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

   CIA Plenary Meeting in Lausanne in March 2015

   2014 Tochigi Hot Air Balloon International Championship, Tochigi, Japan (19 - 24 Nov 2014)

   2015 Canowindra International Balloon Challenge, Canowindra, Australia (12 - 19 April 2015)

   COUPE D’EUROPE DE MONTGOLFIERES – COUPE DU MONDE DES DAMES Mainfonds, France (31 July – 02 August 2015)

   19th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Debrecen, Hungary (11 - 17 August 2015)

   59th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett Pau, France (27 August – 4 September 2015)

   3rd FAI Women European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Drenthe, Netherlands (15 - 19 September 2015)

   2015 Saga International Balloon Fiesta, FAI Pre World Hot Air Balloon Event, Saga, Japan (28 October – 04 November 2015)

2. Positive and negative results:

   Women and Junior category World- and Continental Championship events continue to be very successful.

   CIA Loggers for sanctioned events are very popular and well accepted.

   International Ballooning Youth Camp

   Safety at sanctioned events remains very good with no incidents/accidents

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

   Relationships with event organisers are very tedious and urgently require a new Organiser Agreement.

   Logistics for the CIA Logger scheme remain a problem and the risk that the volunteers handling these may end up in overload mode very soon is real. It would therefore be very helpful if FAI would in the near future consider obtaining some kind of cooperation from professional logistics partners who would be available to handle the various ASC equipment schemes.
4. **Planned activities and projects for next year:**

   3rd FAI European Hot Air Airship Championship 2016, Rottach-Egern and Bad Wiessee, Germany, 24 – 29 February 2016

   2nd FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Birstonas, Lithuania, 4-10 July 2016

   22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Saga, Japan, 28 October – 7 November 2016

   60th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Gladbeck, Germany, 15 – 24 September 2015

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

   None

6. **Free reporting:**

   None

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