

## Future FAI Special Aerobatic Events Report

### The story in 2017

This year there have been two 'special aerobatic events' at which CIVA's contribution has provided core elements of the competition:

- In China at the end of April CIVA judges and jury personnel officiated at the first FAI-WACL Formation Aerobatic Challenge (FAC). This major event was organised by World Air Carnival Ltd (WACL) with whom CIVA has an agreement to provide the above services in exchange for a fixed sanction fee. The agreement specifies that 25% of the selected pilots should over time be recognised CIVA competition pilots, though on this inaugural occasion that target was not quite reached.

The three-day event itself was a great success with astonishing tv and streaming media viewer figures. For reasons that are still not clear however the Aero Sports Federation of China enforced a downgrade of the event to air-show status. After some negotiation the judges were allowed to act as 'inspectors of safety' which we accomplished by scoring each flight in the usual way; this data was stored in the scoring system but at ASFC's request results were not published. Discussions are ongoing between WACL, CIVA and ASFC to establish a second such event in 2018, though so far this has been inconclusive.

- As reported by Pik the GAC worked with FAI to participate in The World Games at Wroclaw in Poland during August. This involved 11 selected unlimited pilots who over four days flew programmes G1-G4 which included a Free sequence, two Unknowns and a Freestyle programme with smoke (wing-tip pyrotechnic devices) allowed. The flying took place at Szymanów Airport some 12km north of Wroclaw where FAI also scheduled Canopy Piloting (parachutes) and Paramotor categories. The remoteness of this location from the 31 other (non-aviation) sporting regimes which took place in or rather closer to Wroclaw City drew few spectators, though the flying itself proved quite popular. It was also highly convenient for the competitors and judges to relocate to Torun immediately after this event to take part in the WGAC.

### Future events

So far there are no firm indications of events similar to these in 2018, but we understand that there is a good likelihood of a further Sky Grand Prix during the year for which we trust that John Gaillard will be able to present a bid at this plenary.

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