



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. But needless to mention that there are a lot of non-competition events organized by our members, like air-shows or fly-ins etc, with much more participation and much more attendance by the public. Those events are very important for aeromodelling, since they promote our sport and attract young people to our fascinating activity.

The CIAM is financially sound, as you may have noticed from the financial reports and the budget of this year. But also, as our President mentioned on the recent ASC's Presidents WG meeting, in Lausanne, last May, the number of national aeromodelling organizations that really are concerned about the relevance of the FAI and CIAM for general aeromodelling, versus the benefits they have, is a case not only for the CIAM Bureau but also for the FAI EB.

This year the cooperation with the FAI management has vastly been improved. We haven't faced any similar problems as reported last year, but in the contrary with the cooperation we have, we are trying to increase the efficiency of our tasks, which will be a benefit not only for CIAM but for FAI as well.

Still there is room for improvement and CIAM will try to be proactive, by providing new ideas and why not solutions, for cases that really affect directly or indirectly our activities.

During 2011-2012, 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 2011

Last year CIAM has organized 12 World or Continental Championships and close to 250 category 2 events which include World Cups, International or Limited International events. All the events were successfully organized, well attended and no injury was reported.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2012

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 15 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space modeling classes we are practicing, and near to 300 Category 2 events.

With such a big number of sanctioned events, everybody understands 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 35 countries were present with close to 80 delegates or observers. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2011 and April 2012) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

This year in our Plenary, we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of Space Modelling. FAI President Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM was present and we feel much honored about that.

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Mr. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS was elected as President, and Mr. Kevin DODD was elected as 2nd Vice-President. The rest of the Bureau members remain unchanged.

2. Positive and negative results:

N/A

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

Transportation of models still remains a problem affecting the participation in competitions and increasing the cost.

Also we have to face the problem with few international competitions, which are organized using the name of FAI or CIAM or NAC's, in order to attract competitors, but not really under our control or sanction since they aren't on the official FAI annual calendar.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

- Effort to replace all the paperwork needed for CIAM activities with on-line applications
- Reformat of CIAM Sporting Code
- Reduce number of Category 1 events

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

N/A

6. Free reporting:

Ending this report, I would like to thank FAI President, EB Directors and Airsports 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 valued support.