 1 and CAT 2 events outside Europe.

The meetings ended at 17:50 on the 1st and at 16.30 on the 2nd of December.

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