



Fédération Aéronautique Internationale

108th FAI Annual General Conference

Pattaya, Thailand
17 and 18 October 2014

FAI Ballooning Commission Report

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Agenda # 22 – Commissions Reports – Important activities

1. Important activities

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58th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett
Vichy / France
August 29 – September 6, 2014

1. **Willy Eimers & Mathias Zenge (GER)**
Sicily 61 hrs. 35 min. / **1410,64 km**
2. **Vincent Leys & Christoph Houver (FRA)**
Sicily 60hrs. 32 min. / **1406,13 km**
3. **Dr. Hans-Otto Lausch & Dr. Marion Lausch (GER)**
Sicily 59hrs. 39 min. / **1383,77 km**

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21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship
Rio Claro (SP) Brazil
July 18-26, 2014

1. Yudai Fujita	JPN	17443
2. Uwe Schneider	GER	16216
3. Lupercio Lima	BRA	16064

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1st FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship Lezno / Poland September 8-13, 2014

- 1. Nicola Scaife AUS 12489
- 2. Elisabeth Kindermann AUT 12401
- 3. Agne Simonaviciute LTU 11362



2nd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship Vichy / France September 1-5, 2014

- 1. Dominic Bareford UK 20976
- 2. Rokas Kostiuskevicius LTU 20819
- 3. Clement Sigot FRA 20197



2. Positive Results

- Three successful Hot Air Balloon Championships
- Very challenging and interesting Gordon Bennett
- Increased CIA Competition Logger utilisation with good financial returns
- Successful Plenary in March in Lausanne
- Successful Ballooning Youth Camp in the Czech Republic
- On-line World Ranking List is operational
<http://balloonworldrankinglist.org>



3. Main Problems & Solutions

1. Serious difficulties in dealing with event organisers
 - New OA and new Sports & Marketing Director are to be major improvements
2. Reduced participation in Championships due to increased costs for participants
 - No immediate solution but suggestions are more than welcome
1. No airship events
 - WAG airship event should help improve the situation



4. Projects

1. Eventual introduction of Team competitions
2. Increased communication efforts together with event organisers & FAI Sports & Marketing
3. CIA Plenary Meeting in Lausanne in March



Thank you for your attention

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