

## CIVL President's Report to the 2015 CIVL Plenary

### *Sporting Activity and Competition Review*

In 2014 both hang gliding and paragliding, international competition activity within the FAI sanctioned competitions was 383 competitions across all disciplines, exactly the same as in 2013.

Civil Sanctioned Competition	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Category 1 Competitions</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Hang Gliding Class 1 XC	2	1	1	1
Paragliding Accuracy	2	2	2	1
Paragliding XC	2	1	2	1
<b>Category 2 Competitions</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>322</b>
Hang Gliding Class 1 Sports Class	34	29	16	12
Hang Gliding Class 1 XC	70	77	61	58
Hang Gliding Class 2 XC	9	7	3	3
Hang Gliding Class 5 XC	33	34	26	20
Paragliding Accuracy	62	55	49	43
Paragliding Acro Solo	4	5	8	11
Paragliding XC	165	172	160	175
Total number of competitions	<b>383</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>325</b>

This table shows sanctioned competitions.

More details of competitions are in annex 28, Report form CIVL Competition Coordinator.

### **Category 1 competitions in 2014**

- World HG Class 1 Women, 2, 5 and Sport Championships – Annecy, France.
- 13th European PG Championship, Raska Kopoanik, Serbia.
- 4th European PG Accuracy Championship, Vrsac, Serbia.
- 2nd Asia PG Accuracy Championship, Ranau, Malaysia.
- 2nd Pan-American PG Championship, Tucuman, Argentina.
- 14th FAI World Paragliding Championship, Roldanillo, Colombia

#### **Test events**

- Pre World Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship, Valle de Bravo, Mexico
- Pre World Paragliding Accuracy Championship, Puncak, Bogor, Indonesia

### **Future Championships**

In 2015 we have following World Championships:

- Paragliding Worlds Championship, Roldanillo Colombia (finished in January)
- Hang gliding World Championship, Valle de Bravo, Mexico.
- Paragliding Accuracy World Championship, Punac Bogor, Indonesia

### **Championships bids**

In past years CIVL there have been few bids and no bids for some planned competitions. This year there is great change in bids. Hang gliding still has only 1 World's bid and 1 Europeans bid, while Paragliding Accuracy has 3 bids and Paragliding XC has record number of 7 bids. There is also 1 PG Aerobatics bid.



The presentations of bids have been shortened from 20minutes to 10minutes, as it was impossible to fit the presentations in our busy schedule without shortening it.

## ***Records***

There were number of records in Hang gliding and Paragliding XC made in 2014. It seems interest in records, both Continental and Worlds is increasing.

For records to be valid a confirmation from the pilots NAC must be received with satisfactory details and within time limits. Sadly some records are rejected as sufficient confirmation is not received for ratification of an achievement of a pilot.

Records have been defined for Paragliding Accuracy and will be in competitions only. No record claim has been made since introduction in Paragliding Accuracy.

Paragliding Aerobatics Committee is working on defining Aerobatic records.

## ***Safety***

The Paragliding Committee has been working hard to finalize the definition of CIVL Competition Class Paragliders (CCC).

The CCC gliders were first allowed in the PG Worlds championship in Colombia.

From the experience from that first event it shows the CCC project to be a great success. I like to thank all of you who have made effort and contribution to the success of CCC.

In Colombia it was very noticeable how close the new wings are in performance and the high level of pilots was. With this level field of gliders and pilots big gaggles have shown to be a problem, when 100 – 150 pilots are in the same gaggle. New ideas must be introduced to reduce the gaggle as this is a safety issue to address.

## ***Finance***

The CIVL finances remain in good standing because of the number of sanctioned competitions and sale of IPPI cards. This is a direct result of the integration of our World Pilot Ranking System with our core competition activities and is dependent upon a continuation of that.

The CIVL finances have been one of the healthiest of all the FAI Commissions for some years.

The FAI office handles the accounting of all the commissions and manages the accounting system. The accounting has been improved so for this Plenary meeting CIVL will vote on last three years of accounts.

CIVL has had a separate bank account for some time. Now CIVL is receiving sanction fees paid by bank transfers to the CIVL bank account. The other income is not transferred directly to the CIVL account, for example all Paypal payments (sanction fee and more). That would be very helpful for CIVL to get in order to see all payments when they are done, it helps in verifying sanctioning applications faster and with less work.

## ***New Disciplines***

New flying disciplines are emerging. Paraglider speed flying is one discipline CIVL should look into adding to the disciplines already in CIVL. CIVL would take on rulemaking in order to make the sport safer and develop competition formats. Taking this on can open many doors. I suggest new CIVL Bureau forms a temporary working group to look into this discipline and report at next Plenary.



## ***World Air Games***

There is a work in preparing World Air Games of FAI that will take place in Dubai in December 2015. The CIVL disciplines in WAG are PG Aerobatics with 30 pilots and PG Accuracy with 20 pilots. This will be a showcase of our sport (and other FAI sports) that will be used for further PR work.

## ***Other Activity***

The CIVL President has many duties and there is a lot of work needed for CIVL. Having good people contributing in the Bureau is mandatory for CIVL to handle the tasks at hand. This Bureau has good people and they devote a lot of time to CIVL matters. Some of the Bureau activity is listed in Annex of the Plenary documents.

As a CIVL President I attended a number of meetings. In May, FAI hosts an annual Commission Presidents meeting in Lausanne.

In October the FAI General Conference meeting was in Pattaya, Thailand. During that meeting sessions, an Airsport Commissions Presidents meeting, CASI meeting (which handles the General Section of the Sporting Code among other tasks) and then the main General Conference meeting. Details (and minutes where applicable) of those meetings are available at the FAI website.

During the FAI General Conference meeting in Thailand, I was voted on the FAI Executive Board. So the current executive board is now with three new members who all come from Airsport Commission Bureau's. In my view this new EB will move FAI to new directions together with new staff of the FAI office, Susanne the Secretary General and Markus the Sports Manager. I have high expectations of both the FAI Executive board and FAI office staff to move FAI to new directions and new heights.

The annual autumn CIVL Bureau meeting was in late November in Lausanne, Switzerland. A good work was conducted during the meeting, which took place in MSI, the FAI office building. Preparation for the Plenary meetings is always much work for the Bureau with good support from the FAI office and Serbian NAC, this Plenary has been prepared well. I want to thank Serbia for their work and contribution to host the CIVL Plenary in Belgrade.

CIVL is working hard with good support of volunteers all around the world for the benefit of our sport. I thank you all on behalf of FAI and CIVL for your contribution. I also thank my Bureau and the CIVL Committees for their work during the year.

Because of my new position in FAI Executive board I will not stand for elections in CIVL. I have been attending CIVL meetings for over 15 years. I have been on the CIVL Bureau for 10 years and been acting and elected president for almost 4 years. I have enjoyed all work and my contribution to CIVL very much over the years. I have made good friends and met good people all over the world who enjoy our sport. It is now time to move on for me and to give space for others to take on the challenges of CIVL.

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