



**FAI Environmental Commission (EnvC)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

- Continued translations/promulgations
- Environmental Award development
- Fuel contact established
- Commission existence maintained
- Viable project funding assured
- Audit
- Current officers reelected

2. Positive and negative results:

- Europe continues as hotbed of active involvement

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

- NACs/ASCs in general are lackluster in response
- Simplified EMS
- Increased promulgation efforts, new meeting site possibility
- Audit review

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

- Workshops and all of the above

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

- Workshop

6. Free reporting:

The annual EnvC meeting was held in Lausanne, Switzerland on 11 February 2012 at MSI. Attendees were from Azerbaijan, Germany, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA, FAI.

It was agreed to continue translating/promulgating certain documents to ASCs, NACs and the web site:

- DAeC's Nature Conservation for Pilots?
- DAeC's Planning Checklist
- EMS new short version

No reports have been received from EAS regarding matters of environmental concern originating from EASA.

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The proposed joint meeting with CANS has not occurred. One or more key persons from each group may meet informally at GC.

A proposal for an Environmental Award needs detailed work for implementation consideration. That has been promised for our next meeting.

In accordance with the FAI EnvCode, IGC requires international championship organizers to include environmental commitments signed off by both the bid, and an environmental, leader.

Swedish Parachuting implemented in 2010-11 an environmental policy, an EMS, and a carbon off-setting program used in 1/8 of their jumps. Full details have been promised for dissemination.

Italy is developing a self-launching electric powered glider and promoting use of diesel aircraft engines to reduce emissions.

Azerbaijan sports centers being developed are undertaking Environmental Impact Assessments with attempts at reducing noise levels.

German's DAeC conducts environmental and educational workshops regarding a financed airport audit scheme, with a significant number of certified clubs.

Proliferation of wind turbines and solar panel farms on active runways poses concern to airports' airmen. The UK is also concerned about wind turbine and solar panel proliferation affecting airport activity safety.

Switzerland's concern continues regarding potential loss of mountain landing sites due to environmental pressures.

Contact is established with EAA regarding discussion on the possible loss of 100LL. The overall worldwide NAC/ASC response at all levels to this possibility is lackluster at best, albeit a few countries show deep concern.

The Environment, Medical and Education Commissions objected to the proposal for Technical Commissions to be converted to expert groups and they therefore continue as Commissions. Objections were on the grounds that experts would not necessarily represent airports and countries, or communicate or relate to people outside the center of FAI. It was agreed that environmental work, by its nature, needs an exchange of views and better links to the NACs, in order to promote the ideas and projects. Delegates therefore agreed that they wished to remain as a representative Commission.

The EnvC will strive to ensure that organizers/sponsors of World Air Game type activity comply with the FAI environmental code.

We have been assured that funding for proposed environmental projects, such as translations like those underway, will receive due review and funding if approved by the Executive Board.

We will plan an Environmental Workshop for the 2013 EnvC meeting as a primer for consideration at the 2013 GC. That next EnvCom meeting was considering an invitation from Azerbaijan, awaiting formal bid and approval, as well as an indication that it will attract attendance from "new" nearby NACs. Unfortunately, no further contact has been reached with that NAC.

FAI Members and Services Manager, Segolene Rouillon, has just finished an audit of the EnvC's public image which is now under review by Commission members for consideration of what changes, if any, should be made to better serve FAI's membership.