



**FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)  
Report to the 108<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference  
Pattaya, Thailand, 17- 18 October 2014**

**Reported by :** Antonis PAPADOPOULOS, CIAM President

---

**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.

The CIAM is financially sound, as you may have noticed from the financial reports and the budget of this year.

During 2013-2014, 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 2013

Last year CIAM had organized 18 World or Continental Championships and close to 300 category 2 events which include World Cups, International or Limited International events. All the events were successfully organized and well attended.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2014

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 16 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space modeling classes we are practicing, and near to 350 Category 2 events.

Everybody understands that with such a big number of sanctioned events, 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 38 countries were present with more than 100 delegates or observers. Those numbers clearly show that NAC's are really interested for aeromodelling and support CIAM Bureau efforts. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2013 and April 2014) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

During the Plenary Meeting after the success we had last year, we continued to organize the Open Forum session where this year we discussed the currently available technology and how we can possibly use it in our competitions or day to day activities not only to attract the youngsters who are very keen in using technology within aeromodelling activity but also for safety reasons. Representatives from two companies were present and demonstrated the way they implement technology to the products they develop both for competition and hobby.

*Fédération  
Aéronautique  
Internationale*

Major decisions were adopted during the Plenary Meeting addressing issues like:

- Reducing number of Championships
- New Biding procedure
- A long standing dispute for the use of silencer in a specific class was settled

An MoU was signed between FAI and CONTEST, a German company which is the organizer of the Eurotour International Series of aeromodelling events.

**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. With the opportunity of the World Air Games in Dubai, together with the rest of the ASCs, with the coordination of the new FAI Sports Director, we plan to seek quotations from international companies in order to sign a contract for transportation of the models to various locations.

Another similar issue that we will try to solve is the transportation of batteries. Again we will try to find a manufacturer who will be interested to provide batteries to the competitors at the competition site.

**4. Planned activities and projects for next year :**

- Effort to replace all the paperwork needed for CIAM activities with on-line applications
- A Working Group was established to review and propose to CIAM Bureau about UAV and similar activities and how we will be able to include that kind of activities within CIAM.

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

CIAM Bureau asked FAI EB to consider looking deeper into the issue of FAI intellectual properties on FAI sporting activities, since there are a lot of non-FAI or FAI members related organizations, which organize events using FAI sporting code and long established experience, without the necessary approval. An additional problem need to be further analyzed is the relations between the Active FAI member of some countries with the various aeromodelling organizations which already exist and operate. Bad relations means that a lot of activity is not counted as an FAI activity and this need to be addressed.

**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.