



**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, 359 in 2015 (383 in 2014 and 2013). Paragliding Accuracy is slightly on the grow, Paragliding Cross Country slightly on the slow, hang gliding stable.

(Our statistics differ slightly from FAI's. When an event includes 2 or 3 different classes of gliders, it is counted as 2 or 3 competitions, not 1.)

In 2016, we had 2 World championships and 4 Continental championships, all successful:

- World Hang gliding Cross Country (Class 5) in Krushevo, Macedonia FYR (30 pilots).
- World Paragliding Aerobatic in Annecy Lake, France (34 pilots).
- European Hang gliding Cross Country (Class 1) in Krushevo, Macedonia FYR (88 pilots).
- European Paragliding Cross Country in Krushevo, Macedonia FYR (150 pilots).
- European Paragliding Accuracy in (78 pilots).
- Asian Paragliding Accuracy in (50 pilots).

We had our Plenary in Lausanne, also successful (40+ delegates and assistants).

CIVL created its own certification program for paragliders, CIVL Competition Class (CCC). 2015 and 2016 saw the first CIVL certified gliders. The scheme is successful with pilots and manufacturers. As planned, a new version of the certification requirements will be implemented this October, covering the next two years. The aim is to make the certification program simpler, cheaper, so more manufacturers are ready to build CCC gliders.

The WAG. Despite important involvement and a lot of extra work, they did not meet our expectations. Still, we agree to keep working on the next WAG and on the World Games Series that should lead to them. We know what we want, we hope that FAI requirements will meet our wishes.

We are working on a World Games Serie project in Lake Chapala, Mexico, for 2017.

We restructured/rewrote CIVL Section 7 of the Sporting Code, manuals and handbooks. A necessary – if boring – job.

2. Positive and negative results:

Positive

- Cat 1 and Cat 2 events still going strong.
- Paraglider CCC certification programs.
- 2 very successful European XC championships with very low budget.
- 1 very successful World Paragliding Aerobatic Championship with a lot of media attention.
- New Live-tracking and scoring system tried very successfully in XC events.

Negative

- Our software situation.
- Lack of volunteers who like bureaucratic work.

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

Antonymic politics led by NACs concerning the FAI Sporting Licences, what they are for, how they are delivered.

Solutions to be found at the highest FAI level.

General reset needed in Paragliding Accuracy: revising of Judging program and references, control of Second Category events.

CIVL software scheme. It is not working as it should even though we signed a collaboration agreement with a flight instrument manufacturer.

No solution in sight.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

Business as usual.

Potential World Air Serie in Mexico.

Potential All Women World Championship (Cross Country and Accuracy).

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

None others than current issues being discussed.

6. Free reporting:

Address Sporting Licence issue, create a new website, lead a global reflexion on FAI and ASC software situation and projects, build the road to the future WAG...

There is plenty to be done to serve our disciplines and I am happy that we are all working on it.

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Signature:

