Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the

FAI Astronautic Records Commission

held in Lausanne, Switzerland
on 16 April 2010
Present: (annex 2)

Mr. Segismundo SANZ FERNANDEZ de CORDOBA President
Mr. Gregory T. OLIVER USA, Vice-President
Mr. Henrik ÅKERSTEDT Sweden
Mr. Hans ÅKERSTEDT alternate delegate, Sweden
Mr. Pedro ALFARO SANZ Spain
Mr. Dr. Ulf MERBOLD Germany
Mr. John F MILES United Kingdom

M. Christian MARCHAL Technical Expert, France

In attendance:

Mr. Marcel MEYER FAI Records Officer

Apologies: (annex 3)

Mr. Sergey KRIKALEV Russia

1. WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

M. Segismundo SANZ FERNANDEZ de CORDOBA welcomed those attending and initiated a short presentation of the new persons in this commission.

2. ROLL-CALL

as per list of persons present.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

No conflicts of interest are revealed.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting (6 April 2008) were approved without correction. (Annex 4)

5. FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The president of ICARE has not attended the 103rd FAI General Conference held between 6 and 11 October 2009 in Incheon, Korea. Mr. Marcel Meyer gives a short résumé of the general conference deliberations and decisions. The Minutes of the conference can be seen at: http://www.fai.org/general_conference/2009
Mr John Miles had attended the meeting of the CIEA as an Observer. His report is in annex 5. He is reconducted as representative to this commission.

6. Agenda point 11: PRESENT WORLD RECORDS – REPORT

Mr. Gregory T. Oliver points out that only one or two more absolute records are foreseeable in the currently known expedition programs. Mr. Christian Marchal gives his report as technical expert for records reviewing.

7. Agenda point 6a: ASTRONAUTIC ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Mr. Ulf Merbold reports from the ESA activities. 6 new astronauts have been selected. The phase-out of the shuttle by NASA has intensified reflection on the ATV program evolution. Mr. Gregory T. Oliver reports that the formal end of the shuttle program has been confirmed by the US President. The ISS program runs until 2020. Details in annex 6.

Mr. Hans Åkerstedt reports that Sweden will grant a National Record to his astronaut. Mr. John F. Miles reports on the activities of the National Space agency and private projects as per annex 7. Mr. Christian Marchal reports on the activities of ONERA as per annex 8.

No news are reported from Spain.

8. Agenda point 14: DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT ICARE MEETING

Due to late position of Easter and the moving of the FAI secretary to new premises, the next meeting will be held on 6th May 2011 in Lausanne.

9. Agenda point 13: ELECTIONS

The following were re-elected for 2009/2010:

President: Dr Sanz Fernandez de Cordoba (4 votes of 5 valid)
Vice President: Mr Greg Oliver (USA) (4 votes of 5 valid)

10. Agenda point 7: FAI SPORTING CODE (SC 8 Astronautics)

The discussion on SC 8 diverted directly to the need of greater impact on the general public for promotion of space activities and the associated need of political consensus. A greater effort should be done in vulgarisation and greater visibility on the website by an introductory text and a presentation of achievement other than records.

11. Agenda point 6b Yuri Gagarin flight 50 years activities

The date of 12th April is particularly important for astronautics since on the same it will be 50 years from the flight of Yuri Gagarin and 30 years from the first flight of a space shuttle. Different ideas have been proposed for putting activities around this event. It is suggested to use somehow this as a theme for the young artist contest in 2011.

12. Agenda point 9: PROPOSALS FOR FAI AWARDS

4 proposals for Komarov Diploma are presented from the floor (annex 9 – 12)
1 proposal for a Korolev Diploma (annex 13)
1 proposal for the Gold Space Medal. (annex 14)
3 proposals for the Komarov diploma are discussed further and according to the bylaws 2 can be granted. The proposals described in annex 10 and 11 are...
accepted. The proposal for the Korolev diploma is accepted. The proposal for the gold medal is discussed and can be recommended for acceptance by the general conference.
The discussion then considered the procedure for the Komarov diploma and the commission decided unanimously to ask for the modification of the Bylaws points 12.9.3.3 and 12.9.3.4 restricting the proposals per NAC and the number of diplomas granted to one. (see annex 15)

13. Agenda point 10: INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTIC FEDERATION

Mr. Ulf Merbold is proposed to attend the next meeting of IAF in Prague

14. Agenda point 11: PRESENT WORLD RECORDS

Mr. Marcel Meyer presents the complete list off all record-claims registered so far. The list is in annex 16. Since end of 2004 only absolute records in class K have been registered.

15. Agenda point 12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Google is supposed to plan a Lunar view to be filmed by a rover vehicle of 5 kg.
- Mr. Henrik Ákerstedt suggests to use model roketry for creating more interest in astronautics. Mr. Marcel Meyer reports that the class S i(Space Modelling) is in the responsibility of CIAM. This class is very active in eastern Europe.
- Virgin Galactic has a profile to claim certain rekords under the class P and this might call for some new definitions in the sporting code.

The Meeting was closed at 17:00 hours

Minutes approved by ICARE President, Mr. Segismundo Sanz Fernandez De Cordoba on 21 March 2011