



FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) Report to the 109th FAI General Conference Rotterdam, 25-26 September 2015

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

FAI Aeromodelling Commission is again, this reporting period, very active on the competitions stage, with a great number of FAI sanctioned events both for first and second category.

The CIAM is financially sound, as you may have noticed from the financial reports and the budget of this year.

During 2014-2015, there were numerous well-attended and successful World and Continental championships, in a variety of classes.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events conducted in 2014

Last year CIAM had organized 18 World or Continental Championships and close to 300 category 2 events which include World Cups, International or Limited International events. All the events were successfully organized and well attended.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2015

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 16 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space modeling classes we are practicing, and near to 350 Category 2 events.

Everybody understands that with such a big number of sanctioned events, what finally the number of participants will be and how big the number of volunteers involved, is. On behalf of CIAM I would like to thank everybody who is contributing to this effort.

Activities

In April, our Plenary Meeting was organized in Lausanne and 38 countries were present with more than 100 delegates or observers. Those numbers clearly show that NAC's are really interested for aeromodelling and support CIAM Bureau efforts. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2014 and April 2015) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

During the Plenary Meeting we continued to organize the Open Forum session where this year we discussed about Drones activities and how we may include such activity within CIAM. Because this activity is rapidly expanding all over the world and because there are a lot of issues in various countries with authorities, CIAM last year formed a working group which at the Plenary presented a report in which a set of draft competition rule was also included. CIAM Plenary decided to establish an Organizing Committee which will take care of this rule and will try to implement it in as many countries as possible. FAI EB supports this move.

Major decisions were adopted during the Plenary Meeting addressing issues like:

- Revision of ABR Volume
- New Biding procedure

Also CIAM Bureau has been involved in the World Air Games (WAG) project. CIAM will be represented at this major event with 4 disciplines.

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2. Positive and negative results:

N/A

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

Transportation of models still remains a problem affecting the participation in competitions and increasing the cost. With the opportunity of the Word Air Games in Dubai, together with the rest of the ASC's, with the coordination of the FAI Sports Director, we plan to evaluate the services of the official appointed company for this purpose and if this proves to be successful we will consider this for the future.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

- Effort to replace all the paperwork needed for CIAM activities with on-line applications
- Live Scoring Systems for CAT1 events

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

CIAM Bureau asked FAI EB to consider looking deeper into the issue of FAI intellectual properties on FAI sporting activities, since there are a lot of non-FAI or FAI members related organizations, which organize events using FAI sporting code and long established experience, without the necessary approval. An additional problem need to be further analyzed is the relations between the Active FAI member of some countries with the various aeromodelling organizations which already exist and operate. Bad relations means that a lot of activity is not counted as an FAI activity and this need to be addressed.

6. Free reporting:

Ending this report, I would like to thank FAI President, EB Directors and Airsports Commissions Presidents for the cooperation we had during the period. Also I would like to thank all CIAM Bureau members for their devotion and finally my thanks to the FAI staff for their valued support.

