

Sport Aviation: surviving the 21st Century

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Challenges, missions and purpose

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- Air sports compete for land, airspace and attention from new generation
- Footprint of aviation on nature is marginal in terms of noise and pollution
- People outside air sports perceive our footprint to be greater than it is...unless we connect with them!

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- Most, but not all, of our short term actions should be communication and education
- Noise is our main enemy (carbon is #2):
 - tracking how, where and when noise is emitted and received is a top mission
 - Finding new technologies to lower noise perception is vital for most of our playgrounds
- Education of our own people and neighbouring population is key
- Supporting research in this field through our prizes and medals is a significant message

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Environmental commission: the real challenge is to connect to our environment not only to protect wildlife

- Being accepted in a world which no longer promote our values
 - Respect other's values
- Attracting younger generations through adapted programs and tools
 - Educate through new methods
- Protecting our freedom and current assets
 - Regulate through actions with proper administration and politics

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Environmental commission: the missions

- Define priorities in environmental risks for our activities per regions and air sports
 - Noise
 - Pollution
 - Airspace availability
 - Aviation Gas availability
 - Land availability
 - Privacy / land law (impact on low flying activities)
- Define real impacts of our activities on environments on case by case basis and promote our actions in protecting biodiversity and wildlife
- Look for best of kind solutions and communicate

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Environmental commission: purpose and organization

- An experts' network for technical aspects...if we find them in Air Sports and countries
- A technical commission to point out and sort priorities
- A forum to share experiences
- A partner for Education and Air Sports commissions to communicate with for events or day to day messaging to the public

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Environmental commission: we need each other!

- An experts' network for technical aspects: **point out yours by country and activity!**
- A technical commission to sort out priorities and to set up communication on programs: **there is no way transforming it in Experts' Workgroup....when you miss them all!**
- A forum to share experiences: **the commission has the tools on FAI website**
- A partner to communicate with:
Our priority is to develop presentation tools!

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Taking care of our environment...

is the only way to pass on the
legacy to the next century...

and pay our debt to the pioneers!

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