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**REPORT
ON 2003 ACTIVITIES OF
THE TURKISH AERONAUTICAL
ASSOCIATION**

Please find attached the reports which summarize the several aducational activities of TAA that were performed throughout 2003 free of charge.

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BEGINNER COURSE

The followings are beginner course activities in which TAA was directly involved in 2003.

<u>Branches :</u>	<u>Number of Students :</u>
Parachuting	1016
Paragliding	143
Hang Gliding	51
Gliding	323
Aeromodelling	1660
<u>Total :</u>	3193

ADVANCED COURSE

The followings are advanced course activities in which TAA was directly involved in 2003.

<u>Branches :</u>	<u>Number of Students :</u>
Parachuting	31
Paragliding	17
Hang Gliding	18
Gliding	43
Aeromodelling	79
<u>Total :</u>	188

<u>Courses :</u>	<u>Number :</u>
Aeromodelling Instructor Course	55
Aeromodelling Rocket Course	76
Aeromodelling Radio Control Course	20

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Championship activities in Turkey are conducted under the responsibility of the TAA.

TAA works for not only improving air sports in Turkey, but also for attracting the competitors, public as well as media.

National Championships held in Turkey in 2003 included such branches as Parachuting, Aeromodelling, Hanggliding, Gliding.

In accordance with FAI's Sporting Calendar, national teams of TAA participated in numbers of International Championships including Ballooning, Parachuting, Paragliding, Aeromodelling.

INTERNATIONAL AIR CADETS EXCHANGE (IACE)

In 2003, Turkey realized an exchange between 7 countries including a group of 17 cadets and 1 escort officer. However, Hong-Kong program was not put into action due to the SARS epidemic.

Last year's Turkey program was a real success. The program was prepared aiming to be educational in the scope of military and civilian aviation activities in Turkey. The tour included historical and touristical places in Istanbul, Ankara, Eskisehir, Pamukkale, Kusadasi and Efes.

<u>Countries :</u>	<u>Number of Cadets Received :</u>
United States	3 cadets + 1 escort
Canada	2 cadets
England	4 cadets
Holland	2 cadets
Germany	2 cadets
France	2 cadets
Israel	2 cadets

ACTIVITIES OF AIR DEMONSTRATIONS

<u>Branches :</u>	<u>Number of Demonstrations :</u>
Parachuting	128
Aeromodelling	90
Ballooning	64
Microlight	40
PPG	50

The above-mentioned activities took place in 183 centers in Turkey. Apart from these demonstrations, 39 promotional flights were realized in 181 sorties and roughly in 65 hours.

ACTIVITIES OF AERO – CLUBS AND AVIATION BRANCHES

There are 24 aero-clubs in Turkey that carry out educational activities throughout the year and the following are the ones which organized national championships under the responsibility of TAA :

<u>Name of the Aero-Club :</u>	<u>Championship :</u>
Yenimahalle Aero-Club	Semsi AKSU (F1A, F1B, F3A)
Istanbul Aeromodelling Club	Riva Aeromodelling Championship
Aero-Club of Erciyes University	Paragliding World Cup Test Contest

<u>Branches :</u>	<u>Number of Students :</u>
Aeromodelling (Beginner)	2254
Aeromodelling (Advanced)	239
Aeromodelling (Skilled)	53

FAI YOUNG ARTIST CONTEST

“FAI Young Artist Contest” has obtained a great popularity in Turkey. We recieved 4700 entries for the Contest and three students from each three category (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) were given the right to participate in this year’s contest.

In 2002, the winner of senior age group Gülhanım YESILSU’s artwork was selected as a new year greeting card by FAI in 2003 and because of her great success, she was also awarded by TAA with a medal and other rewards.

MEDIA

Uçantürk Magazine :

Uçantürk is a magazine that is designed and published by TAA once in two months and it is distributed nationwide by the 600 sections of TAA located in different regions of the country. The magazine which aims at promoting love of aviation among the youth contains many articles as well as photos that are designed to notify public about aviation including both historical data and information concerning the technological innovations.

Television and Radio :

Approximately 60 TV and radio programs were broadcasted throughout 2003 with the same aim of injecting love of aviation into the youth. The programs were prepared in such a way as to illuminate the public about every thing they wonder concerning aviation.