



**FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)
Report to the 111th FAI General Conference
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

GAC have held Two World Championships in 2017
World Precision Flying Championship in Spitzerberg Austria August 2017
Well organized and successful event

A new Event

The First World ANR Championship in Castellon Spain October 2017

This is a new GAC sport which was given its first trial event at WAG Dubai .

Xx pilots from yy countries competed in beautiful countryside around Castellon de la Plana.....

FAI endorsed as a second class event the Crete to Cape Town rally for biplanes which got some good publicity

Also

The Air Aventures Rally

Toulouse to St Louis du Senegal . A long range rally in homage to the pioneers of Aeropostale and the mail route to Santaigo Chile via Morocco and Mauretania

2. Positive and negative results:

This was one of our larger events and gained some media coverage as was partially sponsored by Red Bull 63 pilots from 15 countries participated

We are still behind other Commissions in being able to use Live Tracking to display the positions and penalties in real time on a large screen. We are working to improve this.

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

The standard aircraft for precision flying since its inception in late 70's early 80's has been the Cessna 150. These are getting older and fewer available. All modern light aircraft are equipped with glass cockpits with GPS integrated from start up.

So we are working to amend rules to permit use of GPS for this reason but also to attract new pilots who are less confident without GPS.

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4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

2018 will see the World Rally Flying Championship held at Dubnica Slovakia.
The organisers are very well established there and we anticipate an excellent Championship

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

6. Free reporting:

FAI activities are getting less and less interesting for GAC.

We like to concentrate our limited resources on improving our airsports and maintaining our Championships and developing new sports that are challenging to pilots as competitive sportsmen.

Less interested in becoming a very small part of a travelling circus paid?/paying? to entertain mass audiences.

We do understand that our sports are of little interest to spectators and do not expect to be included in Air Games Tours or World Games. We hope to be included in next WAG!

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