

LETTER TO FAI PRESIDENT FROM AERO CLUB OF SWITZERLAND

In a letter (written in German) to the FAI President dated 16 May 2006, the President of the Aero Club of Switzerland, Mr Beat Neuenschwander, wrote:

“It would seem to be necessary, for our mutual benefit, to strengthen the contacts between FAI and NACs, so as to improve our profile and legitimacy. As one possible measure aimed at creating closer contacts, we make the following request to FAI, on behalf of the Aero Club of Switzerland:

Beginning in 2007, a meeting should be organised by FAI in the first half of the year for all FAI Vice Presidents representing national member organizations. This meeting should be aimed at promoting mutual contacts and have as its goal to discuss and prepare the most important items on the agenda for the Annual General Conference. In order to ensure higher participation (easier access to the place of the meeting, and higher degree of identification), the same kind of meeting should, within a short period – and each time in the first half of the year – take place on each of 4 land-masses (Europe, America, Africa and Asia).

Justification:

- It is important and urgent to improve and intensify the identification between NACs and FAI.
- A meeting involving Vice-Presidents enables them to create their own internal network, improves mutual understanding and raises the level of transparency and thereby the acceptance of FAI in general and specifically in relation to the subsequent FAI General Conference.
- Organizing these meetings on a continental basis would permit higher numbers to attend. The interests of the different countries are also more similar and easier to compare.
- The FAI leadership should be able to coordinate these meetings with existing other routine journeys and Commission meetings so that no great additional expense should arise.
- The leaders of FAI would in this way have closer contact with the grass-roots.”

The FAI President would very much like to have the views of the General Conference on this proposal from the Aero Club of Switzerland.