

CIAM SC Education Report 2009

1. CIAM Scholarship

The Technical Meeting during the CIAM Plenary Meeting was supported by 12 members and observers. Again, the main subject was the proposal of a scholarship awarded to one successful junior per year, funded by the CIAM budget. During the Technical Meeting, a new selection procedure has been agreed: All forms and attached personal statements should be forwarded to the CIAM Scholarship Selection Group of seven Education Experts, who – spread all over the world - independently consider the nominations in order to propose a sequence. Further on, the money should not be given to the scholarship recipient directly but paid to the applicant's NAC in order to be used to cover tuition fees etc.

This time, the Plenary Meeting approved the proposal unanimously. Because the rule is effective not earlier than January 2010, no scholarship can be granted by the Plenary in April 2010. Nevertheless, several experts already declared their interest in joining the Selection Group.

2. Questionnaire regarding Flying Fields

After a short review about the development of flying fields presented to the Bureau, the idea had been brought forward that a questionnaire sent to all delegates might improve knowledge and awareness of international trends. While scrutinizing the matter it was realized that “flying fields” are just one part of the conditions under which model flying is practised. For a first questionnaire a more general approach seemed to be more appropriate; a proposed form has been mailed to the Sub-committee and comments worked in an updated proposal to be agreed within the Bureau.

3. Other Projects

The current rulebook leaves simpler than FAI classes mainly to the discretion of the NAC. Mike Colling raised the question whether the related CIAM Sub-committees are willing to discuss their panels in order to integrate appropriate classes as guidance on the route to the classes of international championships. - This discussion might become part of the strategy process which started with the workshop March 25, 2009.

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