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# Minutes

## of the **Bureau Meeting** of the **FAI Aeromodelling Commission**

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at Maison du Sport International

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# FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION (CIAM)



## MINUTES

of the April 2013 CIAM Bureau Meeting  
held at Maison du Sport International (MSI), Lausanne  
on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 09.00 hours

<b>In the chair:</b>	<b>Mr Antonis Papadopoulos (Greece)</b>	<b>President of CIAM</b>
	Mr Gerhard Wöbbing (Germany)	1st Vice-President
	Mr Kevin Dodd (Australia)	2nd Vice-President
	Mr Andras Ree (Hungary)	3rd Vice-President
		Treasurer
	Mr Massimo Semoli (Switzerland)	Secretary
	Mrs Jo Halman (United Kingdom)	Technical Secretary
	Mr Ian Kaynes (United Kingdom)	F1 Sub-Committee Chairman
		FF World Cup Co-ordinator
	Mr Bengt-Olof Samuelsson (Sweden)	F2 Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Michael Ramel (Germany)	F3 Aerobatics Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Tomas Bartovsky (Czech Republic)	F3 Soaring Sub-Committee Chairman
		F3B/J World Cup Co-ordinator
	Mr Dag Eckhoff (Norway)	F3C/N Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Rob Metkemeijer (Netherlands)	F3 Pylon Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Narve Jensen (Norway)	F4 Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Emil Giezendanner (Switzerland)	F5 Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Srdjan Pelagic (Serbia)	SM Sub-Committee Chairman
	Mr Guy Revel (France)	Media Consultant – WAG selection WG
	Mr Ken Hirose (Japan)	Observer
	Mr Marius Conu (Romania)	Observer
	Mr Tom Erik Sorensen (Norway)	Observer
	Mrs Olga Maxymova (Ukraine)	Observer
	Mr Rob Hughes	FAI Senior Sports Manager
pt	Mr Horace Hagen (USA)	Observer
pt	Mr Bob Brown (USA)	Observer
pt	Mr Jean-Marc Badan	FAI Secretary General
pt	Mr Giancarlo Sergi	FAME CEO

The President opened the meeting at 09.00 and welcomed the members of the Bureau and a number of observers.

**1 Review of Agenda**

At the request of the F2 Subcommittee Chairman a discussion about democracy in CIAM and the F2C noise reduction rules was added at item 39.

**2 Minutes of the December 2012 Bureau meeting**

No comments; they are accepted.

**3 Schedule of Plenary Meeting, Technical Meetings and Award Presentation**

The CIAM Secretary, Mr Massimo Semoli, went through all his Plenary PowerPoint draft Plenary Meeting presentation for review by the CIAM Bureau.

The Technical meetings locations have been assigned but they can be adjusted in accordance with the number of attendances at each meeting.

Mr. Hughes explained that the electronic voting system, just purchased by FAI, will be used when required.

**4 CIAM Bureau Officers nominations and elections**

All the CIAM Bureau Officers and the Subcommittee Chairmen are available to stand for election or to be confirmed in post.

**5 Scholarship Selection  
(Item 34 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

The Scholarship Selection Committee recommended that Mr Loic Burbaud (France) be proposed to CIAM for the 2013 Scholarship.

Only 6 members of the Selection Committee voted since one was the father of a candidate.

CIAM 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Mr Gerhard Wöbbeking, suggested instituting a Scholarship diploma. The Bureau approved this suggestion and the name of the Diploma will be defined by the Educational Subcommittee Technical Meeting being held the next day.

**Action: Educational Subcommittee**

Mr Hughes will provide the A4 size FAI template.

**Action: Mr Hughes**

**6 Reports of Subcommittee Chairmen**

The F2 Subcommittee Chairman will revise his report to include noise reduction aspects.

There are no amendments to the other reports.

**7 CIAM Flyer status report. Emil Giezendanner, Editor**

The President congratulated the editor, Mr Giezendanner, on his continued effort.

**8 CIAM Treasurer's Report. Andras Ree**

Mr Ree provided a report.

The late payments of the medals was discussed. Various solutions were evaluated and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President proposed to establish a sanction fee. A final decision was not taken.

**9 Sporting Code. Report by Technical Secretary**

The Technical Secretary thanked the Subcommittee Chairmen for their support and was pleased to report that the Sporting Code was published on time. However, there was a mistake in the submitted F3N Optional Manoeuvres drawing that now needs to be corrected. The Technical Secretary will put a Technical Notice on the CIAM website. The 2014 Sporting Code will be amended accordingly if that manoeuvre continues to be included.

**Action: Mrs Jo Halman**

## **10 Code Restructuring (item 19 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

The Technical Secretary had conducted an analysis of the classes in the Codes and those used in international competition. The conclusion means that splitting the Code into two sections, (i) international competition classes and (ii) other classes, actually gives much less benefit than at first thought. Thus the Technical Secretary does not recommend this action.

She stated that what would be beneficial would be for each volume to be rationalised so that the rules for very similar classes are not written in full as at present. Rather, identical rules should refer to the main class and only the rules that are different from the main class should be written in full. Good examples of this are the F2D classes and the F3 Aerobatics classes.

## **11 Review of the Bureau Proposals**

13.3 h) B.7.4 The proposal regarding the name of “banquet” or “farewell dinner” was withdrawn.

13.3 d) - B.3.2 (Sporting Licence). With reference to the General Section rule 8.1.3.6.4 it was emphasised that a check of the competitor FAI licences should be carried out at the beginning of each championship in order to avoid a competitor illegally representing a particular country in the previous two calendar years. The online FAI licence database is now working but still depends on the NACs providing the licence data.

13.3 k) B.16.2 National Team Classification. The discussion concluded that establishing a single way of team classification for all the classes and categories was neither easy nor practical and a conclusion was not reached. The CIAM President suggested discussing it after the evaluation made at the Technical meetings. The Technical Secretary pointed out that a solution would be difficult if the classification had to be based on the positions achieved. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President suggested withdrawing the current Bureau proposal, and work towards a new proposal by the Bureau which will be discussed during the next Bureau Meeting. This was agreed and it was also agreed that Norway and France would be requested to withdraw their proposals too.

13.3 n) B.16.3 Team Classification – Multiple Contests. The Technical Secretary suggested that “categories” should be changed to “classes” in the title and text.

## **12 Plenary Meeting Agenda and Sporting Code Proposals**

The “not Voting” approach will be continued to be used for the Sporting Code Proposals voting. No other comments.

## **13 2013 Contest Calendar. 2013 World and Continental Championships. 2014 and future World and Continental Championships.**

Romania submitted an offer for the F4C World Championship in 2016. Germany withdrew the offer for the F3P European Championship in 2014.

Serbia requested the early awarding of a bid three years in advance of the championships. This is allowed under exceptional circumstances but the request has to be in writing justifying the reasons and submitted well in advance and certainly no later than 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

## **14 FAI Medal Status.**

The Treasurer reported that 5,600 Euros were necessary for covering the medal requirements for 6 years, buying them through Mr Sandy Pimenoff. The cost is about 20 Euros for each medal.

- 15 **Medals for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places at World Cup classes (Item 27.1 of Dec Bureau meeting)**  
About 40 medals each year are required for awarding medals at the World Cup Classes. The Bureau unanimously approved to award medals to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. These will be CIAM Medals supplied by Mr Sandy Pimenoff.  
The CIAM President will manage it with FAI.  
**Action: CIAM President**
- 16 **Special Awards (item 36 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**  
The CIAM President will start again to identify what and how to present Special Awards. He will liaise with the FAI.  
**Action: CIAM President**
- 17 **Aeromodelling Badges (item 16 of Dec Bureau meeting)**  
The Treasurer reported that about 30 badges would be necessary each year. It was decided not to progress this.
- 18 **Management of Trophies no longer awarded (item 35.1 of Dec Bureau meeting)**  
The Scale Subcommittee Chairman said that the F4B trophies (individual and team), have to be sent back to FAI office. There will be a discussion on re-allocation of the trophies during the Scale Technical Meeting. The Polish Delegate needs to be contacted for the return of the trophies.  
**Action: CIAM Secretary**
- 19 **Commercial Involvement in Aeromodelling Classes (Item 28.1 of Dec Bureau meeting)**  
The CIAM President reported on the current status for the Eurotour series and the relations between CIAM and CONTEST management. He proposed that a new Memorandum of Understanding or formal agreement should be signed with this company. He also mentioned the initial meeting that he and the 1<sup>st</sup> CIAM VP had with CONTEST Managing Director, Mr. Kropka. He also had meeting in Salonica, Greece with the other CONTEST partners and sponsors.  
In addition to the technical issues that need to be solved, a contribution fee must be paid to CIAM. The sanction fees shall be the same as of the World Cup. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President pointed out that some Eurotour contests are organised at the same date of the World Cup contests and on many occasions in nearby locations. Therefore, the Eurotour events should be notified to FAI by 15<sup>th</sup> of November for approval and in order to give an opportunity for adjustments.  
The CIAM President presented a proposal which will be a solution to those problems and if accepted by the Bureau it would be submitted as a Bureau proposal at the forthcoming Plenary Meeting.  
CIAM Bureau members accepted this proposal.  
In addition to Eurotour competitions, it was pointed out that the IJMC organisation is still reluctant to co-operate with CIAM. However, they are using FAI judges for their competitions and it was felt that a "contribution" fee should be paid to CIAM.  
The CIAM President will discuss the Intellectual Property Rights of FAI at the FAI Executive Board meeting that will be held in May.  
**Action: CIAM President**
- 20 **Contract with FAI/FAME**  
The CIAM Bureau approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CIAM and FAME during the 2013 Plenary Meeting. MOUs have been already signed with two Commissions (IGC and CIVL). A trial period will follow before signing the contract. Mr Sergi, CEO of FAME, gave a summary of the goals of FAME. The Aeromodelling promotion is one of the goal since it has huge potential. New types of

events can be developed including showcasing within cities. The co-operation of the Subcommittee Chairmen will be required.

The FAI Secretary General stated that FAME, with a lighter structure, is better able to give assistance as the FAI has no experience with sponsorship research. The Breitling sponsorship was achieved because of FAME. CIAM is the largest Commission and Indoor Aeromodelling is very promising.

## **21 Anti-doping and RTP issues**

CIAM had proposed four names for the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) anti-doping tests. Two competitors were randomly selected: one in Soaring and one in Helicopter. Reluctance to be submitted for the anti-doping tests were raised. One of the above competitor refused to follow the procedure and his FAI sporting license was revoked thus ending his competitive Aeromodelling career. An e-mail from USA was received stating that the anti-doping tests are useless and will adversely affect the Aeromodelling activity. The main concerns are trusting those who will perform the tests. The WADA organisation will perform the tests and the FAI Jury President at the championship has no direct involvement. The competition organisers have to provide the room where the tests will be performed. The relevant costs will be paid by FAI that has to order a certain number of tests to WADA.

Mr Hughes explained that a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) section has been added to the FAI web site by the FAI anti-doping manager.

## **22 FAI Sporting License issuing**

The issue of an Sporting License from the FAI to Mr. Halgreen, who is currently living in Botswana which is not an FAI member, have been resolved and an e-mail with the decision had been sent by the FAI General Secretary.

## **23 UAVs**

The UAVs and FPVs activity has to be considered by CIAM. Mr Bob Brown, President of AMA, outlined the AMA position indicating that this is a new activity being fully embraced by young people. The "line of sight" vision is the key requirement and AMA will consider this requirement. Any camera on board of the model shall not be used for commercial purposes and the images shall not be made public. FAA has not yet approved specific rules. Mr Kevin Dodd outlined the situation in Australia where UAVs and FPVs have come under the regulation of the MAAA.

The Secretary outlined the situation in Italy where ENAC (Civil Aviation authority) issued a draft set of rules for remote controlled aircraft where no crew is on board. Recreational use and "line of sight" vision are the prerequisites for defining an aeromodel. The ENAC's main concern was the safety related to the use of FPV models.

At the end of discussion, it was decided to prepare a questionnaire to be sent to the NACs. Then CIAM will consider the situation and prepare proposals to be forwarded to FAI Executive Board regarding the definition of UAVs and FPVs.

**Action: 1st Vice President  
June 2013**

## **24 IATA and ICAO transport regulations**

FAI head office is going to deal with transportation of sporting equipment and CIAM will prepare some guidelines for the organisers regarding batteries. Various solutions were discussed: batteries to be provided by the championship organisers; batteries to be purchased at the championship location; batteries pre-shipped to the championship location, etc.

**Action: TBD**

## **25 Championship Organisations – Organiser Agreement document (item 21 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Mr Hughes explained that a Working Group has been created. In May, the Swiss lawyers will evaluate the draft of the Organiser Agreement document bearing in mind that it must not be an intimidating document. The Technical Secretary emphasised that the specific Aeromodelling requirements must be included and the Secretary requested that the benefits to the organisers also be included.

**26 Procedure for Acceptance of a Bid for Organising a Category 1 Event  
(Item 22 of Dec Bureau meeting)**

A decision was taken that the CIAM Subcommittee Chairmen will be involved in first checking the submitted bids to host any Category 1 event. After the Subcommittees' initial approval, the bid will then be forwarded to the Plenary or to the Bureau (for late bids) for final approval.

At a later stage, the CIAM Subcommittee Chairmen will be responsible for reviewing the Bulletin 0 and for identifying the Jury members, Judges or other officials required by the rules before Bulletin 0 is presented to the Bureau meeting.

A proposal will be prepared by the CIAM President.

**Action: CIAM President  
December Bureau meeting**

**27 Accommodation Costs Variation per Country  
(Item 42 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

A discussion with no end results was held. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will co-ordinate proposals on this matter.

**Action: 1st Vice President**

**28 Bulletin 0 Template  
(Item 42 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

The action continues and the 1st Vice-President will produce a Bulletin 0 template document to follow the layout of Annex A.1b which will be made available to Organisers to help them produce Bulletin 0s.

**Action: 1st Vice-President  
December Bureau Meeting**

**29 Minimum Standards  
(item 17 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Action continues and the Sub-Committee Chairmen have to provide additional details to Mr Giezendanner for inclusion in an updated document to be scrutinised at the next Bureau meeting.

**Action: Mr Giezendanner and All Sub-Committee Chairmen**

**30 Reduction of Number of Classes  
(Item 18 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President explained the approach he is going to follow at the Open Forum agenda item of the Plenary Meeting. The CIAM President asked for proposals and ideas without taking any decision for the time being.

**31 Naming of the Championships  
(Item 4 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Action carried out on the 2013 Calendar and FAI will use the new list.

**32 CIAM Jury Handbook  
(Item 11.1 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Other Commissions are working on their own Jury handbook. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President evaluated the present Jury handbook and he identified 3 parts to be changed. He proposed to work in parallel with FAI and it was decided to form a CIAM Working Group for forwarding proposals to CASI for inclusion in the long-standing, but outdated, FAI Jury Handbook. Mr Hughes pointed out that the "Organiser Agreement", the "Jury Handbook" and the "Rules on Advertising" are three documents connected each other

that need to be updated. After May we should have some results from the Working Group activity working on those documents.

**33 CIAM Jury Pack  
(Item 11.2 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Mr Pelagic described the draft of the CIAM Jury Pack document sent to the Bureau via e-mail. The CIAM President suggested uploading the final issue of the document to the CIAM web site to assist the Jury members to their activity. Mr Pelagic and the Technical Secretary will review and correct the draft document.

**Action: Mr Pelagic and the Technical Secretary**

**34 FAI License Checking at the Championships  
(Item 26 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

A Bureau proposal is ready to be evaluated at the Plenary Meeting.

It will avoid competitors competing for a different country at a first category competition during the last two calendar years in accordance with General Section rule 8.1.3.6.4.

**35 Technical Expert Working Group  
(Item 15 of Dec Bureau meeting)**

The draft of the Terms of Reference document has been sent by the CIAM President to the Bureau for evaluation. The action for completing the definition of tasks and functions of the Working Group continues.

**Action: CIAM President  
December Bureau meeting**

**36 World Artistic Games**

Mr Revel informed the meeting that 24 pilots have been selected during the 2012 year. The organiser has not yet been found. China made an offer but it has not yet been confirmed.

**37 Asian Beach Games 2014  
(Item 39 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Mr Metkemeijer explained that an F3R Aeromodelling event is required. Improvements to the rules for making the event more attractive will be adopted. A test event will be required for verification. It will be a simple Open International competition where FAI is not involved but a sanction fee still has to be paid.

The Asian Beach Games is a very big and important event in Asia. Care, therefore, has to be taken for promoting Aeromodelling using reliable and capable pilots and checking that the event will be organised in the most attractive way.

Mr Hughes confirmed that a lot of television (including interviews) and media will be involved with a high potential for acquiring important sponsorship contracts.

The CIAM President asked Mr Metkemeijer to constantly report to him about the progress of the preparation of the games.

**38 Dates for the 2013 Bureau Meeting & Dates for 2014 Bureau and Plenary meetings**

Bureau Meeting: Friday and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Bureau Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Plenary Meeting: Friday and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**39 Any Other Business**

The F2 Subcommittee Chairman pointed out that the noise issue for the F2C category needs to be managed in a more appropriate and democratic way. A proposal relevant to the noise test and to the use of the silencer was approved by the Plenary meeting some years ago. In his opinion no sufficient technical impact evaluation has been performed. Thanks to the support of Mr Metkemeijer, the procedure for the noise test has been identified but the use of the silencer could destroy the class. The F2 Subcommittee



Chairman stressed the fact that CIAM must listen to the protests raised against the use of the silencer.

The Technical Secretary said that CIAM cannot ignore the a proposal that it has already approved without losing credibility.

Mr Metkemeijer suggested delaying the introduction of the approved proposal in order to make it more acceptable.

The CIAM President closed the meeting at 17.45