



FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

2012 has been the year of the World Championship. Held in Russia, it took place in Drakino previously used by both the International Gliding Commission and Parachuting Commission. It was well organized. The Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony were attended by the public. The daily crowd topped 10,000 even though the weather was poor. The FAI President and Secretary General were present.

2. Positive and negative results:

The World Championship included the launch of 'Helicopter Racing'. This was warmly received by the competitors and crowd alike. This will be further developed as it is an event that is of great interest.

The Championship attracted the return of China, Poland and the first participation by Belgium and the Netherlands.

New ideas and recommendations have been made for further consideration.

The launch of the Internet Competition coupled with the failure of FAI Coverage was a disappointment in its initial stages. We have had to consider how to activate this again.

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

The negative response by some NAC's is not helpful. CIG makes offers to train crews and Judges at Summer Schools. Response is too slow. Written requests to FAI Vice Presidents, Delegates to Conference are rarely answered.

The decision to focus on 2015 for the next World Air Games interferes with the next World Championship. Until a final decision is made, it is unlikely that any bid will be received.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

The simple answer is to re-activate the Internet Competition, provide more opportunities for Helicopter Schools and encourage the young. The Youngest Pilot competing in the 2012 World Championship was just 17 years old. We know of others who qualified on their 17th birthday, flying helicopters before they are allowed to drive a car.

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

We recommend that the Executive Board consider amending the By Laws to ensure that Delegates to Commission are properly qualified and are prepared to work. The continual silence by so many, some of whom have no knowledge and are only appointed 'as an honour' is unacceptable not only to the Commission but to FAI.

Discussions are taking place with the Medical Commission to recognize the skills and importance of HEMS. This is the Hospital Emergency Medical Service linking very specialist

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hospitals and their Helicopter Emergency Services. It already has received the FAI President's Support. Detailed proposals will be presented to the Board early in the New Year.

6. Free reporting:

The Contract with Breitling was a success for FAI. However the apparent ban on clocks and watches at major events is already causing considerable concern.

There was no advance confidential advice. The Contract has not been seen and all its provisions unknown. WE have teams and crews individually sponsored by watch and clock companies. Does this mean they can no longer participate? We simply do not know. Verbal answers are unhelpful. Full disclosure of the 'Contract Regulations' should be clear and open to all.