Minutes of the Bureau Meeting of the FAI Aeromodelling Commission

Held in Lausanne, Switzerland
on 10th April 2014
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In the chair: Mr Antonis Papadopoulos (Greece)  President of CIAM
Mr Gerhard Wöbbekeing (Germany)  1st Vice-President
Mr Kevin Dodd (Australia)  2nd Vice-President
Mr Andras Ree (Hungary)  3rd Vice-President
Mr Massimo Semoli (Switzerland)  Treasurer
Mrs Jo Halman (United Kingdom)  Technical Secretary
Mr Ian Kaynes (United Kingdom)  F1 Sub-Committee Chairman
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
Mr Dag Eckhoff (Norway)  F3B/J World Cup Co-ordinator
Mr Rob Metkemeijer (Netherlands)  F3C/N Sub-Committee Chairman
Mr Narve Jensen (Norway)  F3 Pylon Sub-Committee Chairman
Mr Emil Giezendanner (Switzerland)  F4 Sub-Committee Chairman
Mr Srdjan Pelagic (Serbia)  F5 Sub-Committee Chairman
Mr Guy Revel (Czech Republic)  SM Sub-Committee Chairman
Mr Peter Halman (United Kingdom)  Media Consultant – WAG selection WG
Mr Marius Conu (Romania)  F2 World Cup Co-ordinator
Mr Ken Hirose (Japan)  Observer
Mr Bill Lee (USA)  Observer
Mr Cringu Popa (Romania)  Observer
Mr Andreea Popescu (Romania)  Observer
Mrs Olga Maxymova (Ukraine)  Observer
Mr Tom Erik Sorensen (Norway)  Observer
Mr Markus Haggeney  FAI Sports and Marketing Director
The President opened the meeting at 09.00 and welcomed the members of the Bureau and a number of observers.

**Meetings Procedurals**

1 **Agenda Review**
   Mr Eckhoff pointed out that the F3N Judges proposal was submitted in the wrong year so it was not on the Plenary Agenda. He would like the Bureau to decide to include those proposals anyway.
   Mr Kaynes requested a discussion regarding the 2014 Junior F1D champion status. It will be discussed under the AOB agenda item.

2 **Minutes of the December 2013 Bureau meeting**
   No comments and the Minutes were accepted.

3 **Schedule of Plenary Meeting, Technical Meetings and Awards Presentation Ceremony**
   The CIAM Secretary, Mr Massimo Semoli, went through his Plenary PowerPoint draft Plenary Meeting presentation for review by the CIAM Bureau.
   The Technical meeting locations were assigned but they can be adjusted later in accordance with the number of attendees for each meeting.

4 **CIAM Bureau Officers nominations and elections**
   Mr Wöbbeking will not stand for re-election as V-P, but he is willing to continue as Education S-C Chairman, if elected.
   Mrs Halman will not stand for re-election. She had already informed the Delegates.
   Mr Dodd is to stand for Technical Secretary.
   Therefore, two positions for Vice-President are vacant.
   Mr Samuelsson will not stand for F2 Subcommittee Chairman.
   Mr Prevotat will not stand for F7 Subcommittee Chairman.
   The other Sub-Committee Chairmen confirmed remaining in their posts.

5 **Date for 2014 December Bureau meeting. Dates for 2015 Bureau and Plenary meetings**
   December Bureau Meeting: 5th & 6th December 2014
   April Bureau Meeting: 23rd April 2015
   Plenary Meeting: 24th & 25th April 2015

**Reports**

6 **Reports of Subcommittee Chairmen**
   No comments and the reports are available as Plenary Meeting Agenda Annexes.

7 **CIAM Flyer Status Report. Emil Giezendanner, Editor**
   The CIAM President thanked Mr Giezendanner for his continued excellent work on the CIAM Flyer. Copies of the CIAM Flyer will be available at the Plenary meeting.

8 **CIAM Treasurer’s Report:**
   **8.1 2013 Budget**
   Income and Expenditure are in the report.
   The CIAM President asked if the CONTEST (EuroTour) organisation fee (2,000 €) was included in the credit card payments but the Treasurer replied that it was not possible to separate them out.
   The 2013/14 statement is still provisional.

   **8.2 2014 Budget**
   It was presented on the screen. No comments.
8.3 2015 Budget Proposal
It was presented on the screen. No comments.

8.4 Model Stickers Order
Model stickers need to be printed and the relevant order is not yet in the budget. In 2009 the cost for 40,000 stickers was about 1,800 CHF. They will need to be ordered for 2015. Approximately 5,000 stickers are required each year. It was agreed to set aside 2,000 CHF for the printing of model stickers.

8.5 CIAM Bank Account and other Financial Issues
After a decision from the FAI EB, all the Air Sports Commissions that wish to hold a separate Bank Account, need to express this in writing to FAI Secretariat. CIAM already expressed this will, and Mr Papadopoulos as President and Mr Ree as Treasurer will receive the special instructions as soon as they are available.

The Serbian NAC still owes 700 CHF for the 2013 F1D medal payment. Mr Pelagic was not aware of the missing payment and he will check with the NAC. The CIAM President asked for a copy of the payment transfer paperwork.

Action: Mr S Pelagic

The CIAM account is still in a reasonable credit condition.

Mr Wöbbeking informed the meeting that there are two scholarships still pending and one has been paid.

9  Sporting Code. Report by the Technical Secretary
Depending on the outcome of some of the proposals, the Technical Secretary advised that a revised edition of the ABR volume may have to be issued in early May.

The EDIC pages of the CIAM website are set up and in use. A number of devices have already been authorised for use in F5J competitions.

The historical and retired world records are now available on the CIAM pages of the FAI website.

She is still optimistic that the FAI IT Manager will be able to resolve the order of the Category II competitions so that they appear in date order and not in reverse date order, as is currently the situation.

The 2014 proposal form and the proposal submission guidelines now contain the web address for the automatic submission of proposals process. This should make it easier for NACs and Delegates to submit their proposals in the correct way. The two documents are already uploaded to the CIAM website in readiness for the submission of proposals for the 2015 Plenary meeting.

10 Scholarship Selection (item 32 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
Mr Wöbbeking presented the analysis and the voting for the six candidates for the 2014 CIAM Scholarship. He commented that of the seven experts on the Scholarship Panel only six voted as Mr Findahl’s son was a candidate. Mr Wöbbeking was pleased to announce that the selected candidate for 2014 was Oskar Findahl, SWE. The Plenary Meeting will be asked to approve the selection.

Because of the number of candidates, Mr Wöbbeking suggested that two scholarships be awarded annually. The Bureau will evaluate the proposal.

11  FAI Medals status
No issues have been notified.

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12 Contest Calendar.

12.1 2014 FAI World and Continental Championships.
The CIAM Secretary showed the status of the championships on the screen. There were no comments.

12.2 2015 and Future FAI World and Continental Championships.
The CIAM Secretary showed the status of the championships up to 2018 on the screen. Mr Pelagic informed the meeting that the Belgrade hall hire cost had substantially increased and regretfully Serbia can no longer host the 2015 F1D European Championships that had been awarded at the last Plenary meeting. Therefore, a new bid has to be managed at the 2014 Plenary meeting. Mr Pelagic said that Romania will make an offer and recommended them to be awarded as the new organiser of the 2015 FAI European Championship for Free Flight Indoor Model Aircraft.

12.3 Bulletin – 0 Approvals for 2015 Events organised between January and April.
The 2015 FAI World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft will be organised in Poland on 14th to 22nd of March 2015. Therefore, the CIAM Bureau had to approve the Bulletin 0 during this meeting. The costs were approved. The FAI Jury members were approved. Some of the Judges have to be confirmed later. The site was deemed acceptable by Mr Ramel. The Bulletin to be amended for the following:

- To add the number of rooms available to the listed hotels.
- To add transportation information.
- To correct: item 2 to “F3P Class for Seniors and Juniors”; item 5 with 2015 year; item 16 with 2015 year; item 19 with correct text; item 24 with the correct text: that 2.4 GHz transmitters are strongly recommended but not mandatory; item 27 with correct text.
- The Preliminary Entry Form to have the venue address displayed as it is in the Bulletin.
- To change the end date of the championship from 22 March to 21 March.

With the above points, the Bulletin 0 was approved by the Bureau. Bulletin 1 will be sent to the CIAM Secretary at the beginning of September to be issued by mid-September.

*The table of data appears overleaf*
2015 FAI World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft

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Proposals

13 Plenary Meeting Agenda and Sporting Code Proposals
The CIAM President went through the Plenary Meeting Agenda items and no amendments were necessary.

14 Review of Bureau Proposals
14.1 Plenary Agenda Bureau Proposals
14.1.1 B.16.2 National Team Classification (item 11 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
No comments or amendments had been received on the already approved Bureau proposal.

14.1.2 4.3.4 c) d) & e) Characteristics of a Team Racing Model Aircraft (F2C Silencer Rule item 15 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
Some members of the F2 Subcommittee had generated amendments to this Bureau proposal and had produced a “New Plan” leading to changes over the next four years with silencers being imposed for implementation in 2019 if noise had not been reduced to the expected levels.

After a long discussion, and with the agreement of the Bureau, the CIAM President instructed the F2 Technical Meeting to discuss the New Plan and the amendments and for Messrs Samuelsson and Halman to meet with him immediately afterwards to inform him of the outcome.

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4.3.4 e) Characteristics of a Team Racing Model Aircraft (II) (Silencer cross-section measurement)

This will be managed as part of the previous proposal.

14.1.3 B.6 Procedure to Accept Championship Bids
No comments or amendments had been received on the already approved Bureau proposal.

14.1.4 A.10 Championship Organiser Bond and A.11 Sanction Fees
Before the meeting, the S-C Chairmen decided not to support this proposal. The CIAM President had also contacted the new FAI Sports and Marketing Director and this proposal will be tied in with the Organiser Agreement which will not be ready for some time. He will explain this to the Plenary meeting and he will request that the proposal be referred back to the Bureau. He will also ask the Delegates for feedback on the topic.

**Action: CIAM President**

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14.1.5 A.7.1 a) Timetable for Proposals
No comments or amendments had been received on the already approved Bureau proposal.

14.1.6 Annex B.4 FAI Perpetual Aeromodelling Trophies (adoption of trophies proposal)
The new trophy for FAI Senior World Championships for Space Models Team Multi Categories “Pelagic Brothers Trophy”, donated by Srdjan and Miodrag Pelagic, needs to be added to the proposal that is already on the Plenary agenda.

Mr Eckhoff suggested that there should be a time limit to the period for any trophy to be presented after which a new trophy should be presented.

He suggested also that an old F3C trophy needs to be replaced. He will make a proposal.

**Action: Mr Dag Eckhoff**

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There had been no news about the possible Canadian offer of a new perpetual trophy.

14.1.7 B.7.1 Information & B.7.4 Additional Fees (Bulletin 0 max date proposals)
No comments or amendments had been received on the already approved Bureau proposal.

14.1.8 B.7.2 Entry Fees (Local currency proposal)
No comments or amendments had been received on the already approved Bureau proposal.

14.2 End of March Published Bureau Proposals

14.2.1 A.15 & A.16 Reduction of Number of Championships or Classes (item 14 of Dec Bureau meeting)
The proposal now comprises clauses A.15, A.16 and a new A.17. No comments or amendments had been received on the already approved Bureau proposal.

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14.2.2 B.5.4 Jury Pack (item 10 of December Bureau meeting)
   The proposal had been amended for the correction of a typing error (Section “1” corrected to Section “4”).

14.2.3 B.2.3 Continental Championships & B.2.4 World Championships
   There was a long discussion to (a) clarify whether the limits of competitors in a championship was for one class or between all of them, for combined championships and (b) whether the minimum number of competitors for a championship should be different for each class. Moreover, it was suggested that rigid rules should not be established, particularly before acquiring sufficient experience. It was agreed that these two proposals refer to the validity of a championship and to see what the Delegates might say at Plenary.

14.3 Additional Bureau Proposals

14.3.1 Heli Weight
   Mr Wöbbeking informed the meeting that helicopter accidents had occurred during some record attempts in Germany with the complete destruction of the helicopters during their flights.

   It was agreed that this was a serious safety matter and he suggested that a Bureau Working Group be set up for studying aeromodelling safety aspects and to generate a Bureau proposal for the December Bureau meeting after information had been gathered from pilots.

   The CIAM President has to decide to bring it as a proposal.

   **Action: CIAM President**

   In the meantime, there should be a moratorium on any Helicopter speed world record attempts held at the annual German “Record Day”.

   Additionally, Mr Metkemeijer said that the whole of “Part Two, Records” records section needed to be overhauled. It was agreed that Mr Metkemeijer and Mrs Halman be tasked to do this.

   **Action: Mr Metkemeijer & Mrs Halman**

14.4 Other Bureau Proposals

   Other Bureau proposals, formulated after the publication of the Plenary Agenda in a report provided by the CIAM Technical Secretary, were discussed. These proposals begin overleaf.

   - F1D 3.4.6 Collision Rule
     In the event of a collision between two models in flight, each competitor must choose, in the time span between the collision and two minutes following the termination of his flight, either to retain the time of flight as an official time, or to have a reflight. The reflight must be flown before his next official flight.

     **A competitor has the right to a reflight even if the round time has expired when the collision occurs.** The reflight must be flown before his next official flight. **In the case of the last round of the competition, when there are no more official flights, the launch of the reflight should happen within one hour of the end of the round.**

     **Reason:** To clarify when a reflight may take place and to give some preparation time for that reflight.

     The proposal was approved by the Bureau.
14.4 Other Bureau Proposals …/cont

- **A.6. Proposal Submitted to the CIAM**
  This proposal deals with amendments to advance publication of rules.
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau.

- **Annex A.1c CIAM Championship Naming Policy**
  It was suggested that the sequential championship number be removed.
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau.

- **Annex A.1d “F” Designations for Championships**
  It was suggested that the senior and/or junior championships should be identified.
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau.

- **A.4 Sub-Committees**
  This was considered with the previous proposal.
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau without comments or amendments.

- **B.2.6 World Cup**
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau without comments or amendments.

- **B.3.4 Age Classification for the Contest**
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau without comments or amendments.

- **B.4.4 Contest Officials**
  The proposal was approved by the Bureau without comments or amendments.

- **B.5.5 Results**
  This proposal arose from the Ukrainian appeal about their protest at the 2013 FAI European Space Championships.
  The proposal was unanimously approved by the Bureau without comments or amendments. It will be with early implementation.
  The CIAM Secretary suggested that the FAI Jury should also check, validate and sign the main intermediate results of a competition, too. (Examples: qualification flights, semi-final flights, etc.)
  The Bureau was informed that the Ukrainian appeal is in progress and under evaluation by the FAI International Appeals Tribunal.

- **B.8. Special Contest Organisation Requirements**
  The proposal was approved by the Bureau with the amendments suggested by Mr Dodd and with early implementation.

- **B.15.1 Interruption of the Contest**
  The proposal was approved by the Bureau without comments or amendments.

15 **Naming of the Championships (item 3 of Dec Bureau meeting)**
This was discussed with item 14.13.2 - Annex A.1c CIAM Championship Naming Policy.

16 **Coordination between S/C’s and delegates (Michael Ramel suggestion)**
Mr Ramel suggested that a NAC should contact the relevant Subcommittee Chairman before making a proposal. In that way, many proposals can be solved before submitting them at the Plenary Meeting.

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The President said that the Subcommittees should contact the NACs and tell them what proposals the Subcommittees are working on and then the NACs and the Subcommittees can work together.

### Issues

17 **UAVs (item 19 of Dec Bureau Meeting + NAC of Sweden proposal)**

Referring to the Swedish proposal on the Plenary Agenda it was agreed to establish a Working Group that can become in the future a Subcommittee, if necessary. After the Plenary Meeting, it will investigate UAV/UAS within the regulations of model flying and will report back to the December Bureau meeting with, possibly, a Bureau proposal for the 2015 Plenary Meeting. Technical Experts in this field are needed for creating the Working Group and the CIAM President will ask the Delegates to provide names. The Technical Experts nomination list must be amended to include Technical Experts in UAV/UAS.

**ACTION:** CIAM President & Working Group 2015 December Bureau Meeting

18 **F6 Promotional Classes (item 23 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

After an extensive discussion it was decided that Mr Revel should liaise with all the Subcommittee Chairman to bring a report and possibly a draft proposal to the 2014 December Bureau meeting.

**ACTION:** Mr Revel & Subcommittee Chairmen 2014 December Bureau Meeting

19 **Transportation of Model Boxes (item 20 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

The CIAM President had received replies from a number of the Bureau members and Subcommittee Chairmen. With their approval, and that of the new FAI Sports and Marketing Director, he will contact potential couriers for establishing agreements.

**ACTION:** CIAM President

20 **Ukraine Appeal (item 10.3 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

This was discussed with item 14.4 - B.5.5 Results.

21 **RC Gliders – Use of Gyros (item 16 of Dec Bureau Meeting + Open Forum Session)**

The CIAM President had already informed the Delegates about this issue. The matter will be further discussed in depth at the Plenary Meeting Open Forum.

22 **Safety for Aeromodelling (item 41 of Dec Bureau Meeting)**

Because of the importance of this topic and of the relevant feedback and experiences already received, the CIAM President suggested that this topic be discussed at the 2015 Open Forum discussion with all the Delegates. The Bureau agreed that the discussion should be led from a positive viewpoint.

**ACTION:** CIAM President 2015 Plenary Meeting

23 **Accommodation costs variation per country (item 21 of Dec Bureau meeting)**

Messrs Jensen and Halman had worked together to generate a spreadsheet that could be used to calculate the entry fees for different championships with the accommodation element removed from the entry fee. This had been sent out to the Bureau. A proposal needs to be generated for the December Bureau meeting.

**ACTION:** Messrs Narve Jensen and Peter Halman 2014 December Bureau Meeting
### Activities

#### 24 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the CIAM website (item 23 of Dec Bureau meeting)

The CIAM Secretary thought this was necessary but had been too busy to formulate a proposal. We need to agree the principle of “FAQ” on the menu bar of the CIAM website with clicks to access the different questions. The CIAM President said that many websites have a site map. There may be value in a combination of both.

**ACTION: CIAM President and CIAM Secretary**

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#### 25 Technical Experts Working Group (item 12 of Dec Bureau meeting)

This is now known as the Electronic Devices In Competition (EDIC) Working Group. It was established in January with two people appointed by the F5 S-C and there is a specific EDIC page on the CIAM website with documents. Devices for the F5J class have been approved. Any other Subcommittee that would like devices evaluated should contact the EDIC WG. It was felt that it would be appropriate for Space Modelling altimeters to be authorised by this WG. The EDIC WG will submit a regular annual report therefore the Plenary and Bureau standard agendas need to be amended accordingly.

**ACTION: Mr Pelagic and CIAM Secretary**

#### 26 List of Scoring Programs approved by CIAM

The CIAM Secretary reminded the meeting that any new tool has to be tested by running in parallel with the existing system at championships for a number of years.

As pointed out by Mr Ramel, a procedure needs to be defined.

The CIAM President will prepare a proposal.

**ACTION: CIAM President**

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Mr Haggeney informed the meeting that a beta version of the FAI Licenses database is available on the FAI web server.

#### 27 Evaluation of “Moodle” tool for E-learning (item 9.2 of Dec Bureau meeting)

Discussion about this item is postponed to December.

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### Any Other Business

#### 28 Any Other Business

##### 28.1 For the 2014 F1D championships there were not sufficient countries for assigning the Junior champion status. There was an extensive discussion about how to consider the registration of the countries. Mr Kaynes explained that despite the 2014 F1D Championships being resolved now, he suggested that for the future we need to have an ABR rule defining when “Registration” occurs. There are other mentions of registration in the ABR rules so they need to tie in with this. The CIAM President asked the Bureau to make a proposal.

**ACTION: CIAM Bureau**

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##### 28.2 The French NAC asked for early acceptance of the 2017 FAI World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft organised by them and to propose this at the 2014 Plenary Meeting. The Bureau accepted the request and the CIAM Secretary will prepare the justification for the 2014 Plenary meeting.

**ACTION: CIAM Secretary**

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28.3 The CIAM Secretary presented an idea for an annual CIAM Championships calendar for download. The CIAM Secretary will upload the template each year and publicise the download for anyone to print including in the magazines.

**ACTION: CIAM Secretary**

28.4 With reference to the ongoing crisis in the Ukraine, Mr Samuelsson had concerns regarding participation in the 2014 F2 Championships in Poland. There appeared to be no problem at the moment but he requested that the FAI look into the situation. Mr Haggeney explained that the FAI usually talks with the Olympic Committee in this sort of situation. The CIAM President will bring the matter up at the May Airsport Commissions meeting. The matter also concerns those championships awarded to the Ukraine. FAI would like to send a “message of hope” to those countries with conflicts.

If a country imposed visa restrictions then only the IOC could interact. There are mechanisms in place for this sort of thing.

**ACTION: CIAM President**

28.5 Mr Ramel mentioned that a “logging system” for each judge’s judging history would be very useful. He will make a proposal.

**ACTION: Mr Ramel**

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28.6 The FAI licence database has some 65% of members registered. Mr Haggeney said that it cannot be mandatory at the moment and paper licences are still valid. The CIAM President will remind the Delegates of this.

**ACTION: CIAM President**

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28.7 Mr Pelagic said that he had made an analysis of those countries holding championships. The CIAM President requested that it be sent to the Bureau.

**ACTION: Mr Pelagic**

The CIAM President closed the meeting at 17.45