

Report of RVP-FAI, to South America 2012/2013

Geographic Region South = America + Panama



The countries that make up the group of this FAI Regional Vice President, are 12 and are thus divided:

1 - Countries affiliates or Actives Members of FAI: 6

1.1 - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela and *Ecuador*.

Note: *Ecuador* have a representation in Aeromodelling activity only.

2 - Countries Non-Members: 6

2.1 - Paraguay, Uruguay and *Panama*: some air sport activities.

2.2 – Peru, Bolivia and Guyana: not available information about their air sports activities.

Note: *Panama* it's not a South America country, but is in this FAI "South America countries"

	Country	FAI
1	Argentina	Active Member
2	Brazil	Active Member
3	Chile	Active Member
4	Colombia	Active Member
5	Venezuela	Active Member
6	Equator	Active Member
6	Active Members	

	Country	Air sports
7	Paraguay	Yes
8	Uruguay	Yes
9	Panamá	Yes
3	Possible Members	

	Country	Air sports
10	Peru	No information
11	Bolivia	No information
12	Guiana	No information
3	No Members/ Information	

12	Total Countries	
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In this vast territorial region there are **only 6 countries** with FAI representation and 3 others with some air sports activities. On the other, there is no further information.

Political report

The interactions between air sports entities in this region is very small and in some cases just between specific activity or air clubs. In many cases, **there is no National entity representation** (NAC) and activities are practiced separately by groups of enthusiasts.

There is an enormous difficulty in maintaining contact with these local entities and their leaders. A few modalities (aeromodelling, paraglide and parachuting) promote and participate in championships South American entities.

Brazil, Argentina and Chile (possibly by proximity to each other) are able to maintain good relations and integration in almost all aviation modalities, with many multinational events between these countries.

Differently from what happens in Europe and Asia, in most South American countries these air sport entities **do not receive any government support or financial aid**, being held directly by its affiliated members (athletes)

The regulatory issues, increasingly restrictive in all region, preventing further growth of some activities and exchanges between countries, has causing great difficulties to all sectors of General Aviation and especially in all air sports.

The FAI is poorly known in all the region, where most of the athletes and aeronautical authorities are not aware of the entity.

Finally, the values of the rates (FAI) are very high for the region's financial patterns, impeding possible participation of many countries or entities concerned.

Suggestion:

- To promote more divulgation of FAI in all region, especially to the aeronautical authorities;
- Develop a website in Spanish, to facilitate access of most of the athletes of all this big region;
- Apply differentiated rates to region, proportional to their financial realities;
- Promote meetings and multinational activities in the region, involving not only countries or affiliated entities, as well as those not affiliated.

Thank you.

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