



**FAI Hang and Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

CIVL still has many Category 2 events, 383 in 2014 (383 also in 2013, so stability). Paragliding Accuracy is slightly on the grow, Paragliding Cross Country slightly on the slow, hang gliding stable.

We had 3 World championships, all succesful:
Hang gliding (Class 1) in Valle de Bravo, Mexico.
Paragliding Cross Country in Roldanillo, Colombia.
Paragliding Accuracy in Puncak, Indonesia.

We had our Plenary in Belgrade, also succesfull.

CIVL created its own certification program for paragliders, CIVL Competition Class (CCC), the EN scheme being not satisfactory. The challenge was to create not only CCC, but also the procedure to control glider during competitions. It was a very big job indeed. 2015 saw the first CIVL certified gliders and the 1st category event opened to CCC gliders only. We are happy with the results. Pilots seem to like it and 7 manufacturers have certified CCC gliders so far.

The WAG. Huge project and involvement. A lot of extra work. I don't think we were ready for it.

Following proposals from 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games organisers, FAI had to choose one aerial sport and paragliding it was. In the end we failed. We found interesting building up this project and thinking about FAI sports and spirit and Olympic Sports and spirit. The World Air Games are coming, and will no doubt bring more input on what paragliding is about.

We are restructuring / rewriting CIVL Sections of the Sporting Code. So boring but so important. A lot of cleaning up and updating in this fast moving world of technology. We are also updating all our manuals and handbooks.

2. Positive and negative results:

Positive

- Cat 1 and Cat 2 competitions still going strong. 7 bidders for the 2017 Paragliding XC World.
- Paraglider CCC certification program (see above).
- The Plenary could finally vote on a budget (this was not done in 2012, 2013 and 2014, no final account being available).
- The WAG. It will be fun to be there.
- Basecamp program. We use it a lot. We like it. Go for it!
- FAI / CIVL website. We use it a lot. We like it. Go for it!
- Transition from one Commission President to the other (we both survived).

Negative

- A final account in red. We are spending more money than we earn. We are lucky to have good reserves.
- The WAG and the extra work.

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- Most people would rather go and fly than work in CIVL committees. We could be more efficient with more dedicated volunteers, but so it goes.

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

FAI Sporting Licenses

Complaints about the outrageous price that some NAC ask for SL, with absolutely no service given in exchange (while some NAC are giving away SL for no charge at all).

Complaints about SL being refused or taken back as a way to retaliate against associations or pilots not willing to play the game the exact way the NAC would like them to.

Complaints about NACs not fulfilling their obligations defined as per FAI Statutes: "The aims and objectives of FAI : To bring together the air sports men and women of the world in international competition."

Solution adopted: None in sight.

Finances

We still have difficulties understanding the financial processes. We can see a lot of progress, but more progress is needed so we can have at all time a clear understanding of where we stand, so we can answer request (reimbursement etc) swiftly.

Solution adopted: Treasurer and President went to Lausanne to meet FAI staff and it helped.

CIVL software scheme

It is not working as it should. It is very hard to find volunteers in this very demanding and specialized field. There is no way we could pay programmers what they are worth.

Solution adopted: We are working on a project of sponsoring/collaboration with a flight instrument manufacturer.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

Business as usual.

Create a WAG Organisation Team so next time we are ready.

Keep dreaming about what tomorrow competition should be and find good people to turn dreams into reality.

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

Study the Sporting License issue (see above), so NACs do, in fact, encourage, not discourage or forbid, air sports men and women of the world to participate in international competition.

Create Category 3 events for national events, without spots reserved for non national pilots.

6. Free reporting:

Thanks to FAI staff: involved, helpful, devoted.

Thanks to all at CIVL: Bureau and Committees members, Officers and friends.

Thanks to competition organisers: you are doing a good job.

Thanks to top level pilots: keep us dreaming!