FAI Report 2014

FAI President
John GRUBBSTRÖM
Executive Board

• Elections at 2014 General Conference

• President: John GRUBBSTRÖM (SWE)

• Alvaro DE ORLEANS BORBON (ESP)
• Robert CLIPSHAM (CAN / Finance)
• Frederik (Frits) BRINK (NED)
• Robert HENDERSON (NZL)
• Otto LAGARHUS (NOR)
• Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (SUI)
## Statistics

### Membership

- Active Members: 87 (85)
- Associate Members: 14 (7)
- Temporary Members: 8 (10)
- International Affiliate Members: 4 (3)

**TOTAL**: 113 (105)

### Competitions 2013

- First Category Events: 48 (39)
  - incl. World Championships: 25 (18)
- Held in: 26 countries (21)
- Held on: 5 continents (6)
- Held with: 79 participating countries (66)
- Held with: 4638 athletes (2875)
Statistics
FAI General Conference

• Companions of Honour
  • Mike HEUER (USA) [26 years as President of CIVA]

• Future FAI General Conferences
  • 2014 Bangkok (THA)
  • 2015 Rotterdam (NED)

• New Regional Vice President (RVP)
  • Africa - John GAILLARD
  • (Also South America & South East Asia)
Finances

• 2013 budget ≈ +CHF13k for 2013
• 2014 budget ≈ -CHF70k for 2014
  • ASC expenditure of CHF73k more than income
  • HO and other activities under budget of CHF3k

• Commercial income increasing
  • Sponsors!

• New accounting system in place (ABACUS)
  • New bank account system for ASCs

• Western Union payment system
  • Tailored to international federations
  • Trials to reduce banking transaction costs
FAI Services

• IT Service Centre
  • Able to host ASC websites at no cost, full control with ASC
  • New email system, discussion groups
  • Videoconferencing
  • E-voting
  • Online registration, forms, surveys

• FAI Annual Report
  • Available as .pdf on FAI website
    • [http://www.fai.org/fai-documents](http://www.fai.org/fai-documents) and then “Other FAI Documents”
Air Sport Commissions
Hang Gliding & Paragliding
CIVL

In both Hang Gliding and Paragliding, activity was strong in 2012 with more than 8,600 pilots registered in the World Ranking Database to compete in between 30 FAI sanctioned events. Training sessions for new pilots were particularly visible in the Southern part of the globe, which saw for the first time Asia Paragliding Accuracy piloting skills and a continental Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS
- 2012 FAI European Paragliding Class 1 Championship in Algarve (PT)
- 2012 Hang Gliding European Championship in Herford (DE)
- 1st FAI Asia Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Xiamen (CN)
- 2nd FAI World Hang Gliding Accuracy Championship in Xiamen (CN)
- 1st FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Ushuaia (Argentina)
- 2012 FAI European Paragliding Championship in Saint André-Les-Alpes (FR, France)

In addition, a total of 277 pilots from Hang Gliding and Paragliding from all over the world competed for world championships and the 2013 World Games.

WORLD KIT ONLINE CONTEST (WKC)
The Commission had been running World Kit Online contest as a test for some years and 2012 was the first official contest season. The 2012 season which ended on 30 September had approximately 5,000 pilots participating in international and international online contests with pilots from 39 nations and about 15,000 flights braving the winds above.

“More than 8500 pilots competed in almost 300 FAI sanctioned events”

SAFETY
Paragliding safety has been the most important and desirable part of the commission’s activity for the last few years. At the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Bureau decided to hold a hang gliding competition on July 2012 to create a safety benchmark. In Category 1 competition, 525 pilots from 44 nations took part in 1,699 flights. The result was established at the Annual Meeting in France that December. However, the commission also announced their intention to work towards new competition class paragliders with a target date for 2014.

Ensuring that pilots flying in Category 1 courses have the knowledge, finding ways of looking into these issues and also ensuring the Commission’s priorities. Proposals to the coming Annual Meeting have been made.

RECORDS
Both world and continental records have been achieved by pilots in various Hang Gliding and Paragliding classes in the past year, including altitude, speed, and kilometer flight. It is now possible to set a continental record separately from a world record. The Commission will continue to promote improvements in the coming year.

MEETINGS
The members of the commission met on 18-19 February 2012 in Nantwich, Cheshire, UK. This meeting was preceded by a Bureau Meeting 16-17 February. This Bureau also met in November in Turkey, Loland.
FAI Services

• FAI database renewal
  • Evolved into 5 separate databases using Microsoft Access
  • Inaccurate information, double entries
  • New format, includes cleaning up old data
  • New services in 2014

• FAI Sporting Licence Management
  • System already online on FAI website under “About FAI”
  • Mandatory use in 2014 – SL not valid if not on the database!!

• Ask your NACs to upload their SL data
FAI Head Office

• New Secretary General
  • Susanne SCHÖDEL (GER)
  • World gliding champion
  • World record holder
  • SSC for short
  • Start 03 March 2014
  • 4th SecGen in 4 years
Anti-Doping

- 2013 experiences
  - No significant problems
  - Working well with SportAccord, our service provider

- RTP 2014 - ASCs that were not selected in 2013
  - CIA, CIG, CIVL, IGC, IPC

- FAQs on FAI website
  - Adopted by WADA – excellent feedback!

- Anti-Doping Manager
  - Ségolène Rouillon, antidoping@fai.org
Anti-Doping
• FAI Air Sports Marketing & Events
  • Cycle of failure
  • CEO resigned
  • Re-birth, re-focus
  • Concentration on creating revenue-generating events
  • Support to existing event organisers to increase revenue possibilities
Sponsorship & Partnership

• **Breitling** *(Global Sponsor)*
  • Activation Guide will be released soon
  • Strategy for 2014 in progress
  • Handled by FAI Head Office (and not FAME)

• **Red Bull Air Race** *(Partner)*
  • Re-starting in 2014, 7 events
  • FAI provides safety supervision services
Multi-sport events

• The World Games 2013
  • Strong media coverage
  • Presentation of our sports
    • Focus on the audience! Show them why we love air sports

• Asian Beach Games 2014
  • Regional Olympic Games
  • CIVL (paragliding), CIMA (paramotoring)

• World Air Games 2015
  • Still work in progress
Christophe Dubi

Sports Director at the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Full stadiums, enthusiastic crowds, flashy colours, historic and new iconic buildings, rock music, theatrical lighting and, above all, outstanding athletic performances: Sport was clearly at its best during the London 2012 Games! Every jump, every stride, every muscle, every drop of perspiration is now captured on super HD TV cameras. Sport in stadiums or in front of a TV is, more than ever, a captivating and totally emotional experience.
Sport is entertainment