



FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)
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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 2015-2016, 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 2015

Last year CIAM had organized 14 World or Continental Championships and close to 320 category 2 events which include World Cups and Open International events. All the events were successfully organized and well attended. We don't have to forget CIAM participation to the WAG 2015 hosted in Dubai and where CIAM was present with 4 events.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2016

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 13 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/space modelling and support CIAM Bureau efforts. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2015 at Dubai and April 2016 at Lausanne) 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 Live Scoring Systems and how useful they will be in the near future and also about the rapidly expanding Drones activities. CIAM Plenary decided to form another permanent S/C named FPV Racing and similar activities and also after acceptance of the rules that were prepared by the Working Group, World Cup events were included for this class also for this year.

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

- New Volume "CIAM General Rules" will replace the existing ABR Volume

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2. Positive and negative results:

CIAM participation to the recent World Air Games proved to be a very positive experience. It is quite obvious the way that we have to follow if we want to attract spectators and the media to our sports. The workshop organized for this purpose was quite productive and the outcome is a guide for all of us for the future.

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

Transportation of models still remains a problem affecting the participation in competitions and increasing the cost. The cost of organizing the events is also a key element that needs to be reconsidered very soon.

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 actions for the drones' case were very proactive. We do have a great support from the FAI EB. But since this activity is expanding quite rapidly and in many cases it is not following the FAI traditions, we need to be proactive for this matter as well. In addition it is very important that FAI needs to act also for the ruling part. Ruling is not going to affect the aeromodelling activities but also the rest of FAI activities with one way or another. So the FAI common strategy for drones is a necessity.

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 support.