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As the world has recovered completely from the Covid, air transport is boosting back again and in that trail all airsport activities are recovering. For sure the international situation has still some very dark clouds, specially in the east of Europe, but I will let Markus, develop the consequences it has on the FAI action.

More specifically on the Education part of it, the number of delegates is smoothly increasing, specially this last days with to more countries represented. I see that as good sign for the future of our very important subject : Education.

The Young Artist Contest still don't have returned to the 2019 statistics, but it will probably gently follow the progression of the commission activity in general, provided our NACs continue to take good care of it.

The very good news of this past year is the arose of the Rookie Project from the CIAM Education subcommittee, it is a success in the countries that started it and our commission will certainly help it to develop I guess.

The working group we formed with Urmas and Greg was about helping promotion of aviation in education. I will report on it later but after discussion with Antonis, president of the CASI and the CIAM, we must amid that it is a difficult task and that is why we have to coordinate our actions, we have to communicate more frequently on what is done in each airsport commission about education and how we can relay it, in a word, we have to work as a team about education.

In that scope I tried to imagine what could be the hart of the transverse mission of the Education TC; therefore, in our discussions, I will propose two directions: one would be to help airsport commissions in their will to promote their sport to youngsters, the other one would be to insist on the very important values brought by the practice of any airsport to youngsters, knowing that teachers will be very sensitive to that aspect of their mission, transmit good values to their pupils, and may jump on that kind of programs we would offer them.

This is the purpose of a Team Paper Plane Challenge I will present later on.

From Hong-Kong, Andy Chau will report the development of his project of drone photo contest, and more generally will be welcomed any program that has the ability to enter efficiently a class room and that speak about flying, as it will be a good entry point to promote all the others education programs airsports commissions will imagine.

Final point, I think we all miss our face to face last decade meetings, so we will have to decide if we come back to Lausanne, or somewhere else if any invitations, next year.

Many thanks for your participation in our nice commission to all of you, either if you are standing for it since long or if you are brand new in the loop.

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