



**FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)
Report to the 106th FAI General Conference
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Reported by : *Jean-Pierre Delmas, GAC President*

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

GAC Annual Meeting in 2011

The GAC annual meeting was held in Salzburg, Austria. 28 countries were present or represented.

At the last CASI meeting, a motion was passed to request GAC to adopt electrically-powered aircraft records within the Sporting Code section 2, as soon as possible.

The 5 week delay between CASI meeting and GAC meeting was not sufficient for an impact study and the item was not put at the GAC agenda. The impact study and proposals will be available for the next GAC plenary meeting.

New participants to GAC international championships expressed their concerns about the very high level of the competitions and the risk it could discourage new countries to come and take part.

GAC delegates:

- awarded the Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma to Edward BOLEN (USA),
- decided to have the next annual meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus,
- elected a new Bureau.

Bureau:

President	Jean-Pierre DELMAS (FRA)
1st Vice President/Secretary	Hans SCHWEBEL (RSA)
2nd Vice President/Treasurer	Janos BENEDEK (HUN)

Mr. Vagn JENSEN was elected as GAC President of Honour.

Subcommittee Chairmen:

Precision Flying subcommittee	Rodney BLOIS (GB)
Rally Flying subcommittee	Andrzej OSOWSKI (POL)
Air Navigation Race subcommittee	Maurice DUCRET (SUI)
Records subcommittee	Art GREENFIELD (USA)

Technical Representatives:

CASI	Jean BIRGEN (LUX)
FAI Environmental Commission	Henry LINDHOLM (SWE)
World Air Games Liaison Officer	Heinrich SCHAWALDER (SUI)
Webmaster	Chris BOOYSEN (RSA)
Technical Adviser, GNSS	Ralf GRUNWALD (GER)
Technical Adviser, Long Range Air Racing	Jean BIRGEN (LUX)

18th FAI World Rally Flying Championships in 2012

Held in Castellon, Spain, 3-9 September 2012.

98 pilots and navigators from 16 countries took part.

Gold medal for the French crew: Julien CHERIOUX (Pilot) and David Le GENTIL (Navigator)

Gold team medal for the Polish crews: B. RADOMSKI/D. LECHOWSKI and M. WIECZOREK / M. OSOWSKI.

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International Air Navigation Race competition in 2012

Held in Bitburg, Germany, 22-23 June 2012. Organised by Swiss and Luxembourg.
Winner crew was: Eric DASPET / Damien VADON (France).

Air Navigation Race (ANR) has been designed to be public and press friendly. Main characteristics are:

- it is a sort of parallel slaloms for two to four planes, with series, quarter-finals, ..., and finals,
- a narrow corridor is assigned to each plane. All corridors are at safety distance from each others,
- crews received penalties for escaping from corridors and for time gaps when crossing start line and finish line,
- a precision landing contest counts for the final results,
- real time tracking is available in the public and press room on large video screen.

Long Range Race

The Memorial Flight Hans Gutmann was cancelled due to lack of participants. Among others, at the time of decision making for participants, there were totally dissuasive taxes on foreign aircrafts flying to Italy. These taxes have been reduced since.

2. Positive and negative results:

World and European championships are planned two years in advance.

Air Navigation Race is on the good track to be on the agenda of the next WAG.

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

Some NACs and some competitors have been sponsored for years by watches manufacturers others than Breitling. Nor NACs, nor competitors should be prevented to take part to Breitling sponsored FAI championships or events.

That sort of conflicting marketing and advertising issues seems to be in the scope of the new created FAME agency and should be rapidly handled by FAME.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

FAI Championships to come

- 21st World Precision Flying Championship, in Germany, in 2013,
- 9th European Rally Flying Championship, in Slovakia, in 2013,
- 19th World Rally Flying Championship, in Poland, in 2014.

All of them are to be confirmed, during the GAC annual meeting, in November 2012.

New bids are welcomed for coming years.

Future plans

For the standing competitions, Rally and Precision Flying, GAC delegates have to take into consideration the enormous gap between the international top level competitors and the level of newcomers. It is time to think about several classes to encourage news pilots and new countries to join the Rally and Precision communities.

The concept of an Air Navigation Race on-line competition is to be defined.

The next GAC annual meeting, in November, will embark all opportunities created by the new FAI Marketing and Events agency and FAI's sponsors to improve GAC championships.

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

N/A

6. Free reporting:

N/A