



## **Report from CASI Representative to the IGC 2017 Plenary**

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The Acting CASI President, Mrs. Alicia Hirzel opened the Annual Meeting and welcomed all the Representatives and observers. She introduced and thanked the FAI President, Dr. John Grubbström and the General Secretary, Mrs Susanne Schödel for their presence. She thanked the outgoing CASI President Mr. Graeme Windsor for the outstanding job he has done over the past years and his devotion to CASI.

The Secretary General informed about the next World Air Games and that the bidding process for the next WAG is now well advanced. Mrs Schödel informed the audience that there are issues concerning FAI Sporting Licenses. It is not satisfying that some competitors do not have the same kind of access to the Sporting License because some NACs are including extra cost while FAI is offering this for free. Due to this fact for some ASCs is difficult to implement the provisions of the FAI General Section especially for CAT-2 events. FAI needs a Sporting License that will be available with the same terms to all competitors all over the World.

There was a long discussion about the Multi-Sports Events. The Working Group, which was established in 2015, has never started working for a number of unlucky circumstances and has therefore made no proposal for this meeting. The Secretary General Miss Schödel has urged the audience to find a solution as soon as possible, to align FAI with IOC Agenda 2020 where a more important role for the World Games participation of FAI is mentioned.

There is a proposal to modify the Statute and we then need a proposal to modify the General Section. Mrs Schödel confirmed that only disciplines regulated by the FAI Sporting Codes could be part of a Multi-Sports Events or create a new format, approved by the relevant ASC, like what IGC developed for the World Air Games in Dubai.

The Working Group established in 2015 to finalise a proposal about the Sporting License has not prepared any document.

CIVL President, Mr. Malbos summarised briefly the background of the CIVL proposal. If just a single pilot has not the FAI Sporting License, the competition may suffer not be valid. The FAI Sporting License is intended as recognition of competence in some area. Air Sport Person is everybody that has interest and expertise in aviation and everybody must have access to the FAI Sporting License. A NAC must explain in written and in good English why the price is more than 20 CHF or whatever will be the reasonable price of the Sporting License decided by FAI. In some Countries, the Sporting License is required also for Badges, although the Sporting Code does not require it. If decided that FAI Officials should also need a license then this should be free, through the relevant ASC.

Mrs Stevens, Canada, said that we have many different Countries with many different needs. Only the 10% of the members requires the Sporting License. When FAI issues the Sporting License, we endorse this person to represent his NAC. There is a direct relationship between a Sport Person and FAI because there can be a reason why a NAC does not want that a person represents his NAC in an FAI Event.

Mr. de Orleans, EB, said that he had seen no information about pilots that were banned from Croatia, referring to the information of Mr. Malbos, CIVL President. The Statutes cover fundamental NAC duties; EB is not the police and he recommend to not establish something that goes beyond the provisions of the Statutes.

CIVL President, Mr. Malbos, suggested meeting in conjunction with the ASCs and NACs Presidents meeting.

Miss Schödel informed the audience that the two meetings will be probably organised in Poland in July, just before the opening ceremony of the Air Games in Wroclaw. Further information will be provided in due time.

It was decided that in case of new performances, the Official Observer has not the right to decide about the minimum performances because it cannot be a one-man responsibility. Mr. de Orleans, EB, said that there was a case of new parachuting record, where the OO validated also the data for which he was not empowered. The OO may send the required documentation to the FAI, but without excluding the NAC, which is charge to control the full process.

Secretary General, Mrs Schödel, informed that the FAI office is receiving close to 250 record claims per year from the NACs. We need to clarify the criteria and the channel of command: OO to NAC and then NAC to FAI.

The Delegates and Representatives agreed to empower the CASI Bureau to deal with this matter, in conjunction with the FAI Head Office.

Five Active Members Representatives of the FAI Air Sport General Commission CASI were elected (Australia, Italy, Hungary, Russia, USA).

During this meeting and with secret votes the CASI Bureau for the next year will be the following.

## **CASI Bureau**

President  
Antonis Papadopoulos.

1st Vice President  
Alicia Hirzel.

Vice Presidents  
Mike Close  
Art Greenfield  
Marina Vigorito

Secretary  
Erzsebet Vizaknai

Below, the composition of the Working Groups that were decided to be established.

Sporting License Working Group  
Chairman Stéphane Malbos  
Members  
Udo Beran  
Alan C. Cassidy  
Rainer Hoenle  
Andrea Tomasi (Italy)  
Marina Vigorito (IGC)

Multi-Sport Event Working Group  
Chairman Mike Close  
Members  
Andy Chau  
Rainer Hoenle  
Stéphane Malbos  
Marina Vigorito

Jury Handbook Working Group  
Chairman Marina Vigorito  
Members  
Jacques Berlo  
Stéphane Malbos  
Erzsebet Vizaknai

Records and Class Definition  
Mr. Art Greenfield will update the record documents.

Finally, with a unanimous decision, it was decided to award the title of CASI President of Honour to the former CASI President Mr. Graeme Windsor.