



FAI Aerobatics Commission
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

2019 has seen FAI's aerobatic commission CIVA in its 60th year, and it has had a pretty good season in 2019 with extremely successful World and European Aerobatic Championships in all categories except Yak-52 as follows –

- 1 – The 2nd FAI World Intermediate Aerobatic Championships
- 2 – The 22nd FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships and
- 3 – The 10th FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships
- 4 – The 11th FAI European Advanced Aerobatic Championships
- 5 – The 30th FAI World Aerobatic Championships

This is only the second time that we have enjoyed an Intermediate level aerobatic event, this being the international entry-level that we see as vital to encourage up-and-coming pilots to come and take part in their first non-domestic event. This championship was held in the Czech Republic and received only moderate entry, but plans are in hand to improve this for the future.

The two-level glider championships were held in Romania, and with 50 competitors was able to complete all of the possible programmes.

Our Advanced level power European championship in Poland attracted a good field of 41 pilots, with three from the USA flying Hors Concours. With fine weather all programmes were completed in good time.

And finally our Unlimited level World Aerobatic Championship in France drew an excellent entry of 61 pilots from 18 countries, also enjoying great weather throughout the 10-days of the event.

In its long history since the very first World Aerobatic Championship at Bratislava in 1960 CIVA has crowned 149 World and European Aerobatic Champions, and we are looking forward to 2020 to build upon this excellent foundation.

2. Positive and negative results:

3. Main problem(s) encountered and solutions adopted :

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

Two items are of interest here –

1 – An open design study has been run to receive and collate possible designs for new medals that could replace the CIVA medals currently obtained through FAI from Swiss suppliers Faude & Huguenin SA. The aim is to present plenary with the option of moving them to a less costly resource and enjoy a more modern design of medal in keeping with the sport itself.

2 – It is our intention to restructure the basis for our European championships so that they become “European Open Championships”, the aim being to maintain their location within the European area but enable pilots outside this continent to participate as full competitors, i.e. not reduced to ‘Hors Concours’ status with no official ranking in the championship. Many details remain to be finalised and approved, but this change will entitle non-European aerobatic pilots to participate in CIVA's international standard events in the alternate years between our biennial

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World Championships with 'non-European' or 'Open' status, thereby not only attracting competitors from a wider range of countries to create improved fields for organisers, making their events are more viable from a commercial viewpoint, but extending the opportunity for CIVA to provide top quality aerobatic opportunities for pilots around the world.

- 5. Proposals (if any) to FAI Executive Board, FAI Head Office or for the next General Conference :**
- 6. Free reporting:**

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