Report of FAI representative

Budapest HUN, 06-07.03.2020
FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)
Plenary Meeting 2020
MAIN TOPICS

1. FAI General Conference 2019 & Budget 2020
2. FAI World Air Games 2022
3. The World Games (& Olympics)
4. Antidoping
5. FAI Secretariat
1. Awarded to Marrakech, Morocco (FAI GC 2017)
   • Original dates 21-27.10.2019
2. Cancelled by FAI EB
   • host not meeting obligations on 16.08.2019
3. New dates and location: Lausanne SUI
   • 02.12. FAI Executive Board
   • 03.12. Commission Presidents with EB
   • 04.12. Commission Presidents with FAI President, CASI
   • 04.12. FAI President & FAI Members
   • 05.12. General Conference, Opening/Awards
   • 06.12. General Conference, CASI, Closing
   • 07.12. FAI Executive Board
USEFUL INFORMATION

1. Official website
   - https://www.fai.org/gc2019

2. Annexes
   - P/W case sensitive: FAIgc2019Lausanne
   - Also for «FAI Secretary General Official Report»
     107_FAI Secretary General report final.pdf
BUDGET PROPOSAL -> APPROVAL

1. FAI Executive Board proposal 23.09.2019
   “FAI FINANCES – Review, BUDGET 2020 and outlook“
2. UK proposal during the FAI General Conference

3. Main decisions
   1. Delegates approved a 10% increase FAI subscription
   2. Delegates approved the UK proposal
   3. Disregarding EB proposals

4. Financial Effects
   1. Memberships = plus 95’000 (still 160’ less than proposed)
   2. Admin costs cut = minus approx. 300’000 CHF
   3. Fine-tuning & adjustments costs ongoing
BOB HENDERSON (FAI PRESIDENT)

[...review and re-assign workflows to comply with two short-term goals set by the board as a result of the feedback given to us at the GC:

1. To make the FAI leaner and more effective with the urgently necessary cost cutting to achieve the voted budget, while at the same time not compromising the achievement of the FAI goals as a sporting organisation.

2. To set the focus within the FAI secretariat on the main issues of Records, Awards and Competitions and the necessary management, communication and promotion of airsports vis-à-vis the NACs, Sporting Commissions and international affiliates of the FAI...]
Dear friends, as we move into 2020 may I first express my best wishes to you all for the new year.

The General Conference is behind us now. The little time between the end of the GC and the holiday break was used as efficiently as possible to start the re-shaping of the FAI to meet the clear expectations expressed by the GC.

There have been a number of changes in the office and with the Executive Board. Susanne Schlüdl has, by mutual agreement, left the office and Markus Haggenegger has been appointed Acting Secretary General, as advised on the 9th of December. Anja Huxen has also left the office and Greg Pyrafouris, who is a contractor to FAI, has reduced his availability for event support. Jean-Claude Weber has been elected by Conference to the position of Chair of the Statutes Working Group and Mary Anne Stevens has accepted the role of Finance Director.

Two informal meetings were held during the week of the GC – one with the Commission Presidents and one with 27 representatives of NAOs. The objectives of both meetings was to explore the questions of whether there is a need for an International federation (called FAI), and the core business of FAI.

The outcome from the meetings aligned with the discussion that occurred during the GC:

- FAI, as an organisation, should concentrate on:
  - support for air sports with airspace, safety, antidoping
  - representing air sports to other international federations and politically
  - recognising sporting achievements (records and awards)
  - providing tools for supporting air sport activities
  - facilitating communication between stakeholders

- There is value in national bodies being linked to an International Federation (recognition and funding)

- FAI should not attempt to negotiate at the national level with governments and regulators.

As a result, the EB, immediately following the GC, set the following priorities:

1. To make the FAI leaner and more effective within the urgent necessary cost cutting, while at the same time not compromising the achievement of the FAI goals as a sporting organisation.

2. To set the focus within the FAI Secretariat on the main issues of Competitions, Records and Awards and the necessary management, communication and promotion of airports via the NAOs, Air Sport Commissions and international affiliates of the FAI.

3. To start considering operationally how to create value for the FAI to generate additional income for FAI and to limit financial risk to the core of FAI operations.

Markus Haggenegger is focused on achieving the first two priorities as rapidly as possible. Wider consideration of the scope and structure of the FAI is now underway with volunteers engaged on the FAI 2020 project.

In closing let me ask that we approach 2020 as a year of opportunity for all parts of FAI to work together for the good of the organisation.

Best regards,

Bob Henderson
President, FAI
FAI WORLD AIR GAMES

1. Dates moved from 2020 to 2022
   • Decision communicated in Dec 2018
   • THK Board changes
   • FAI Board changes

2. Change in concept
   • A collection of FAI World Championships or ‘Special Events’, all as Category 1
   • Commission Sanction Fees as normal

3. Venue visits with all ASC liaisons

4. Main documents (see GC-cloud)
   • Annex 14.1_FAI World Air Games_Master Concept_V1.0
   • Annex 14.2_FAI WAG reference documents from General Conferences

Cancelled 12/2020
PLEASE SHARE RESULTS (CHRISTINE@FAI.ORG)

• Full results with full competitors’ names
• Reports of the Jury president
• Protest (if any)
• Images of the event and the winners
ASC WEB-SITES (W/O EVENT WEB SITES)

The FAI Secretariat cannot monitor all these (approx. 50) pages.
FAI & MULTI-SPORT EVENTS

FAI & Olympism
- Several attempts
- Appreciating FFP efforts for Paris 2024
- Detailed analysis prepared by CIVL ("Olympisme")

FAI and participation in multisport-events
- Asian Games
- Asian Beach Games
- The World Games
- …
World Games (IWGA) - www.theworldgames.org
- 2025 Chengdu, CHN
  - sports programme pending
- 2021 Birmingham, USA
  - Drone racing (32, 20m/12f), Parachuting CP (36, 24m/12f)
- 2017 Wroclaw, POL
  - Paramotors (18), Glider Aerobatics (12), Parachuting (CP, 36)
- 2013 Cali, Colombia
  - Paragliding, Parachuting (CP, 36), Paragliding (AL, 36)
- 2009 Kaohsiung, TPE
  - Parachuting (AL, CF, FS, Freeflying, CP), 86 athletes
- 2005 Duisburg, GER
  - Parachuting (AL, FS-4way, Freestyle, Freeflying, CP), 86 athletes
- 2001 Akita, JPN
  - Parachuting (AL), 14 athletes/8 countries
- 1997 Lahti, FIN
  - Parachuting (AL, FS-4way, Freestyle), 84 athletes/19 countries

International Military Sports Council (CISM) - www.milsport.one
- 2019 – Wuhan, CHN, Parachuting
- 2017 – Switzerland, Indoor Skydiving
- Since 1965 – Parachuting
Asian Games
- 2026 Nagoya, JPN
- 2022 Hangzhou, CHN - Drones to be proposed by FAI, Asian Summit 06/2019
- 2018 Jakarta, INA – Paragliding (accuracy and cross country)

Asian Beach Games
- 2020 Sanya, China – Paramotors
- 2014 Pucket, THA – Paragliding (Accuracy) and Paramotors
- 2012 Haiyang, CHN – Paramotors
- 2008 Bali, INA – Paragliding (Accuracy and cross country)

South East Asian (SEA) Games
- 2025 Chonburi, Thailand
- 2023 Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2021 Vietnam
- 2011 Jakarta – Paragliding

Asian Youth Games
- 2021 Shantou, Guangdong, China

South Asian Games
- 2019 Kathmandu and Pokhara, Nepal
THE 10TH WORLD GAMES

1. IWGA International World Games Association
2. Birmingham, Alabama, USA
3. 15-25.07.2021
4. Weblinks
   1. IWGA https://www.theworldgames.org/
   2. BOC https://theworldgames2021.com/

[Link to TWG2021-main-ppt]
FAI’s exclusive stage

“The sky is their stadium” (1972)

The Sky Is Our Stadium
FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015
FAI & ANTI-DOPING

• Dr. Geoff McCarthy
  • CIMP Vice-President
  • Chair of FAI TUE Panel
  • Member of ITA TUE Panel

• WADA Conference
  • every 4 years the most important WADA meeting
  • currently in Poland – FAI represented

• Regular contacts with and representation at WADA, being close to their European office.
• The FAI Anti-Doping programme is running smoothly
“FLY CLEAN!”

• Focus on
  • in-competition testing,
  • risk assessment issued by FAI doctors
  • potential risk during events and not outside of competition.

• Registered Testing Pool
  • pool of athletes tested out of competition
  • it is a requirement from WADA as we are WADA Code signatory
  • FAI managed to minimize this requirement to the lowest number

• Daily focus
  • reducing the burden on athletes
  • while keeping the programme up to speed and on track
CONTACT

1. FAI contact
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2. Substantial additional information
   • https://www.fai.org/anti-doping
   • https://www.fai.org/anti-doping-useful-information
   • “The Fly Clean campaign”
   • Testing methods
   • Q & A
RUSADA & WADA & CAS

RUSADA disputes WADA’s allegation. The matter referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Consequences starting from the day of the CAS decision.

Useful links:
WADA-website: https://www.wada-ama.org/
WADA press-release 09.12.2019

FAQ will be provided shortly on the WADA website.
FAI STATEMENT (24.01.2020)

• […]The CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport) case is pending, for now, everything remains unchanged.
• We do not see a benefit in reacting pre-emptively.
• We feel that whatever we might put in place now, might turn out to be wrong.
• It is better to react based on facts once we know these.
• We wait for final decision and clear guidelines from WADA.
• We will do our best, when we have a margin for action, to protect FAI events and competitors...]
FAI Head Office in Lausanne

STAFFING UNTIL 12/2019

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- Paola Lopez: Finance Manager and Controller

Sports & Events
- Markus Haggeney: Sports and Events Director
- Christine Rousson: Competition Manager, Record Officer
- Annick Hauser: Assistant Sports Manager

Communication
- Faustine Carrera: Communication Manager

Administration & Members
- Ségolène Rouillon: Head of Administration, Members and Services Manager, Anti-Doping Manager

IT
- Visa-Matti Leinikki: IT Manager, Records

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Sports & Events
- Gregorz Pyzalika: Events Manager

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- Tony Webb: Consultant

External resources

FAI Acting Secretary General Report
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JANUARY 2020

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