FAI Ballooning Commission Report

2014

1. Important activities

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

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

1. Dominic Bareford  
   UK  20976
2. Rokas Kostiuskevicius  
   LTU  20819
3. Clement Sigeot  
   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