



**FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)
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The “one size fits all” report format does not quite suit the General Air Sports Commission (CASI) as its structure and modus operandi is quite different to other Air Sport Commissions.

CASI is comprised of a representative of each ASC (normally the President) plus the representatives of NACs elected by the General Conference.

CASI is the only forum in the FAI structure that brings together representatives of both ASCs and NACs with a mandate to “*further the unity of all air sports within FAI through implementation of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code.*” Its specific duties are repeated here as there is often some misunderstanding as to CASI’s role.

Specifically, CASI is tasked by the FAI Statutes to:

- Establish and keep current the General Section of the Sporting Code;
- Advise the General Conference on appropriate measures to develop and encourage airsports which appear to be outside the mandate of existing FAI Commissions;
- When so directed by the Executive Board, serve as the FAI final court of appeal in all disputes or difficult cases concerning international sporting events and record attempts;
- In the event of an appeal against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature, investigate whether the appeal should be accepted, and if in the affirmative, establish an International Appeals Tribunal;
- Carry out other tasks related to air sports as assigned by the General Conference or the EB

Work done this year

There has been a complete review of the Sporting Code General Section this year. Significant changes include (but not limited to) :-

- Automatic recognition of world record performances by FAI
- Mandated use of the FAI Sporting Licence database
- Further devolution of responsibilities to ASCs if they so wish
- NAC subscriptions to be paid by 31 March for Sporting Licences to be valid

The International Appeals Tribunal Manual which was introduced last year has been reviewed.

The CASI Handbook introduced last year which provides procedures for CASI to conduct its business and now allows the CASI Bureau to make Interim Decisions has also been reviewed.

A draft set of rules for Human Powered Flight competitions has been prepared.

A new Section 13 for solar powered flight has been introduced.

Olympics

Possibility of Speed Flying as an Olympic Sport was raised by EB with the ASC Presidents in May 2014. This could be undertaken by CASI if CIVL/IPC do not want it, but it would need FAI resource allocation.

International Appeals Tribunal

International Appeals Tribunal dealt with four appeals. These appeals can be very time consuming and complex and the volunteers that comprise the Tribunal put in a tremendous effort to resolve them.

Comment from an IAT Chair:-

"I do sometimes wonder if the CASI Delegates and Executive Board Members who have never been involved in an appeal realize quite what is involved.... One quantitative indicator I can give you is that I have in total 282 emails in my (single appeal) file.

That might be useful data for the EB to consider in setting the price of an appeal, which has remained unchanged since 1998. That was when (it changed) from 2000 French Francs to 2000 Swiss Francs.... (about 400% increase)."

Summary

I would like to thank the Secretary-General and her staff for the support provided, and make a special mention of the work done by members of CASI workgroups and its Bureau to achieve the outcomes mentioned above.

Vale

Former CASI President Henk Meertens passed away 9 July 2014, just weeks after his wife Christine also died from cancer.

Former CASI representative for Switzerland, and FAI President of Honour Hans Peter Hirzel died on 1 April 2014.

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