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Agenda

of the Annual Meeting of the
**FAI Aviation & Space Education
Commission**

**To be held at Olympic Museum
“Athens room”
in Lausanne, Switzerland
on 25 and 26 April 2008**

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PROGRAM & AGENDA

FAI-CIEA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 24 April

15.00 Bureau-meeting in Hotel Aulac
18.30 Meet & greet reception in Hotel Aulac
20.00 Speaker to be announced
21.00 Social evening

Friday 25 April

09.00 Welcome, roll-call, introduction new delegates
09.15 Introduction and agenda-check
 Declaration of no conflict of interests
 Approval of minutes of Limerick-meeting
09.45 CIEA-President's Report
10.00 FAI-report
10.15 World Air Games report
10.30 Coffee-break
11.00 Generations Discussion, based on surveys,
 reports and CIEA-recommendations to FAI-commissions
12.00 Lunch-buffet
13.00 CIEA new-delegate-kit
13.15 CIEA communication to NAC/delegates
13.30 CIEA website-review
14.00 Recommended museums program
14.20 CIEA annual meeting guide/conditions for host countries
14.40 Best-of-the-best selection of 20 years of Art Contest
15.00 Coffee-break
15.30 National reports (reports filed by 11 April to FAI)
16.30 Judging of Art Contest 2008
18.00 Adjourn
20.00 Buffet-meal in Hotel Aulac

Saturday 26 April

09.00 Announcement of Art Contest winners
09.15 NASA-report
09.30 ESA -report
09.45 IACEA-report
10.00 Youth Camps report
10.15 International ACE-camps update
10.30 Coffee-break
11.00 FAI-status update: EC, secretariat, commissions
11.30 Follow-up of Generations Discussion
12.00 Awards-nominations (Nile Gold Medal e.a.)
 Election of CIEA-officers
 Site and dates of CIEA annual meeting 2009
12.30 Adjourn & lunch

If needed the meeting will continue 13.30-15.00

15.00 Afternoon-excursion (optional)
18.00 Social evening (optional)

NB: Delegates can propose additional items before 1 April 2008
National reports to be filed to FAI before 11 April 2008

Nomination of Iris Cummings Critchell (USA) for the FAI Nile Gold Medal

Iris Critchell has spent her whole life dedicated to her country and aviation in one form or another. From an early age, through her father, Iris witnessed many airshows of the late 1920's, and during her early educational years, enjoyed a very successful sporting career to become the US Breaststroke Champion from 1936-39. Iris was also a member of the U.S. Olympic Swimming team that went to Berlin in 1936, and witnessed the demonstration sport of gliding while there.

In 1939 Iris was among the first intakes of the University of Southern California's newly formed Civil Pilot Training program at Mines Field (now LAX) where she gained her Private License and completed an advanced aerobatics course. Iris graduated from the USC in 1941 in physical sciences and mathematics. In 1941 Iris instructed on the Civil Training Program at Brackett Field, La Verne, and in 1942 for the Navy Cadet Program for the University of the Pacific, Carson City, Nevada. In December of 1942, Iris trained at Houston for the Army Air Corps, and was then assigned to the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron (which later became known as the WASPs) where she served as a ferry pilot.

After the war, Iris was contacted by her old professors to come back to the USC to help form a new curriculum that gained FAA approval, for a College of Aeronautics at Santa Maria to help airmen returning from the war to train for the airline industry. Iris taught classes for Primary, Instrument, Commercial and Instructor Courses. Iris was a founding member of a group of women pilots whom resurrected the Ninety Nines (Powder Puff Derby), and competed in the All Women Transcontinental Air Race 15 times, winning two, and being placed in the top 10 on 7 occasions.

In 1961, Iris, along with her husband Howard, who was also a pilot, set up what was to become known as the Isabel Bates Foundation, and it was here that Iris developed this unique program using the aeroplane as an educational tool to enhance the education of young people. This program ran from 1962-1990, during which period Iris served as Director of the Bates Foundation Program on the Harvey Mudd College facility, as well as Chief Flight Instructor for the Flight Training phase of the program.

The Bates Program was responsible for giving the opportunity to learn to fly for a great many young people whom otherwise may not have had the opportunity, and though the foundations aims to utilize the aeroplane as an educational tool, its aim was to enhance self confidence and help mold young lives. Its success is borne out in the fact that the Program's alumni and graduates include distinguished scientists, aero engineers, aerospace researchers, and two astronauts. In faculty Emeriti status Iris taught Aeronautics for five more semesters at Mudd, and despite being in her golden years, continues to this day in assisting students on aero engineering projects. In addition to all this, Iris still gives her time serving as an archivist and "historical aviation resource" person for the Aeronautical Library Special Collection at the Sprague library at the Harvey Mudd College. Iris has spent a lifetime in furthering the education through aviation to many countless people.

Iris has served as a designated FAA Pilot Examiner for 21 years, a member of the Ninety-Nines for 55 years, and is a member of numerous aviation and professional organizations. She has referenced many books and oral histories, and today is still an active pilot well into her eighties, and richly deserves our recognition in her outstanding life.

She has numerous ratings and has won several awards, as follows:

Ratings:

Airline Transport, Commercial Single Engine Sea, Multi Engine Land, Instrument and Glider; Instructor, Airplanes, Single and Multi Engine, Instrument; Ground Instructor, Advanced and Instrument; FAA Designated Pilot Examiner for more than 20 years.

Awards:

1972 The FAA Ontario District named her Flight Instructor of the Year.

2002 Iris was inducted into the National Flight Instructor Hall of Fame.

Iris was honored with the FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award for "Fifty years of dedicated service, technical expertise, professionalism, and many other outstanding contributions that further the cause of Aviation Safety."