

Technical Secretary Report to Bureau Meeting – December 2021

As it turned out, 2021 continued much the same as 2020 in terms of Technical Secretary tasks.

Agenda for Plenary 2021: Subcommittee and NAC proposals were received by the Technical Secretary in the week leading up to the 15th November 2020 deadline, discussed at Bureau that year and the Proposals section of the Agenda produced during January and February 2021. With F4 and Space postponing their Technical Meeting from 2020 to 2021, the Proposals section of the Agenda was once again very long. F4 later decided to postpone their Technical Meeting again until 2022, giving the subcommittee more time to work on a general rewrite of their Volume.

e-Plenary 2021: The Sporting Code proposals for CGR, F1, F3 Aerobatics, F3 Pylon, F3 Heli, F3 Soaring, F9 and Space were discussed at e-Technical meetings before being voted on. Early implementation rules were requested for F3 Heli, UAV Records and later on for F3 Pylon and revised Volumes were published owing to the number and scope of the rules; and additionally to make the new rules available for preparation for postponed World Championships to be held in 2022. The Plenary Minutes were produced during the following months.

Proposals for Plenary 2022: Except for one, these were received in the last days prior to the deadline. There are 59 Proposals at this stage for the 2022 Plenary Meeting; last year there were 160. There are no proposals carried over from 2021 (which in part caused the large number last year). However, the F5 Technical Meeting will discuss a group of F5J proposals out of the two year sequence as there was no F5 Technical Meeting last year. There were 6 Space proposals received from a Russian delegate, which are out of the two year rule cycle and will not be accepted for the Agenda. There were a number of other redundant proposals for corrections already in place which have not been included in the total. Hopefully 2022 will see the World Championship cycle settle, and the Technical Meetings (and therefore the proposals) regain their sense of order.

One issue with the proposals this year was a reported error message received after the submission process, prompting most to submit a second (and sometimes third and fourth time). This resulted in the receipt of original proposals and then copies (and yet more copies) all of which took time to sort through. Some proposals arrived with a warning that the email address could not be verified and one F1 submission was not only lost to spam for this reason; when it was recovered the links to the two proposals were broken. Technology!

2022 Editions of Sporting Code Volumes: The process of producing the 2022 Volumes went smoothly as there was not the tight time frame experienced the year before. All amended Volumes were again prepared by the Technical Secretary from the Minutes and dispatched to Subcommittee Chairmen for checking. Thanks to the Chairmen for their thorough work throughout this process.

All Volumes will be uploaded to the website early in December. Several Volumes only require statutory changes but it is necessary to have a complete set of 2022 Volumes, as the 2021 versions will go to the Archives folder and become a little difficult to find (as we discovered with the EDIC volume this year). The F3N Helicopter manoeuvres that change every year and are traditionally agreed by Bureau will not be changed for 2022.

Forms and Documents: The following Forms and Documents were updated in November this year, so as to be available in 2022.

- CIAM classes
- Model Specification Certificate
- All the Record Forms for both Model Aircraft and Space Models

I am always pleased to be alerted to any outdated forms and documents that require changes.

The *Registration of Competitions in the FAI Calendar* form remains on the website and perhaps Bureau can decide whether this is now redundant and should be removed.

The *CIAM Bid Application* form and *Bulletin 0 Template* were last revised in 2017 and should be looked at. In the same area on the website, the *Minimum Standards for Championship Sites Issue 1* and *General Organisation of a World Championship* probably also need revising.

Records: The numbers show that Record setting has been either very difficult or late or perhaps it is becoming less popular. Twenty records were homologated in 2018, ten in 2019, three in 2020 and this year just one. It was a UAV record, for Duration, by a Chinese university team. I have, however, been

in communication with another team in China and the New Zealand NAC with assistance as they prepare for their respective UAV record attempts in the new year.

General: On several occasions, I have been pleased to be able to offer editorial advice regarding correct English translation for documents that have been written or amended this year. I'll continue to attempt to take part in Zoom meetings but country Australia is plagued with limited internet service that is usually fine for email communication, but frequently cannot support the bandwidth needed for Zoom.