It has been proposed by the Italian delegate to the Environment Commission that a new FAI Environmental Diploma should be established.

The process requires the Environment Commission first to agree the proposal. The draft proposal for consideration by the Environment Commission is on page 2 of this document.

If approved, the proposal can then be passed to the FAI Executive Board for consideration and approval.

If approved by the Executive Board, the By-Laws can be amended and the Diploma incorporated in the FAI Awards system for 2013 onwards.

The suggested text to be included in the FAI By-Laws is:

7.14. AWARDS FOR FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

7.14.1. (Name) DIPLOMA
This (Name) Diploma was established by the FAI in 2013 following a proposal by the FAI Environmental Commission.
7.14.1.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the defence of and respect for the environment affected by air sports. The activities may include: scientific researches, private, public or commercial events or activities, developed or promoted directly by Pilots, sport flying Clubs, NACs or Public or Private bodies as Small and Medium Enterprises.
7.14.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one (Name) Diploma shall be awarded each year.
**Direct Objective**
To recognise and promote major contributions in the field of environmental and sustainable development, in accordance with the development of a philosophy and a vision of sport aviation that increasingly wants to be respectful of the environment that surrounds it.

**Proposal for the establishment of a new "Diploma"**

**Objective**
The issues related to energy saving, sustainable development and protection of the environment are becoming the heritage of all modern civil society. Our sport aviation can and must do its duty to prove that we have a conscience and a vision of full respect for the environment in which it operates. The Environment Commission of the FAI, following the Commission meeting held in Lausanne, proposes the adoption of the establishment of a new FAI Diploma to reward those activities that have resulted in major defence of and respect for the environment in which we operate. The activities may include: scientific research, public or private events, regular or occasional activities, developed by Pilots, sport flying Clubs or NACs or by Small and Medium Enterprises.

**Overall operation**
The operating rules should be very simple. Following the Statutes of the FAI, every year each NAC can send to the FAI a nomination for the Diploma. All proposals have to be received 60 days before the EnvC plenary meeting and will be evaluated by the Environmental Commission during the meeting. The Diploma will be awarded following the vote of the FAI Environmental Commission Delegates present at the annual meeting following the procedures as set out in the FAI Statutes.

If the majority of the delegates present at the meeting agree with this action, it remains only to discuss a name for the Diploma. Possible suggestions include:
- Green Sky Diploma
- Green Aviation Diploma
- Aviation Diploma
- Angelo d'Arrigo Diploma  (Angelo d'Arrigo was a hang glider pilot who flew with wild birds to help them to migrate. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angelo_d'Arrigo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angelo_d'Arrigo))