



CIVL 2022 PLENARY – ANNEXE 16
PARAGLIDING AEROBATIC COMMITTEE REPORT

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After the terrible 2020 during which no aerobatic competition could take place, in 2021 the activity gradually resumed, offering a smooth season with pleasant, safe and fair competitions, also in some new locations.

Once again, no serious incident/accident was to be deplored.

Cat. 1

- The 3rd FAI World Paragliding Aerobatic Championships - originally scheduled in 2020 - took place in Italy in July 2021 as the first post-pandemic CIVL championships. It was a perfectly organised event and very successful competition, run under a very nice atmosphere, involving 27 pilots from 10 nations.

Cat. 2

3 competitions took place.

- Italy: Acromax AWT - Valid for the Acro World Tour Solo and Synchro - was scheduled just before the Worlds, as a warm up.
- Albania: Llogora Air Games AWT - A new and very promising organiser hosted the 2nd stage of the Acro World Tour Solo and Synchro on a very suitable and enjoyable site on the southern coast.
- Russia: the 1st Russian championships of the history was organised on a beach (whinch launch) on the sea of Azov with 17 pilots participants. Our assistance was requested in order to introduce the local pilots and some candidates judges to the basics of official judging and scoring rules.

Judges' training seminar

The Latin American Judge training seminar organised by the Colombian federation in Guatemala, was originally scheduled in 2020. It was then postponed to December 2021 and has now been further delayed to May 2022.

A budget of € 5'000.- has already been approved by the bureau in 2019, intended to fund the preparation of the seminar, the attendance allowance and the travel expenses of three instructors. All other costs are paid by the organiser, the participants and the NACs.

Nine countries have confirmed their interest in sending candidates, some candidates from other nations also would like to join but in their country the NAC is not very responsive and it is difficult for them to get answers and support. The organizer of the seminar will try to help the most underprivileged.

For the time being the seminar is maintained, but the health situation is obviously monitored closely and we remain ready for a possible further postponement of the date.

Synchro

Synchro was introduced again after a 3 years pause of reflection. Only few teams were formed by pilots, who remain - with few exceptions - reluctant to form pairs, for various reasons, the main being the difficulty in training jointly and the continuous evolution of the discipline with the consequent need to dedicate a lot of time to training for solo.

The committee is looking for ways to make synchro more attractive for pilots.

New committee members

Some young and motivated members have joined and brought new ideas and fresh energy into the aerobatic committee, which has never been as active and productive as now.

The list of proposals of modifications of S7B to be presented at the plenary meeting is currently being finalised, the following being the most significant ones:

- Updated list of manoeuvres (criteria, coefficients, bonus...)
- New rules for the validation of a run and for re-flight
- New choreography scoring concept

The committee is also discussing the implementation of a new Acro World Tour concept - based on two separated competitions, one for the very best pilots of the World and a second one for the challengers - which should be introduced in 2022. Work is still in progress, delivery of the final format expected in early 2022.

In conclusion

The committee is delighted to have been able to involve new countries in the aerobatic community and looks at next season with a lot of optimism. Three AWT stages are already confirmed in Italy, Albania and France (who will host again a World Tour competition after 6 years), Russia should run its 2nd national championships and Poland is interested in organising a competition as well.