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

1) World Helicopter Cup UK Leg, FAI Category 2 event
   Location: Wycombe Air Park, Marlow, UK
   Organizers: Helicopter Club of Great Britain on behalf of The Royal Aero Club of United Kingdom
   Event Director: David Monks
   Chief Scorer: Brenda Nicoll
   Commentator: Robert Hughes (Chairman British Microlight Aircraft Association)
   Date: Friday 2nd June and Saturday 3rd June 2017
   The commentator was familiar with the sport and the competitors, this role is essential as an interface with the spectators.
   The event was very luck to have the commentator it did and he really did bring the sport to life for the spectators with much cheering and support particularly evident.
   Attending crew: 9 crews – 5 nations (Austria, Belarus, GBR, International (Belgium/UK), Russia)

2) Leg 2 Russia – Helicopter World Cup Leg 2 + 52nd Russian Open Helicopter Championship
   Dates: 12-16 July 2017
   Location: Konakovo (near Moscow)
   Event Director: Irina Grushina
   Organizers: Federation of Helicopter Sport of Russia supported by the Government of Tver Region, International Academy of Helicopter Sport and Russian Air Force
   Attend: 15 crews – 5 nations (Russia, Austria, Belarus, Germany, Ukraine)

3) Leg 3 / 19th Belarusian Open Helicopter Championship (WHC 2018 Test Event)
   Dates: 25-30 July 2017
   Organizers: Belarusian Federation of Air Sports
   + assistance of Minsk Aero Club DOSAAF (Voluntary Association for Assistance to Army, Air Force and Navy)
   + Ministry of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus
   Event Director: Anton Bystrov, Secretary of the Belarusian Federation of Air Sports
   Event Manager: Olga Sheveleva
   Chief Judge: Sergei Druk
   Attend: 11 crews – 4 nations (Russia, Belarus, Germany, Ukraine)

4) Leg 4 Germany – German Open Helicopter Championship 2017 + Helicopter World Cup 2017 (FAI cat 2)
   Dates: 24-27 August 2017
   Organizers: German Helicopter Club organize on behalf of the Deutscher Aero Club with support of the LVB, the Royal Belgium Aeroclub and the Airfield Alkersleben
   Event manager: Axel Wingerath
   Representative: Michael Schauff
   Competitor Director: Uwe Ohagen
   Chief Judge: Lothar Oehler
Jury: Konrad Geissler
Attend: 9 crews – 4 nations (Russia, Austria, Germany, International (Belg/Germ)

5) Leg 5 Austria - Helicopter World Cup 2017
Dates: 8-10 Sept 2017
Location: Airfield Spitzerberg (Eastern Austria)
Organization: Section helicopter on behalf of the Austrian Aeroclub with the support of the Airfield owner.
Event Managers: Stefan Seer and Wolf-Dietrich Tesar
Attend: 14 crews – 5 nations (Austria, Russia, Czech, Germany, Poland)

6) Leg 6 Poland – Final Stage of the Helicopter World Cup 2017
Dates: 21-23 Sept 2017
Location: Olsztyn-Dajtki (EPOD) Poland
Organization: Polish Helicopter Association “Helisport”
Event manager: Wojciech Dobrzynski, President of the PHA “Helisport” and Marcin Szamborski, Vice-President of PFA “Helisport”

2. Positive and negative results:

Helicopters as well as all Airsports are the most attractive events for the public, but to make sure that the public participate intensively during Helicopter competition, we have to adapt some rules to make these more comprehensive, such as including parallel events with electronic visible scoring systems and direct information to the public who are the winning crews.

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

Objectives for the next 2 years:
A continuous improvement of the development of the Helicopter sport by:
- Increasing the number of participating countries in the CIG-Commission
- Put in place a collaborative spirit in the commission
- Creating a helicopter sport working group (already started last year)
- Creating Championship’s Rules Working Group
- For more precise scoring during competitions, development of electronic scoring systems
- Stimulating exchange of experiences with other airsport disciplines

4. Planned activities and projects for next year:

Different helicopter competitions are planned for 2018

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

6. Free reporting:

Date: 15 September 2017
Signature:

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