Report of the FAI Secretary General
Susanne SCHÖDEL
(extract of report to FAI General Conference 2018, Luxor EGY)
Geographical spread of FAI’s competitors, NACs and events

= Total of participants

- **North America**
  - 5 Members
  - 1 Event

- **South America**
  - 8 Members
  - 2 Events

- **North Africa**
  - 3 Members
  - 0 Events

- **Middle & South Africa**
  - 2 Members
  - 1 Event

- **Europe**
  - 48 Members
  - 19 Events

- **Central Asia**
  - 4 Members
  - 0 Events

- **MENA**
  - 8 Members
  - 0 Events

- **East & South Asia**
  - 12 Members
  - 0 Events

- **Oceania**
  - 2 Members
  - 1 Event

**Total of participants:**

- **North America:** 155
- **South America:** 92
- **North Africa:** 0
- **Middle & South Africa:** 30
- **Europe:** 1380
- **Central Asia:** 16
- **MENA:** 9
- **East & South Asia:** 151
- **Oceania:** 79
## FAI CALENDAR 2018

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OFFICIALS IN FAI

- 2,423 Officials in FAI functions
- 1,069 Delegates in FAI Commissions
- 1,179 Judges, Expers, etc.
“Thank you”
to all
*FAI event Organizers, FAI Officials and FAI NACs* involved
around the world!
EVENTS COMMUNICATION IN 2017

- 15th FAI World World Paragliding Championship – Monte Avena, ITA
- The World Games 2017 – Wroclaw, POL
- FAI Swoop Freestyle World Championship 2017 – Copenhagen, DEN
- 1st FAI International Drones Conference and Expo – Lausanne, SUI
- 61th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett – Gruyères, SUI
- 29th FAI World Aerobatic Championships – Malelane, RSA (together with CIVA)
- Red Bull Air Race World Championship Season Finale – Indianapolis, USA
- 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships – Laval, CAN
EVENTS COMMUNICATION PLAN 2018

- 7th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships – Wroclaw, POL
- 15th FAI European Paragliding Championships – Montalegre, POR
- Acro World Tour - Sonchaux Acro Show 2018 – Sonchaux, SUI
- Asian Games 2018 – Jakarta, INA
- Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett – Bern, SUI
- 3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving – Zallaq, BRN
- Red Bull Air Race Season Finale – Fort Worth, USA
- Complementary activities e.g. by FAI CIVL
EVENTS COMMUNICATION PLAN 2018

Drones

• China Drone Racing Open – Shenzhen, CHN
• WDR Paris World Cup – Brétigny-sur-Orge, FRA
• Barcelona Drone Racing F3U World Cup – Barcelona, ESP
• EPFL Drone Racing Cup – Lausanne, SUI
• FAI World Drone Racing Championships – Shenzhen, CHN

Others

• SportAccord Convention – Bangkok, THA
• 2nd FAI International Drones Conference and Expo – Lausanne, SUI
• Flydonna – Varese, ITA
All material produced by FAI available on request for NACs for promotional purposes!
WEBSITE – PAGE VIEWS

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2018 (until 30 Sept)

Preview until end 2018

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Current Membership

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New Members in 2018:
- Palestine (PLE) – Temporary Member,
- Azerbaijan (AZE) – Active Member

Air Sports and its national entities are developing and changing. FAI Membership will continue to expand. Important to actively involve the NACs and their air sports in FAI, e.g. in the FAI Commissions.
FAI – FRAGMENTED LANDSCAPE – ONE FAI

Source:

EB Workshop with representatives from NACs and ASCs

Lausanne, 9 August 2018
Under the overarching idea of ONE FAI we are currently discussing change in five areas:

1. Purpose of FAI
2. Role of NACs
3. Involvement of ASCs
4. Sporting Licenses
5. General thrust of the initiative
With ONE FAI, we want everyone to recommit to FAI as an organization …

- … that is beneficial for all countries and all air sports
- … where countries give and get support from each other
- … where air sports exchange innovative idea and avoid re-inventing wheels
- … where we all work together toward a common goal

This idea we call ONE FAI

**ONE FAI is……. All of us!!**
FAI Purpose

A working start for a refined purpose of FAI

**What FAI does**

- Determines and recognizes air sport achievements and performances
- Develops and maintains frameworks to support air sport events
- Develops and promotes air sports
- Gathers air sports experts
- Represents air sports interests internationally

**For whom FAI exists**

- Exists for all those who want to demonstrate their performance in air sports and those who support that objective
- Acknowledging that these people come from the larger community of people with interest in air sports

**What benefits FAI brings**

- Facilitated quality competitions
- Formally recognized records and achievements
- Developed and evolving rules
- A growing air sport community

Source: EB Workshop with representatives from NACs and ASCs, Lausanne, 8 August 2018
For NACs and FAI, we want to facilitate collaboration by creating a *NAC Handbook*

- **Currently, NACs often know little about FAI and vice versa**
  - For NACs, it is difficult to find key information about FAI
    - FAI is a complex structure
    - Each ASC has its own way of working

- **Since each NAC has its own structure and offers very different services to their members and stakeholders, we want to increase mutual understanding by creating an easy-to-read NAC Handbook**
  - Compilation of relevant information about FAI (FAI structure, Air Sports Commissions, Technical Commissions, expert groups, General Conference, important dates) which will make it easier for NACs to reach out
  - Description of different NAC types will help NACs and FAI understand each other better

- Bengt Lindgren, Ronald Schnitker and Antonis Papadopoulos have volunteered to draft the handbook by spring 2019
We believe ASCs should get more involved in FAI beyond their particular sport

Premise

Air Sports Commissions should be more involved in …
• Development of FAI wide initiatives and
• Decision-making of FAI

Questions we are examining

What does “more involvement” mean?
• More involvement in financial decisions?
• More involved in decisions about sport events?
• Would the above affect NAC involvement?
• Should both ASCs and NACs take a more active role in decisions?
• Or is decision making what the EB is for?
There are multiple options on how to involve ASCs more

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<td>• Creation of a new body in the governance structure</td>
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Sporting licenses are fundamentally useful for organizing our sports – but there are problems

- **Sporting licenses are very useful for organizing our sports**
  - By acquiring a sporting license, airsport persons declare that they abide by NAC/FAI rules and accept NAC/FAI authority
  - Airsport persons also declare which country they represent
  - NACs and FAI benefit from the sporting licenses because this way they can manage their competitive members
    - Unique ID for each individual
    - Personal data from each individual

- **But it’s not easy to manage sporting licenses fairly and consistently across countries**
  - **Costs for airsport persons**: High costs for sporting licenses in some cases weigh heavy on airsport persons with little financial means
  - **Data management**: License data is often outdated or wrong - the management of mass data requires more robust processes and systems
We can learn from other sports and develop new solutions

**What other sports do**

- Sailing Federation – Sailors ID
- Football Federation – Blue Card
- Orienteering Federation – Different levels of sporting licenses

**One option moving forward: Level system**

Different levels correspond to different service levels from NAC/FAI
- Level 1 – Simple access to information, no access to competition, records or badges
- Level 2 – access to CAT-2 events
- Level 3 – access to CAT-1 events, records and badges

Simple processes keep controls easy
- Level 1 – AP inputs data, no control needed
- Level 2 – AP request upgrade to level 2, NAC confirms
- Level 3 – same as today

Level based pricing increase reach and is fair
- Level 1 – nominal fee to cover cost of the system
- Level 2 – annual fee, e.g. additional 15 SFR/year
- Level 3 – same as today, perhaps with high/low limits
More work is needed before we can reap the benefits of a level system

• **Benefits of a level system**
  • Increased reach into the large numbers of Hobby airsports persons
  • Reduced costs for most airsports persons

• **Necessary steps**
  • Discussion and development of the concept
  • Feasibility study for a data management system used by both FAI and NACs
FAI IN THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ASIAN GAMES 2018
Jakarta Palembang

PARAGLIDING

What is the Future of Sport?

Olympism in Action
Forum of the International Olympic Committee

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Abdullah al-Jawini, Saudi-Arabia
Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon, Spain

FAI President of Honor
Frits Brink, Netherlands
THANK YOU!