



**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. In addition to that a lot of non-competition events have been organized by our members, like air-shows or fly-ins. Also Aeromodelling was present at the recent World Games event at Cali, Colombia.

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

During 2012-2013, 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 2012

Last year CIAM has organized 15 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 2013

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 18 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space modeling classes we are practicing, and near to 300 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 37 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 2012 and April 2013) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

During the Plenary Meeting we had also introduced an Open Forum session where we discussed the issue to reduce the number of Cat-1 events. This initiative proved to be quite successful since we had the chance to discuss with the delegates this long standing issue. We will continue to include this Open Forum session on our agenda in order to discuss matters not directly related with Sporting Code.

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An MoU was signed between CIAM and FAME. We are looking to work together for the better promotion of our activity.

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. 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
- Reduce number of Category 1 events
- Establish bidding procedures for our events
- Formal cooperation with organizations for organizing aeromodelling events.

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.

Also we had proposed FAI EB to introduce a report which will be presented every year at the General Conference which will include medal classification by nation.

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.