



**FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)**  
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**1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:**

FAI Aeromodelling Commission is again, this reporting period, very active on the competitions stage, with a great number of FAI sanctioned events both for first and second category.

The CIAM is financially sound, as you may have noticed from the financial reports and the budget of this year.

During 2016-2017, there were numerous well-attended and successful World and Continental championships, in a variety of classes.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events conducted in 2016

Last year CIAM had organized 13 World or Continental Championships and close to 320 category 2 events which include World Cups and Open International events. World Cup for Drones Racing happened for the first time with great success. All the events were successfully organized and well attended.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2017

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 14 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space models classes we are practicing, and near to 350 Category 2 events.

In addition to the events mentioned above CIAM Bureau and CIAM Plenary accepted the mandate from the FAI EB to consider the necessary steps that are needed in order to be able to offer to the community a Drone Racing World Championships event late in 2017 or 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018. By the time this report was prepared the bids are under evaluation by the Working Group established by the FAI EB.

Everybody understands that with such a big number of sanctioned events, what finally the number of participants will be and how big the number of volunteers involved, is. On behalf of CIAM I would like to thank everybody who is contributing to this effort.

Activities

In April, our Plenary Meeting was organized in Lausanne and 38 countries were present with more than 100 delegates or observers. Those numbers clearly show that NAC's are really interested for aeromodelling/space modelling/drones racing and support CIAM Bureau efforts. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2016 and April 2017 at Lausanne) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

During the Plenary Meeting we continued to organize the Open Forum session. This year we discussed about Future Format of CIAM Events.

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## **2. Positive and negative results:**

FPV Racing events are getting to be very popular. The newly established FPV Racing S/C handled this matter exceptionally well and the number of participating countries and competitors clearly shows what we have to expect in the near future.

However this expansion seems to cause some problems in some NACs since the structure and the mentality of this new activity is not similar to the traditional activities and both sides need to work on that.

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

Transportation of models still remains a problem affecting the participation in competitions and increasing the cost. We were expecting to have some positive developments on this matter after the partnership between FAI and DHL but this is not yet achieved. The cost of organizing the events is also a key element that needs to be reconsidered very soon.

The FAI SL database needs to be enhanced. A lot of duplicates still exist and the Competition Management System is not very useful so why it is not used very often by the Event Organizers.

## **4. Planned activities and projects for next year :**

- Effort to replace all the paperwork needed for CIAM activities with on-line applications
- Live Scoring Systems for CAT1 events. The partnership between FAI and Noosphere seems to offer this opportunity.

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

CIAM worked very hard on the regulations for Drones. CIAM 1<sup>st</sup> VP Mr. Bruno DELOR joined EASA meetings and working together with Europe Airports we provided some very useful comments for the new regulation.

Last year on my report I have included the following statement. "Ruling is not going to affect the aeromodelling activities but also the rest of FAI activities with one way or another. So the FAI common strategy for drones is a necessity".

Not only I have to repeat this statement but I want to emphasize it. JARUS is working on U-Space and UTM and the outcome will affect all FAI activities all over the world. FAI needs to be a reliable partner with all regional regulating authorities and provide the necessary assistance to our members to help them when they are discussing this matter with National Authorities. The FAI Common Strategy for Drones needs to be the tool for that.

## **6. Free reporting:**

Ending this report, I would like to thank FAI President, EB Directors, FAI Secretary General and Airports Commissions Presidents for the cooperation we had during the period. Also I would like to thank all CIAM Bureau members for their devotion and finally my thanks to the FAI staff for their support and understanding.