



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

CIA Safety & Education Subcommittee Report 2021

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Bengt Stener (SWE)
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Apologies: Troy Bradley (USA)
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1. Reports from safety officers during 2019 - 2020.

The subcommittee have received reports from all events during 2019.

Date	Event	Safety Officer	Rapport Received
27 Aug – 1 Sept 2019	Slovenian Open National Hot Air Balloon Championship Murska Sobota 2019	Nikolaus BINDER (AUT)	Yes
9 – 14 Sept 2019	1st Women European Cup and 3rd Central European Cup and 39th Hungarian National Championship and 4th Szeged Balloon Cup, Hungary	Goran GRGIČ, SLO	Yes
22 Oct – 27 Oct 2019	21th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2019, Mallorca, Spain	Les Purfield (GBR)	Yes
2019	63th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett 2019, France	Benoit Peterle (FRA)	Yes
22 – 26 July 2020	POST Luxembourg Balloon Trophy, Mersch, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg	Pascal BOURKEL	Cancelled
11 – 15 Aug. 2020	4th FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)	Cancelled
14 – 19 Sept. 2020	4 th Central European Cup and 5 th Szeged Balloon Cup. Szeged, Hungary	Rainer HASSOLD (GER)	Changed status of event
20 -26 Sept, 2020	24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2020 - Slovenia	Nikolaus BINDER (AUT)	Event postponed to 2022
28 -Aug. – 4 Sept 2020	64th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. Poland.2020	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)	Event postponed to 2021

We received reports from the 4 events in 2019. We discussed the reports on Skype 2020 and no action was needed and the other events were moved or cancelled.

2. Safety officers for events in 2021 - 2023

The subcommittee recommended the following safety officer to be appointed for this year's events:

Date	Event	Safety Officer
9 – 14 August 2021	5 Th Junior World Championship, Poland	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)
19 - 23 August 2021	64th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. Poland.	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)
13 – 18 Sept. 2021	22nd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2021 and 6th Szeged Balloon Cup, Hungary	Rainer HASSOLD, (GER)
2022	24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2020 - Slovenia	Nikolaus BINDER (AUT)
2023	4th Women's World Hot Air Ballooning Championships, Australia	John Wallington (AUS)
2022	65th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Switzerland.	

3. Updating of the Safety handbook

The Subcommittee did not see any need for update this year as we have done many updates the previous years.

4. Updates of Education material

The Subcommittee do not have any updates this year. But we are looking for support with materials from Balloon Federations that arrange Safety Seminars. Please contact the SC Chair with documentations, PowerPoints, film and other material that can be used.

5. Covid-19

The Subcommittee discussed the risks of Covid-19 during competitions. The following points came up during the discussion:

- Can we require all participants to be tested before and during a competition? This applies to all competitors (pilot and crew), competition management and other officials.
- Can we enter the country/event without a test before leaving home?
- Requirements for vaccine passports?
- It's important that all participants could take part in the competition on equal terms, that is that pilots from some countries can take part and another cannot take part.
- That the competitions must be arranged to avoid large collections, perhaps briefing takes place via online connection.

Safety SC cannot give any direct advice which one we should choose. But the CIA and competition organizers should decide how to protect participants in competitions.

Motion: Safety SC recommends that at least one test be performed before each competition on each participating person (pilot, crew, competition management and other officials) during 2021.

6. Nomination of sub-committee members and Chairman for the coming year

Bengt Stener (SWE) - Chairman
Rudy Paenen (BEL)
Andy Chau (HKG)
Troy Bradley (USA)
Benoit Pelard (FRA)
David Gleed (CAN)
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