



FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

Statistics for 2018 Second Category Events are too partial to be significant.
In 2017, we had 291 Second Category events (289 in 2016, 298 in 2015, 305 in 2014).
(Our statistics differ slightly from FAI's. When a single event includes 2 or 3 different classes of gliders, it is counted as 2 or 3 competitions, not 1.)

In 2018, we had 6 championships:

- 8th World Hang Gliding Class 5 Cross Country in FYR Macedonia.
- 20th European Hang Gliding Class 1 Cross Country in FYR Macedonia.
- 3rd Pan American Paragliding Cross Country in Brazil.
- 15th European Paragliding Cross Country in Portugal.
- 1st Asian-Oceania Paragliding Accuracy in Thailand.
- 6th European Paragliding Accuracy in Slovenia (not yet ran at the time this report was written).

We also ran 3 test events:

- 22nd World Hang gliding Cross Country (Class 1) in Italy.
- 16th World Paragliding Cross Country in FYR Macedonia.
- 10th World Paragliding Accuracy in Serbia.

To be noticed:

- In Cross-Country, CIVL bought a fleet of live-trackers. These devices are lent to the organisers for free. A CIVL manager travels with them and ensure that they are used properly.
- In Accuracy, CIVL bought an Automatic Measuring Device along with a live-scoring system. It is to be used for the first time in September for the European Championship.

We had our Plenary in Portugal, also successful (35 countries present or represented; 40+ delegates and assistants).

CIVL created its own certification program for paragliders, CIVL Competition Class (CCC) in 2015. CCC requirements are adjusted every other year. This very ambitious project is a true success.

CIVL hired an Administrator in 2017. The aim is to build a sustainable CIVL where the administrative and communication work are ran on a day to day basis by a paid person, as counting on volunteers only has proved to be not always efficient. We are very happy with the outcome.

The joint FAI/Noosphere/CIAM/CIVL IT project on competition applications for Cat 2 status and publication on the FAI calendar is promising.

CIVL is now working on a Cat 2 competition management system project: registration, publication and ranking of results.

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2. Positive and negative results:

Positive

- Cat 1 and Cat 2 events still going strong.
- First Category Events quality.
- Very strong world ranking system in all disciplines.
- Paraglider CCC certification program successful.
- Acquisition of live-trackers for cross-country and Automatic Measuring Device for Accuracy.
- Development of software (change initiated).
- Stability in Bureau and Committees.

Negative

- Development of software (a long way to go).

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

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We need to be able to control the management of our events, from registration of pilots to publication and ranking of results. A new software has to be created.

Our World Ranking System is very successful (11,000+ pilots) but the software we use is poorly adapted. A new software has to be created.

Contradictory politics led by NACs concerning the FAI Sporting Licences, what they are for, how they are delivered. Solutions to be found at the highest FAI level. The 'One FAI' project could be it.

New software (FAI licence checks, registration, ranking...) will help build a reliable environment so solutions can be implemented.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

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Business as usual.

- Work closely with FAI on the World Air Games.
- Work closely with FAI on the 'One FAI' project.

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

None others than current issues being discussed.

6. Free reporting:

CIVL works hard to build up safe, fair and satisfying competitions of all levels.

The 'One FAI' project is addressing most of the issues that CIVL has raised in recent times: objectives and aims of FAI, fairness in the Sporting Licence scheme, decision process where ASC actions and projects are concerned. We are ready to work hard on this project and find long-term solutions to build a better FAI.

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