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REPORT TO FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE - 2003

The CIEA has actively continued its commitment to improve public awareness and understanding of aviation and space activities and encourage the participation in the air sports. This with an emphasis upon young people. (See Attachment)

It would appear from Delegate reports at this year's Madrid meeting that a growing trend exists among the NACs to encourage more involvement of young people in 'hands-on' experiences. This includes Young Eagle flights, airport tours and activities, various camps and exchanges. It is noted that the Ballooning, AeroModeling and Gliding Commissions are leading the effort to involve youth in their disciplines.

This year's Young Artists Contest with the theme of "One Hundred Years of Powered Flight" was very successful with 23 NACs sending entries. Medals were awarded to the participants from Japan, USA, Poland, Russia and Turkey. Special commendations were given to young artists from China and Spain. The 2004 theme selected is "Flying Saves Lives".

The CIEA is currently transferring the last 17 years of winning paintings to a master CD file. Copies will be made available to the NACs and Commissions, but subject to the FAI copyright rules.

The FAI-CIEA Web pages are being updated and expanded to provide a resource for those interested in aviation and aerospace education.

The Nile Gold Medal was not awarded this year. The Commission did award the Air Sport Medal to Mr. Klaus Strienz, the Delegate from Germany. This in recognition of his extraordinary dedication to the advancement of aviation and space education for children.

Appreciation is extended to Mr. Bishop and the FAI staff for their support during this past year.

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