



FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

FAI Aeromodelling Commission is again, this reporting period, very active on the competitions stage, with a great number of FAI sanctioned events both for first and second category.

The CIAM is financially sound, as you may have noticed from the financial report and the budget of this year.

During 2017-2018, there were numerous well-attended and successful World and Continental championships, in a variety of classes.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events conducted in 2017

Last year CIAM had organized 14 World or Continental Championships and close to 350 category 2 events which include World Cups and Open International events. All the events were successfully organized and well attended.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2018

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 13 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space modeling classes we are practicing, and near to 380 Category 2 events. Drone Sports are expanding rapidly. This year is also a milestone not only for CIAM but for FAI. The 1st FAI Drone Racing World Championship will soon take place. An intensive period of preparing the World Championships for this new class is getting close to an end. But this is not an end. It is the start of a new era.

Everybody understands that with such a big number of sanctioned events, what finally the number of participants will be and how big the number of volunteers involved, is. On behalf of CIAM I would like to thank everybody who is contributing to this effort.

Activities

In April, our Plenary Meeting was organized in Lausanne and 38 countries were present with more than 100 delegates or observers. Those numbers clearly show that NAC's are really interested for aeromodelling/space modelling/drones and support CIAM Bureau efforts. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2017 and April 2018 at Lausanne) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

During the Plenary Meeting we continued to organize the Open Forum session where this year we discussed about Marketing. FAI Marketing Consultant Mr. Tony Webb assisted providing details about the Drone Sport. CIAM Plenary decided to rename the existing "FPV Racing and similar activities" to "Drone Sports"

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2. Positive and negative results:

CIAM participation to the preparation of the Drone Racing World Championship proved to be a very positive experience. It is clear what we have to do in the future for promoting our activity the way the media and the spectators are interested.

3. Main problem(s) encountered and solutions adopted :

Transportation of models still remains a problem affecting the participation in competitions and increase the cost. The cost of organizing the events is also a key element that needs to be reconsidered very soon. It is also essential to spread our events all over the world.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

- Effort to replace all the paperwork needed for CIAM activities with on-line applications. Already on the pipeline the On line applications for the Sporting Calendar and the CIAM Judges and Technical Experts.
- Live Scoring Systems for CAT1 events

5. Proposals (if any) to FAI Executive Board, FAI Head Office or for the next General Conference :

CIAM Bureau actions for the drones' case were very proactive. We do have a great support from the FAI EB. We have to keep the momentum and try to spread the experience gained to all FAI. The project One FAI is promising, as long as the result will be that the whole FAI is acting under a specific plan and we are all walking to the same direction.

6. Free reporting:

Ending this report, I would like to thank FAI President, EB Directors and Airsports Commissions Presidents for the cooperation we had during the period. Also I would like to thank all CIAM Bureau members for their devotion and finally my thanks to the FAI staff for their support.

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