



**FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA)**  
**Report to the 107<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference**  
**Kuala Lumpur, 4-5 October 2013**

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**1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:**

- CIA **Plenary Meeting** in Rio de Janeiro, March 2013
- CIA **Competition Logger project** fully operational with 110 devices
- **Major Events since last FAI GC:**
  - 2012 Tochigi Hot Air Balloon International Championship, November 2012
  - 57<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, Nancy (France), August 2013
  - 18th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Wloclawek (Poland), Sept. 2013
  - 18e Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfières & Ladies World Cup, France, August 2013
  - 2nd Cup of Malahovo International Hot Air Balloon Competition, Russia, July 2013
  - 2013 Kungur International Hot Air Balloon Competition "Sky Fair", Russia, July 2013
  - 2013 European Hot Air Balloon Cup Feodosia - Air Brotherhood, Ukraine, October 2013

**2. Positive and negative results:**

Newly created Junior and Women World- and Continental Championships very well accepted by competitors and event organisers.

No noteworthy negative results.

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

Very difficult, time- and energy consuming negotiations, concerning promised services, with the organisers of the 2014 Hot Air Balloon World Championship in Brazil. Situation resolved to the organiser's satisfaction by FAI President at the CIA Plenary Meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

The solution brokered by the FAI President was rather unconventional and in many aspects did not respect good practice and FAI's statutory provisions, although it must be noted that the solution adopted is most probably in the FAI's best interest.

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

##### **Major Events:**

- 21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, San Carlos/Brazil, July 2014
- 1st FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Lezno/Poland, September 2014
- 2nd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Vichy/France, September 2014
- 58th Coupe Aéronautique, Vichy/France, September 2014

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

In view of past serious difficulties with the FAI Organiser Agreement, it is generally agreed that FAI urgently needs a new ORGANISER AGREEMENT. The working group set up to revise the present OA needs to be revived and a new OA should urgently be made available to ASCs in the near future.

Implementation of actions requested by CIVL and approved by the ASC Presidents concerning:

1. The need to have regular, timely provision of sports commission financial transaction data (complete list of transactions)
2. An unnecessary, error prone workflow resulting from the single FAI bank account system rather than individual bank accounts for each sports commission
3. Ensuring that the financial reserves of each sports commission are correctly separated
4. Non-payment of interest earned by FAI on the financial reserves of each sports commission, and charging of bank fees

#### **6. Free reporting:**

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