

CIEA-report to the 2005 FAI General Conference

In this FAI-Centennial Year the CIEA has concentrated in finding new ways to focus the attention of the general public, especially of younger generations, on aviation and spaceflight in general and on the air sports in particular.

The CIEA-meeting of 16-18 June in Paris confirmed the use of traditional approaches of our target-groups of youngsters by the art competition, contributions to school-curriculums, visits to airfields, Young Eagle- and other orientation-flights and through our publications, youth camps and other traditional activities of CIEA.

However CIEA recognizes the aerospace-spectrum today is in competition with many other disciplines and activities for youngsters in modern society. So we should find new ways and means to not only attract youngsters to the aerospace-sector, but to retain them as successfully involved in aerospace and specially in airsports. This means we must adapt to contemporary approaches to capture the attention and interest of youngsters and create the follow-ups to retain their interest.

This need requires more and more emphasis on the growing generation gaps in aviation between relatively aging generations now dominating the air sports and younger generations who adapt to new criteria of 'what is directly in it for me?'

This is the individualistic trend developing in the younger generations. Furthermore the CIEA offers it's support to the Air Sports- and Technical Commissions of FAI in the development of youth activities.

In this respect CIEA plans to take a more proactive position in promoting FAI. CIEA planned projects 2005-2006:

- *Continue and expand the successful art competition;
- *Evaluate the FAI Recommended Museums Program;
- *Further develop Teachers Instruction and -Assistance Programs;
- *Upgrade our Guide to Aviation and Space Education;
- *Update the instruction materials on our web pages;
- *Stimulate and establish cyber-flying and simulator-flying;
- *Expand the Youth Camp organization in member countries;
- *Support and develop student international exchange programs;
- *Attract attention and a beneficial relationship with prominent schools, universities,(international) institutions and corporations in aerospace, as well as of government-agencies to support our programs.

Given the limited financial and personnel resources, CIEA plans to spread it's wings and take advantage of it's networks in the member-countries and with international organizations.

Finally we express our appreciation to the FAI-staff, in particular to Max Bishop and Jean-Marc Badan for their fine support.

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