



FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

Our Technology Subcommittee is developing a new "Balloon Live Project" that will drastically improve the way we score results in our competitive events. They have developed an app that works on both Android and IOS systems. With this system, pilots and organizers will benefit from reduced cost to produce results. By using cell phones to record results instead of the costly custom built loggers this will increase CIA profitability over our old system.

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2. Positive and negative results:

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

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

Continued development into ways to get instant results to the public is being developed. One of the major hurdles is the cost involved in sending a measured result from a dropped marker. If we can achieve a way to accurately and instantly get this posted so spectators can see how well a pilot did will increase enthusiasm in our sport.

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

6. Free reporting:

We just completed our 63rd Gordon Bennett that was one of the most exciting races we have had in our 118 year history. Seven of the twenty teams entered flew through a forth night and landed on the coast of Romania and Bulgaria. Only twice in the history of the Gordon Bennett have pilots been able to fly in excess of ninety hours. The Gordon Bennett is one of the most extreme and exciting events in the world and I find it amazing this event can't secure adequate sponsorship. It is a shame that pilots have to spend many thousands of dollars to participate, put on one of the best shows in sports and have to pay for it. I believe there should be enough money produced by this event to help the pilots with their expenses. Most of the Gordon Bennett's are held in Europe and pilots are charged large entry fees to participate. If we the FAI can't sell this event we don't have a lot left in our portfolio that will sell.

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