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GAC Helsinki

Presidents report on 2018

The Agenda always call for the President to report on GAC Activities for the year

As usual I shall not do this as the principal GAC activity was the World Rally Flying Championships held in Dubnica Slovakia. This was an excellent event and you will hear reports in detail about it from the International Chief Judge and from the Chairman of the Jury.

Two experts in their field and I would not wish to steal their thunder.

In addition there was a successful Hans Gutman memorial long range Rally .

Much progress made with ANR in China and GAC sending delegation to China next week to oversee the first Chinese ANR introductory event.

However, that life has not been dull for me as your president

The next item of the agenda is a report by the FAI representative on FAI matters during the year

However, there is overlap here and what FAI think is important to report and what the GAC president thinks is maybe different.

I attended the FAI half year conference in Istanbul in June and just recently the FAI general conference in Luxor.

So I thought I would share with you some impressions and feeling about FAI and perhaps its relationship with GAC.

We in GAC and I hope you all agree with me are very focussed on our Sporting Events. Most of you work very hard throughout the year at local or international level at promoting, planning and running Rally, Precision or ANR events. And if not running them working on the rules to improve them. We are above all pilots and sportsmen devoted to our airports. These are important things to us

FAI HO on the other hand has it mind on more important things.

So what could be more important than helping us where they can to achieve our aims.

HO is engaged on the promotion of FAI . and endeavouring to improve itself. So this means lots of meeting and forums and working groups set up to discuss matters such as global communications, marketing strategy, attracting host cities for events such as WAG and the new Air Games series and multi-sport events.

Sporting Licences discussions are never ending and conflicts between the rights and duties of NACs and ASC. And the collection and allocation of relevant income.

FAI EB has instigated a ONE FAI project to look inwardly into FAI, to improve communications, decision making processes and relationships with ASC and NACs. Even within the working group set up to follow this through there is resentment about the membership of the working group with those who want to keep control at EB level and exclude any ASC [president being involved in that capacity.

Still FAI HO are talking at us instead of to us or with us.

So with all that said it was hardly surprising that the 2019 Budget proposal for a 10% increase in Membership fees was firmly voted down. And the President failed to get re-elected and failed to stay on the EB and his place as President was taken by Bob Henderson

And a Saudi delegate Mr Abdullah al-Jawiri was elected to the board.

So indeed fireworks!

Visa Mati Matti will speak shortly about the official view of what FAI is doing and has done and will do in the future