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JP Delmas (FRA) / GAC - General Aviation	D. Hamilton (GBR) / CIG - Rotorcraft
R. Henderson (NZL) / IGC - Gliding	R. Meredith-Hardy (GBR) / CIMA – Microlight & Paramotor
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# FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

## 106<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

### MINUTES

OF THE WORKING SESSIONS  
HELD ON FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AND SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012  
AT TOPKAPI HOTEL – ANTALYA (TURKEY)

IN THE CHAIR..... Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President

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Argentina to Brazil  
Bosnia and Herzegovina to Serbia  
Chile to Spain  
Greece to Cyprus  
Iceland to Norway  
Indonesia to Thailand  
New Zealand to Australia  
Singapore to Malaysia

**FAI EXECUTIVE BOARD**

FAI President ..... Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM

FAI Executive Director ..... Mr. Alvaro DE ORLEANS BORBON

FAI Executive Director (Finance) ..... Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM

FAI Executive Director ..... Mr. Robert HENDERSON

FAI Executive Director ..... Mr. Otto LAGARHUS

FAI Executive Director ..... Mr. Beat NEUENSCHWANDER

FAI Secretary General ..... Mr. Jean-Marc BADAN

**FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Richard BENNETT ..... Representing President, FAI Air Sport General  
Commission

Mr. Jean-Claude WEBER ..... President, FAI Ballooning Commission

Mr. Jean-Pierre DELMAS ..... President, FAI General Aviation Commission

Mr. Eric MOZER ..... Acting President, FAI Gliding Commission

Mr. David HAMILTON ..... President, FAI Rotorcraft Commission

Mr. Graeme WINDSOR ..... President, FAI Parachuting Commission

Mr. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS ..... President, FAI Aeromodelling Commission

Mr. Lars-Göran ARVIDSSON ..... Representing President, FAI Aerobatics  
Commission

Mr. Agust GUDMUNDSSON ..... President, FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding  
Commission

Mr. Richard MEREDITH-HARDY ..... President, FAI Microlight and Paramotor  
Commission

Mr. Alfons HUBMANN ..... President, FAI Amateur Built and Experimental  
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Mr. Michiel KASTELEIJN ..... President, FAI Aviation & Space Education Commission

Dr. Jürgen KNÜPPEL ..... President, FAI Medico-Physiological Commission

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Mr. Alfred-Pierre HERBERT (SUI)

Mr. Bernald SMITH (USA)

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Mr. Robert HUGHES..... FAI Senior Sports Manager  
Mrs. Segolene ROUILLON ..... FAI Members and Services Manager  
Ms. Christine ROUSSON..... FAI Competitions Manager

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED FROM :**

Mr. Atul DEV ..... FAI Companion of Honour  
Mr. LEE Jonghoon ..... FAI Executive Director  
Dr. Cenek KEPAK ..... FAI President of Honour  
Mr. Mike HEUER..... President of CIVA  
Mr. Willi ARPAGAUS ..... FAI former Executive Director and FAI Companion of Honour  
Mr. John ROAKE ..... FAI Companion of Honour  
Mr. Jiri KOBRLE..... FAI Companion of Honour  
Mr. Artur DELF..... FAI Companion of Honour  
Mr. Tor JOHANNESSEN ... FAI Companion of Honour  
Mr. Tom McCORMACK ..... FAI Vice-President  
Mr. Ray JOHNSON..... FAI Companion of Honour

**SCRUTINEERS**

Conference unanimously agreed to the appointment as scrutineers of :

Mr. Michiel KASTELEIJN  
Mr. Pedro CABANERO MARIMON  
Mrs. Marina VIGORITO

**1. FAI President's introductory remarks**

The FAI President, Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, opened the 106<sup>th</sup> General Conference, hoping that the attendance had a great evening the day before and thanking the Turkish Aeronautical Association for their hospitality and excellent arrangements.

He then updated the participants on the health of Mr. David ROBERTS following his admission to hospital the day before, during the Opening Ceremony. At the time the President opened the Conference, Mr. ROBERTS was still under examination but feeling much better. Dr. GRUBBSTROM would keep the Conference informed.

He declared the Conference opened.

**2. In Memoriam**

The FAI General Conference stood in silent memory of all friends of FAI who had died since the 105<sup>th</sup> General Conference in 2011, and especially of:

- Mr. Richard ABRUZZO (USA) - Holder of 18 World Records in Ballooning. Holder of the FAI De La Vault Medal and Montgolfier Diploma - Winner of the FAI Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett in 2004
- Mr. Neil ARMSTRONG  
Commander of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, who took the "small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind" off the Lunar Module onto the surface of the Moon on 20 July 1969. Associate administrator in the space program, university professor and director of a number of corporations. He received the FAI Gold Space Medal in 1969, as well as the De La Vault Medal. Originally a glider pilot. Considered by President Obama, as one of the greatest of American heroes.

- Mr. Alan BLOUNT  
Long time competitor in hot air ballooning - 1993 World Hot Air Balloon Champion - served on CIA sub-committees, on committees for the Balloon Federation of America, as well as a term as President of the BFA.
- Mr. Jean Lou BRUCK  
CIMA Delegate for Luxemburg. He was very active in his local club, spending a lot of time there. Having a great deal of knowledge concerning flying, navigation and radio procedures, he was always helpful to everyone when needed.
- Mr. David COLE  
British Microlight Team Leader, Chairman of the BMAA, President of FAI's Microlight Commission (CIMA), President of the Air Sports General Commission (CASI) and CIMA consultant to the Turkish Aero Club for the first World Air Games, past chairman of the Royal Aeroclub, crew member of Vulcans.
- Dr. Janet FOLKES  
World Records holder, Gordon Bennett participant.
- Mr. Klaus LENHART  
Member of the German Team and a long-time supporter of German Aerobatics,
- Mr. Derek MACKIE  
Soaring Association of Canada representative to the Aero Club of Canada.
- Mr. Stefan MAKNE  
Polish balloon pilot, Ballooning Commission Delegate and winner of the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett in 1983
- Mrs. Lorena MORLINI  
Aircraft pilot and international official. For many years organizer of the Italian Championship, and also Event Director.
- Mrs Irina SINITSINA  
World and European skydiving champion. Contributed in developing parachuting in large formations.
- Mr. Ray WOOLFORD  
Former RNZAC President and FAI Representative - Life Member of RNZAC
- Mr. John WORTH  
Awarded with the FAI Paul Tissandier Diploma in 1980 and Air Sports Medal in 1992. AMA Executive Director for 25 years. Nearly 30 years in CIAM, within 18 years as CIAM Secretary.

### **3. Roll-Call of Delegations**

Before starting the roll-call, the FAI Secretary General informed the delegations that all the documents related to the Conference were available on a dedicated webpage, accessible with a username and a password. This page would also display the presentations made during the Conference, once the meeting was over.

#### **3.1 Apologies for absence**

Those apologizing for absence were as recorded above.

#### **3.2 Verification of representatives' authority**

The roll-call was taken and revealed:

- 54 FAI Active Members in good standing with voting rights represented
- Including 8 proxies
- 11 Representatives of FAI Air Sport Commissions with limited voting rights (no vote for amendments of statutes, nomination of new, active and temporary members) including CASI
- 1 Associate Member with voting rights
- 1 International Affiliate Member with voting rights

Voting panels with a total of 371 votes were distributed to delegations. The number of votes required to obtain majorities was declared as follows:

- Absolute majority : 186
- Two-thirds majority : 248

The names of Heads of Delegations, Air Sport Commission representatives, FAI Officials were as recorded above.

### **3.3 Announcement of proxies**

Proxies were as recorded above.

### **3.4 Adoption of Modifications to Agenda**

The Conference accepted the agenda as published.

### **3.5 Appointment of scrutineers**

The scrutineers were as recorded above.

### **3.6 Reminder of voting procedures**

Active members, ASC Presidents and OSTIV (International Affiliate) had the right to vote at the Conference.

## **4. Minutes of 105<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference, 2011**

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the Minutes of the 105<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference Working Sessions held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Belgrade (Serbia) as published with no comments.

## **5. Report of the FAI President**

Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President, presented his report (**ANNEX 1**) which was adopted by the FAI General Conference.

## **6. Report on FAI Finances 2011-2012**

### **6.1 2011 Financial report and Report by Auditors**

The FAI Executive Director (Finance), Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM, reported in detail (**ANNEX 2**) on the 2011 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Commissions' finances, and the report on the FAI's accounts by the Auditors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (distributed in September - **ANNEX 3**).

The FAI Ballooning Commission President wished to know how the ASC assets would be integrated in the FAI assets as he could not identify loggers in the accounts (120 units for more than 60'000 CHF), bought by his Commission which were not expenses but assets. The answer was that these loggers were carried in an account combined in the item on balance sheet "intangible fixed assets".

The CASI representative was interested to know details on the terms of the interest rate for the mortgage loan appearing in the financial statement. He noted that financial reports were usually giving details of interest or repayment details (duration of loan). While Mr. CLIPSHAM informed the Conference that the rate was approximately 3%, the CASI



representative wished to know the exact rate. Mr. CLIPSHAM explained that the mortgage plan was of 1.2 million CHF, including 80'000 CHF as cash legacy money from Rolex. The interest rate was exactly 3.38 % with a term of 10 years, which means March 2021. The principles paid were 1% per year on 1.2 million CHF on 10 years.

The FAI President asked for approval of the 2011 accounts. **The General Conference unanimously adopted the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year 2011, as presented, in accordance with Statute 3.4.1.3.**

## **6.2 Financial Situation 2012**

Please refer to **ANNEX 2 + 2b**.

The Financial Situation at 30 June 2012 gave an indication of the expected result for the year ending December 31, 2012. The operations were recorded up to the end of June. Comparisons to the 2012 Budget were shown in a slide. The operations to the end of August were estimated and a comparison to the 2012 budget was also shown.

At the end of August, 87% of the subscriptions were paid, including arrears. The FAI was on budget. The Air Sport Commissions operations would be completed later in the year. The realized expenses to 31 August were comparable to the budget. There were expenditures to be completed in the remaining months of 2012 and therefore the accounts at August 31 were not indicative of the expected results at December 31 2012

Despite the difficult economic times and considering the world financial situation, the FAI were anticipating a result at the end of the year 31/12/12 similar to the 2012 budgeted amount CHF -21,455.

## **6.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2013**

The FAI Executive Director (Finance) proposed that PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed FAI's auditors for 2013 and that the Executive Board be authorized to determine their remuneration. This was approved unanimously by the Conference.

The FAI Executive Director (Finance) thanked the ASC Financial Secretaries for managing the sporting financial operations and also gave special thanks to the FAI Head Office staff in their work on financial matters and in particular to Ms. Cosette MAST, who, under the direction of Jean-Marc BADAN, carried out the financial management.

The FAI President thanked the Finance Director for his hard work over the year.

## **7. Report of the FAI Secretary General**

The FAI Secretary General, Mr. Jean-Marc BADAN, presented his report (**ANNEX 4**) which was adopted by the Conference.

The FAI President took the opportunity to introduce Mr. Giancarlo SERGI, FAME CEO who had joined the Conference at this point.

## **8. FAI Strategic Plan Review & Projects**

### **8.1 FAI Strategic Plan**

Report by FAI President (**ANNEX 5**)

The FAI President reminded the audience that the FAI current Strategic Plan was first introduced in 2009. This presentation was supposed to remind everyone of the principles of the plan. He introduced some of the key areas to get more insight.

## **8.2 FAI Regional Management Structure**

Report by Otto LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 6**)

This topic was discussed and in many instances, the original concept had been modified by the General Conference in 2011. An effective fact was that things were happening in many regions, even in strongholds of FAI and a consequence was that there were potentials to work on and concentrate.

Mr. LAGARHUS reminded the participants that the RMS Guide was considered as an important document in this process (see <http://www.fai.org/structure/regional-vice-presidents>).

He gave the example of the RVP East and South Asia, Mr. Tengku ABDILLAH, who has authority from FAI Head Office and power to work and who would make a presentation the day after.

He added that this portfolio still needed focus from the FAI Executive Board and General Conference.

## **8.3 FAI Expert System and Expert Groups**

Report by Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (**ANNEX 7**)

The FAI Expert Groups System was in line with the FAI strategic plan and following guidelines given by the General Conference the year before.

The experience was positive and good results had been achieved. However, Mr. NEUENSCHWANDER reminded the Conference that the groups had been working only for a few months, even if reports had already been sent to the FAI Executive Board.

One participant raised a question for the Regulations and Safety Groups: there seemed to be a problem in Microlight equipment regulation in Thailand. That NAC needed support to ask ICAO to set up a standard procedure in that country. Mr. LAGARHUS confirmed that this was an issue that the Regulation Expert Group could study. He suggested to take this question to the group in discussion with the appropriate ASC and to make a preliminary study.

One delegate pointed out the item mentioned on slide 28 (increase in user fee) was a national problem, not an international one. In addition, he recommended that the FAI do not ask for the creation of standards as it would kill the sports. He advised the REG to be careful in studying these topics.

A point was raised about the fact that some Expert Groups had members who do not have any knowledge in specific sports and the risk was that they came to conclusions without having consulted the appropriate Commission. An ASC President asked for consultation to be able to add valuable input. Mr. LAGARHUS confirmed that consultations with ASCs were important and assured to make sure this would happen.

On a discussion about how national authorities should apply FAI regulations, Mr. LAGARHUS explained that the FAI should be cautious and not apply too many regulations.

One participant was interested to know how to balance activities without putting unrealistic burden on the FAI EB and the FAI itself to anticipate tasks. There was a difference between formulating ideas and putting actions into place. He wanted to make sure the FAI maintained negotiations already started in other parts of the world. Mr. LAGARHUS reminded that the tasks for EG come from persons / organisations who have problems, which can be NACs and ASCs in certain areas. The intention is not for the EB and HO to task the EG. In that sense, it could stimulate the FAI community. In the case of the SEG

and REG which were tasked by the EB, the reason was that the EB thought it was needed and wished to get the groups into modus operandi.

Mr. LAGARHUS informed that there was an agreement with Europe Air Sports to make sure both organisations were not working in the same areas. However, there were issues to be solved in many other regions in the world. One participant confirmed that getting safety measures was a good thing but was concerned about educating FAI members about these measures.

The FAI Secretary General gave information about the IT Group, saying that this group had been created very recently, and had not communicated much. The contact was the FAI IT Manager at the FAI Head Office, who had opened a platform for communication for this group. The FAI EB had approved a project discussed by this group to completely redesign the FAI database, which was out-of-date.

He then gave a word about the New Technology Expert Group, also coordinated by the FAI IT Manager and also using a specific communication platform. He added that the list of all Expert Groups was available on FAI website (<http://www.fai.org/structure/expert-groups>).

One participant suggested that the Expert Groups should be extended to the education area in terms of women and youth recruitment. The FAI President reminded that an Education Commission already existed but took note of the comment.

It was reminded that the process of selection for experts started with a selection of experts among nominations sent out by ASCs and NACs, who received a call for nominations. EG guidelines were public and the By-Laws would be updated to enable the Executive Board to set up tasks for the groups.

As a conclusion, it was mentioned that whatever the expertise, the output needed to be properly communicated and to reach the appropriate persons.

#### **8.4 FAI Sports Strategy**

Report by Robert HENDERSON (**ANNEX 8**)

Mr. HENDERSON gave an update on the current situation of the FAI Sports Strategy. Following the last General Conference, work started to understand what needed to be focused on and at the strategic level, providing support and assistance to Commissions and making sure that work of Head Office was focused on the right place.

Mr. HENDERSON thanked the Commission Presidents for their work.

#### **8.5 Commercial activities : FAI Air Sports Marketing & Events (FAME)**

Report by Robert HENDERSON (**ANNEX 9**)

Mr. HENDERSON assured that this mission had been conducted very carefully.

He introduced FAME CEO, Mr. Giancarlo SERGI, who initially started working with the FAI on the Breitling project.

One of the participants suggested to use FAME to create an FAI own TV channel to have more visibility as his opinion was that there were much material to be used and promoted. It was answered that it was a marketing initiative and it would be possible but only with a big investment which would need an investor. Besides, it was currently difficult to sell media rights with the type of events that the FAI owned (too long, not attractive enough, locations to be considered). Mr. HENDERSON suggested that maybe the opportunity was the Internet rather than television coverage.

## **8.6 Sponsorship / Partnership : Breitling contract**

Report by Giancarlo SERGI (**ANNEX 9**)

Mr. BADAN, FAI Secretary General introduced the presentation of Mr. SERGI. He summarized the chronology of the signature of the agreement :

- Informal discussions started in Summer 2011
- Formal discussions started in January 2012 about a global and long term cooperation
- After January meeting, the FAI mandated Sinergi to help formulating a proposal
- In March, the FAI held a second meeting with Breitling
- In April, some members of FAI Staff were invited to visit Breitling Headquarters and meet with the President of Breitling. The meeting ended with an agreement to prepare a contract proposal between the FAI and Breitling.
- In May, Breitling and FAI signed an official contract but another document with details on how partnership would be activated was still needed. It would be signed in June.
- In July / August : appointment of Giancarlo SERGI not only as CEO FAME but also as Account Manager to service the Breitling contract
- The FAI worked during the summer on the implementation steps for first events where Breitling would be present
- In September, Breitling representatives attended the FAI European Aerobatics Championships (SVK) and the FAI European Women Hot Air Balloon Championships (GER), which gave the first visibility for Breitling on FAI Events. Mr. BADAN took the opportunity to thank the organisers of the two above-mentioned events for the extra work necessary to support the visit of Breitling.
- The last step was the presence of Mrs PIEREN at the Awards Ceremony, the day before.

Mr. BADAN then gave some insight to the content of the agreement:

- Corporate presence on FAI website, e-mails, letterhead, in the office, at FAI events, like World and Continental championships.
- Possibility for Breitling to be included in the marketing events but the contract was now focusing on World and Continental Championships.
- Presence at General Conference 2012 focused on Awards ceremony
- Possibility to develop sole and exclusive programs, like the creation of a new award or the development of an international contest for young people. The day before, the FAI and Breitling announced the launch of two Breitling awards, under development. Rules and conditions would be provided later early 2013.
- Category exclusivity on watches and jewelry. This category was not anymore available to World and Continental Championships organizers.
- Contract valid until May 2017. Possibility for Breitling to stop the contract in May 2015 in case the FAI failed to provide the agreed services.
- Long term project. At the moment, no financial return for event organizers but new opportunity for FAI to develop sponsorship programs.
- These were contractual elements. Breitling also offered additional resources, like Jetman, balloons, aerobatic aircraft, etc as demonstration for events, which could be very helpful. Ex: the presence of Mr. Brian JONES at one of the FAI Events in 2012, one of the team of the Breitling Orbiter who made a flight on a replica of the Orbiter and afterwards gave a conference.

Mr. SERGI reported on some of the experiences made at the two events and briefly on the activation program for 2013 (including the presence of Breitling on 10 FAI Championships).

At the end, one participant was interested to know how many sponsors the contract included. To which the FAI President replied that it included two sponsors in total. He could not go more into detail due to the clause of confidentiality included in the contract with Breitling.

### **8.7 New FAI Organiser Agreement**

Report by FAI Senior Sports Manager, Mr. Rob HUGHES (**ANNEX 10**)

Mr. HUGHES started with the fact that this contract was quite old and out of date and needed to be updated as Organisers were reluctant to sign the existing agreement (NACs did not wish to be responsible for independent organizers). Besides, the language and layout were quite complex and insurance obligations & media rights were unclear. Finally, sponsorship and anti-doping sections were out of date.

It should not be forgotten that this was a legal document that could not be avoided.

More information on Principles, New format, Preliminary steps, Progress, Next steps and Example texts are to be found in Annex 10.

### **8.8 New FAI Anti-Doping Plan**

Report by Robert HENDERSON (**ANNEX 11**)

The aim of the FAI Anti-doping plan was to minimize impact on air sport persons.

After the presentations, some participants wished to comment. It started with the dissatisfaction of one NAC whose pilot had been tested recently and had an unsatisfactory experience. The NAC urged the FAI to get out of the WADA system. Mr. HENDERSON replied that this was not possible if the FAI wished to remain an IOC recognized federation. Besides, he added that a missed test could be cancelled if an appropriate, reasonable and competent excuse was presented.

One of the Commission Presidents reminded that anyone could be tested during a competition, while only 10 were selected to enter the Registered Testing Pool for out of competition testing. Being a member of the FAI Registered Testing Pool was part of the potential process to become a champion. Mr. HENDERSON added that 10 people was a very small number. Even the Bridge Federation had more, with 30.

It was noted that out-of-competition tests made at a competition site were on the cost of FAI, not on the cost of the event organizers. The approximate price (including administration work for establishing the tests) was between 500 and 700 CHF per person, depending on the location. A part of the IOC subsidy would be used to administer doping testing. The FAI was aware of the costs and doing its best to make the whole situation cost-neutral.

Mr. De ORLEANS BORBON wished to make a special statement on an FAI World Champion which had been found guilty in an anti-doping case. NACs were the owners of the institution. A large amount of money was usually put into FAI via fees or via sending delegates to ASC, or subsidizing championships, which was an enormous investment. With FAME, the FAI wanted to use this investment now. This case was to be taken seriously. Sponsors were not interested in supporting doping offenders.

His statement was the following:

"With respect to the 2010 doping case concerning a FAI World Gliding Champion, AOB would like to state that:

-- For the first time a FAI World Champion had been found by a National Anti-Doping authority to have committed a doping violation of the WADA Code and his FAI Sporting License had been consequently withdrawn for a 2-month period, as determined by an independent Sports Tribunal;

-- A "doping violation" is usually considered as an "intention to cheat by improving your performance". After familiarizing myself with the details of the case, I informed the Executive Board that the air sport person concerned, a FAI World Gliding Champion in 2008, violated an anti-doping rule during an essential therapeutic procedure;

-- The doping violation consisted in a post facto notification of a medical procedure that is forbidden without prior notification. While the violation had been clearly established and sanctioned, there is no conceivable way that the sport person's action may be connected to an "intention to cheat through doping";

-- The General Conference may be pleased to learn and record that the sporting integrity of the FAI World Champion title earned by this sport person was found to be fully safeguarded."

### **8.9 Additional item : FAI Sporting Licences**

Mr. BADAN wished to add a word on the FAI Sporting Licences Database, which was a project started eight years before. Since the new IT Manager had joined the FAI HO, he had looked into the database and made additional tests and improvements. Three NACs agreed to enter into a test phase and data was uploaded. The database was now available online. After the Conference, the NACs would receive invitations and guidance on how to upload data on database. The next step was for NACs to upload data for 2012 but also already for 2013.

Three days before, during their meeting, the EB agreed to make a further step on Sporting Licences Database, on how to get info from the database online. The Directors approved a project to make further developments and provide online services like editing the database online, improving export / import of data, being able to print sporting licences from the website, etc. Mr. BADAN concluded with the information that a few weeks before, NACs received a survey on Sporting licenses, to which only a few NACs replied. He asked for more replies.

**The General Conference instructed the EB to continue implementing 8.1 to 8.6 and 8.8.**

## **9. Situation of FAI Membership**

### **9.1 Resignations, Suspensions and Expulsions**

#### **Resignations**

In compliance with Statutes 2.10.1.1, the **Aero Modelers Suriname** has submitted its resignation from Temporary Membership to the FAI Head Office on 9 July 2012.

**The General Conference took note that Suriname is no-longer a member of the FAI.**

#### **Suspensions**

As of 4 October 2012, the following FAI Members had not paid their subscription fee for 2012.

#### ***ACTIVE MEMBERS***

- **FEDERATION OF AERONAUTICAL SPORTS OF UKRAINE (Ukraine)** - Active Member Class 7
- **FEDERATIA AERONAUTICA ROMANA (Romania)** - Active Member Class 8
- **VAZDUHOPLOVNI SAVEZ BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE (Bosnia & Herzegovina)** - Active Member Class 10
- **VOZDUHOPLOVNA FEDERACIJA NA MAKEDONIJA (Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia)** - Active Member Class 10
- **AERO CLUB DU LIBAN (Lebanon)** - Active Member Class 10
- **QATAR AIR SPORTS COMMITTEE (Qatar)** - Active Member Class 10
- **FEDERATIA DE PARAPANTISM DIN REPUBLICA MOLDOVA (Moldova)** - Active Member Class 10
- **VAZDUHOPLOVNI SAVEZ CRNE GORE (Montenegro)** - Active Member Class 10

- **FEDERATION ROYALE MAROCAINE DE L'AVIATION LEGERE ET SPORTIVE (Morocco)** - Active Member Class 10

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- **EGYPTIAN SPORT PARACHUTING AND AERONAUTICS FEDERATION (Egypt)**
- **FEDERATION MALIENNE DE SPORTS AIR (Mali)**

#### **TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

- **NAT. COMMITTEE OF AEROMODELLING AND SPACEMODELLING SPORTS (Armenia)**
- **SAVANNAH AERO CONCEPTS (Trinidad and Tobago)**

The FAI Conference took note that, if subscriptions were not paid by 31 December 2012, these FAI Members would be suspended.

#### **Expulsions**

As of 4 October 2012, the following FAI Members, suspended beginning 2012 for non-payment of subscriptions in 2011, have also not paid their 2012 subscriptions fee.

- **GEORGIAN AERONAUTICAL FEDERATION (Georgia)** - Active Member Class 10
- **PALESTINE AIR SPORTS FEDERATION (Palestine)** - Temporary Member
- **AERO MODELERS SURINAME (Suriname)** - Temporary Member (see Resignations above)

The FAI Conference agreed that, if outstanding debts were not paid by 31 December 2012, the memberships of Palestine and Georgia would be terminated at the end of 2012 (Suriname: see Resignations above).

#### **9.2 Consideration of Applications for Admission of New FAI Members:**

##### **a. Jordan** - Application for Active Member, Class 10

The *Royal Aeroclub of Jordan* resigned in 2011. The resignation was accepted by GC 2011 in Serbia. The Aeroclub informed the FAI in January 2012 that they had received enough funds to pay for membership in 2012. They have particular interest in reactivating ballooning activity. All FAI requirements had been met for Jordan to be re-affiliated.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid for 2011 and 2012, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Royal Aeroclub of Jordan's application for FAI Active Membership in Class 10 with immediate effect.**

##### **b. Panama** - Application for Associate Member (for Parachuting)

The *Asociacion de Paracaidismo Deportivo de Panama* applied through Mr Omar Rodriguez, Vice-president of COLPAR.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Asociacion de Paracaidismo Deportivo de Panama's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.**

**c. St Kitts and Nevis - Application for Associate Member (for Parachuting)**

Mr. Zuliani recently created the *St Kitts and Nevis National Parachute Association* in order to participate into FAI parachuting competitions.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the St Kitts and Nevis National Parachute Association's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.**

**d. Tunisia - Application for Associate Member (for Microlights)**

Tunisia created a new association, chaired by Mr. Mizouri and supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Tunisia as well as of France in order to promote Microlights in Tunisia and to organize FAI competitions in Microlights. Their intention is to move into Active membership as soon as other disciplines show interest to join their association.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Association Tunisienne des Sports Aeriens's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.**

**e. Uruguay - Application for Associate Member (for Gliding)**

In the last years, many requests had been received to the FAI Head Office for associations in Uruguay to become FAI member. None had ended into membership. The application of *the Centro Uruguayo de Planeadores* was complete and requested from 1 January 2013.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Centro Uruguayo de Planeadores's application for FAI Associate Membership as of 1 January 2013.**

**f. Vietnam – Application for Temporary Membership**

The Hanoi Air Sport Association contacted the FAI a few months ago with an interest to join the FAI again. The association received support from FAI Regional Vice-President, Mr ABDILLAH.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Hanoi Air Sport Association's application for FAI Temporary Membership with immediate effect.**

**g. COLPAR – Application for International Affiliate Membership**

A majority of South American FAI members have expressed their support for the affiliation of COLPAR as FAI Affiliate Member.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted COLPAR's affiliation as an FAI International Affiliate Member as of 1 January 2013, without voting rights and without payment of fees and tasked the EB and COLPAR with establishing a Memorandum of Understanding.**



**h. Bahrain** – Application for change from Temporary to Associate Membership

The Royal Bahrain Parachuting Committee became Temporary Member in 2008. They recently expressed the wish to move from Temporary to Associate Membership in order to be able to compete under their national flag at the next World Parachuting Championships taking place in Dubai in December 2012.

A letter of intention had been received and the appropriate membership fee had been paid.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Royal Bahrain Parachuting Committee's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.**

**i. Oman** – Application for change from Temporary to Associate Membership

The Oman National Free Fall Team became Temporary Member in 2010. They recently expressed the wish to move from Temporary to Associate Membership in order to be able to compete under their national flag at the next World Parachuting Championships taking place in Dubai in December 2012.

A letter of intention had been received and the appropriate membership fee had been paid.

**The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Oman National Free Fall Team's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.**

A South-American representative wished to comment on the affiliation of COLPAR. This NAC had sent an e-mail earlier in 2012 with specific concerns, as a country in terms on how this would work to really define the collaboration between the two associations ("who would do what"). No answer had been received. The FAI President promised that comments would be taken into consideration when the memorandum of understanding would be established.

The FAI President welcomed these new members.

**9.3 Re-approval of Existing Temporary Members**

As per 2011 discussions, the FAI Executive Board recommended that the Temporary Membership be renewed on a yearly basis, and that every effort should be made to keep Temporary Members within FAI and encourage them to apply for a higher category of membership after a certain number of years. The Mondial taking place in Dubai later in the year encouraged some temporary members to upgrade so that they could compete under their own flag (see above). Besides, a letter was sent to them mid-September to encourage them informing the FAI on their intention for the future. No reply had been received from any of the Temporary members.

The years in which current Temporary Members were admitted to membership were as follows:

Armenia :	2006
El Salvador :	1998
Iraq :	2010 ( <i>informed the FAI HO a few days before the GC about their wish to upgrade to Active member</i> )
Palestine :	2009
Paraguay :	2003
Syria :	2010
Trinidad & Tob. :	2009

**The General Conference unanimously agreed to renew the Temporary Membership of all the above-mentioned members.**

In regards to Palestine, their membership would be renewed provided payment would be received before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Otherwise, the Palestine Air Sports Federation would be expelled.

#### **9.4 Other Membership Matters**

The FAI Members listed below requested the following changes of class. All changes had been included in FAI Budget 2013. The changes had been submitted for approval together with the approval of the Scale of Subscriptions 2013.

**Germany** – Change from Class 2 to Class 3 for 2013

**Hungary** – Change from Class 6 to Class 7 for 2013

**Japan** – Change from Class 3 to Class 4 for 2012

**Turkey** – Change from Class 5 to Class 4 for 2013

### **10. Proposals from Members**

#### **10.1 Iceland**

Iceland made a proposal for smaller countries to have a lower fee than the current Class 10 fee. The fact was that there were not many countries in Class 10 and the financial impact would be minimal.

To Mr. GUDMUNDSSON's opinion, the population did not show the level of contributions. For example, his country contributed a lot to FAI while the population number was low. The country did not have the finances to send Delegates to Commission meetings. He referred to a report established 15 years ago, which stipulated that the FAI income should not only rely on membership fees but should look for other sources. Small countries might not continue to participate into FAI because they would not have the resources. His proposal would also open doors to new countries not able to access the FAI at the moment.

The FAI EB responded that this issue was looked into 15 years ago and the investigation concluded that the membership fee by country population was not viable.

**The General Conference rejected the Iceland motion and tasked the EB to investigate it further.**

#### **10.2 Israel**

The representative from Israel started his presentation by highlighting the fact that he was unhappy with the way the FAI had handled his proposal. His proposal was about a competitor having seen his participation denied because of his nationality. He therefore requested a Statutes change.

The FAI President apologized for the way the proposal was handled. If the Sporting Code needed to be updated, then Statutes needed to be too. The President quoted the FAI Statutes 1.2.

##### *THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF FAI*

*1.2.1. To make evident the essentially international spirit of aeronautics as a powerful instrument for bringing all people closer in mutual understanding and friendship regardless of political, racial or religious considerations, thereby helping to create international good will and thus build a better and more peaceful world.*

The Board agreed with the sentiment of the letter but could not guarantee unrestricted access to all members in every country. An organiser was already expected to make all reasonable efforts to ensure access.

One participant explained that the impact was larger than a question of participation. What about qualification? They could qualify but not go on site? A suggestion was that countries bidding for events (or general conferences) should assure the entry of all participants. Maybe a solution was to refer to the Statutes Working Group to find a better wording complying with the Olympic charter. The chair of the SWG commented that no competitor should be excluded based on nationality, race, gender, etc. But how to create a rule for FAI

members on a decision taken by their governments was a different question. It would be very difficult to implement. In any case, the SWG would draft a proposal only after a political decision was taken. One participant thought that a guarantee was extreme but the EB position was extreme too. An intermediate level should be found. The only entity to guarantee an entry was a national government which meant that it was a political issue. And the FAI could not influence a national government. It was suggested that this issue would be taken up in the new version of the Organizer Agreement.

**The General Conference decided to task the SWG with this issue.**

#### **11. Election of FAI Vice-Presidents for 2012 / 2013**

One missing nomination was communicated late to the FAI Office: Colombia – Mr. Markus GRAEBER.

**The list of persons nominated to serve as FAI Vice-Presidents for 2012 / 2013 (ANNEX 36) + the additional nomination above was approved by the Conference, with no votes against and no abstention.**

#### **12. Approval of Delegates Nominated for FAI Commissions 2012 / 2013**

A few errors (printing errors) in IPC Delegates list had to be corrected. Besides, the name of the IPC Delegate for Thailand, who passed away, should be removed (Thailand to provide a replacement name later).

Note : CANS Delegates were still appearing on the list as the abolition of the CANS happened only the day after and the list was published as state at the beginning of the Conference.

**Conference unanimously approved the list of new appointments (FAI By-Laws 3.1.2.), which incorporated the following amendments notified to the Conference:**

- List of short notice nominations
- Inclusion of late nominations: Mr. RAMOS (ESP) as CIVL Alternate Delegate and Mr. CARAMAZANA as CASI Delegate and Mr. MENARGUES as CASI Alternate Delegate
- Correction in IPC List

The up-dated list is enclosed to these Minutes (**ANNEX 37**).

#### **13. Election of Active Members - Air Sport General Commission (CASI)**

The FAI General Conference was invited to elect 5 Active Members to serve on CASI in accordance with FAI Statutes 5.2.3.2.7.1. and 5.2.3.2.8. The representatives of the following countries, having served for 2 years on CASI, were required to stand down: Canada, France, Serbia, Sweden, and USA.

The following countries still had one year of their two-year CASI term left to serve, and did not need to be re-elected in 2012 : Australia, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, Switzerland.

The following countries stood for election to the vacant CASI posts : Canada, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Portugal, Russia, Sweden and USA.

Note : Denmark asked for switching delegate and alternate delegate.

**The representatives of USA (241 votes), Sweden (208), France (205), Canada (192) and Italy (after 4<sup>th</sup> round) were duly elected.**

The full list of CASI NAC Members for 2012 / 2013 is therefore as follows, listed alphabetically: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.

A comment, already raised last year, popped up. The GC Delegates had little information about the CASI Delegates to be elected, and about their background. If CASI continued working like it did, the way the delegates were elected should be considered. The HO would see how to make this possible for 2013.

The new CASI delegates were planned to meet after the General Conferences to elect the Bureau.

#### 14. 2013 FAI Budget

See **ANNEX 12, 13, 14.**

After Mr. CLIPSHAM's presentation, some participants had questions / remarks.

The Finnish Delegate noticed that 20% of the planned income came from sponsors. He was curious to know whether contracts had been already signed and confirmed. To which the answer was positive. In addition, he wished to know how many the sponsors were. The FAI President confirmed that there were in total one global sponsor and one commercial contract which was similar to a sponsorship.

One question from the floor was about all operating and extra costs expected through FAME. Participants wished to know the figures separately and asked for projective operating costs. Mr. HENDERSON, Chairman of the Board of Directors of FAME replied that in the first five months of operations, FAME was expecting a cash deficit of 5000 CHF which will be rebalanced by a loan which had been agreed by the FAI Executive Board. By the end of 2013, there was a projected budget excess of expenditure over income of 17000 CHF, which would be on a budgeted revenue incoming of 200'000 CHF for sponsorship and 35'000 CHF from sanction fees, marketing, work with ASC and for servicing projects for the FAI. For the first two years, FAME would be running a deficit budget. Confirmation of detailed budget figures was one of the first tasks of the FAME CEO.

One delegate noticed that FAME was owned by 74.5% by the FAI and asked whether the law did not require FAI to include FAME figures in its consolidated budget. He wanted a confirmation that FAI auditors had been consulted on this issue. PWCH had not been consulted on budget. They were involved with the consolidated statement. The Chairman reminded that FAME had formally been functional for six weeks and working off a cash flow to determine if it was viable. FAME CEO had a performance target to produce a full functional and competent budget before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012.

A clarification was made on the word "sanction fees". In the FAI budget, it did not mean ASC sanction fees but sanction fees from a host city. It would maybe be appropriate to call it a *rights fee*.

One participant feared that if the FAI did not reach the income to fulfil the budget, some items would be dropped or put on hold. The Finance Director noted that this was a projection.

**The General Conference approved the budget for FAI operations in 2013 and the Scale of Subscriptions and Votes for 2013.**

## 15. Election of FAI President

The General Conference was invited, under Statutes 6.1., to elect a President.

There was only one candidate who left the room during the election. No other nomination was provided.

**Decision:** Dr. GRUBBSTRÖM was unanimously elected FAI President with 215 votes.

He thanked the Conference.

## 16. Presentation of Candidates to serve on FAI Executive Board

The two-year term of the FAI Executive Board having expired, the General Conference was invited to elect 6 Executive Directors.

The following nominations (nominating countries in brackets) had been received.

Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM (CAN)

Mr. Alvaro DE ORLEANS-BORBON (ESP)

Mr. Frits BRINK (NED)

Mr. Robert HENDERSON (NZL)

Mr. Otto LAGARHUS (NOR)

Mr. Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (SUI)

All candidates presented themselves or were introduced by heads of delegations, and the voting procedure was initiated.

## 17. Election of Executive Directors to serve on FAI Executive Board

The FAI Staff and the appointed scrutineers proceeded with distributing and collecting ballots for the election. The results of the election are recorded under point 33 of these Minutes.

## 18. Commissions' Reports

Each FAI Commission President reported on the activity of his Commission. As Annual Reports submitted by the FAI Commission Presidents and International Affiliate Members had been distributed to the Delegates with the Agenda, the Presidents / Representatives only highlighted a few additional points.

### **CASI (Air Sport General Commission) – ANNEX 15**

CASI meets once a year, and last meeting was Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Antalya.

The meeting covered items including revamping of FAI appeals procedure. The members drafted an appeal procedure manual which would be a mandatory instruction to the tribunal as to how it conducted its work. It would be under more review during the coming year.

The delegates also agreed on a new medal policy, which would allow organizers to use FAI medals or medals from their own suppliers providing that they meet strict FAI specifications.

The CASI President reminded the audience that CASI was meeting once a year but that they were working on ongoing issues also. They had created 2 working groups which would be soon reporting.

He concluded by mentioning that CASI was a common place for ASCs and NACs. The Commission served a very important function in that respect

### **CIA (Ballooning Commission) – ANNEX 16**

The CIA had 2 World and 1 Continental Championships but for the first time, they also held a Junior World Championship and Women Continental Championships. It was a good initiative to attract more people into competition. This also showed good examples on how we can improve the presence in FAI.

The CIA President also reported on negative results in 2012:

- Experienced significant problems with US authorities for validating licences of competitors. But received assistance from NAA (NAC USA) and organizers. The CIA should be more careful in the future that all licences should be accepted in a country where a FAI Balloning event is held
- Organizer Agreement: the CIA was glad that the FAI was finally working on a new Organizer Agreement. It would hopefully prevent problems in the future.
- Debt of the CIA to one of the NACs which invited FAI delegates to a plenary meeting but did not fulfill the obligations which caused the CIA to organize it itself with its own money. The CIA decided last year that if nothing was done in 2012, they would withdraw the sporting powers of this NAC for Ballooning.
- Problem with FAI website, mainly with CIA webpages. The CIA hoped that will be fixed.

### **GAC (General Aviation Commission) – ANNEX 17**

Mr. DELMAS reported for the first time as GAC President.

The GAC President highlighted two points:

- The GAC held successful but difficult championships in Spain in September 2012. According to him, there were the most difficult ever flown championships but had a great success. He reported that new comers were afraid of the difficulty level. As the GAC wished more and more countries involved, they would split into two classes, like Aerobatics was doing with Unlimited and Advanced.
- The GAC had problem until two days before the GC about a potential conflict between two sponsors: one of German NAC and the one of FAI. A great job had been achieved by the CEO of FAME, who organized a quick meeting with Breitling, the FAI, the German delegation and the GAC President. In a short period of time, the problem was solved in a very professional way.

### **IGC (Gliding Commission) – ANNEX 18**

Mr. MOZER reported for the first time as IGC President. The IGC President highlighted a few points for clarification or learned since the report was issued.

Their plenary was held in South Africa and he took the opportunity to thank the Soaring Society of South Africa. During the plenary, the delegates awarded many championships including the 8<sup>th</sup> Junior World Gliding Championships, awarded to Australia. Initially, this championship was just European and for many years, was held only in Europe.

The site for the Sailplane Grand Prix Final would be Sisteron (FRA) and the final would be held in 2014 instead of 2013.

The IGC invested a tremendous amount of time in safety at championships and keep working closely with OSTIV.

Challenges for the coming year:

- Presence of FAME and Breitling at championships: the IGC was expecting more info but was nevertheless excited by the concept.
- During the championships in Uvalde (USA), 800 000 km were flown. On a daily basis, it meant 40000 km. The fastest speed reached was 161 km/h, the slowest 130 km/h. Participants could find more statistics in the report. The championship was flown in strictly thermal conditions, considered as unique.

- The FAI awarded a Group Diploma of Honour to GFAC, one of the most important committees in the Commission.

### **CIG (Rotorcraft Commission) – ANNEX 19**

The CIG President focused on a new project the CIG was working on: HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service). There was the possibility of promoting a concept of special FAI recognition (diploma – 5 years before it is re-assessed) of leading hospitals and their attached helicopter crews, jointly with CIMP. He would provide a total scheme to present next year.

### **IPC (Parachuting Commission) – ANNEX 20**

The IPC President started his presentation with a few words on current state of progress of the sport of parachuting. The incredible feat by Felix Baumgartner parachuting from 128,000 feet had certainly highlighted parachuting to the world in a very public way.

He then continued with the promotion by the UAE delegation of Mondial 2012, which had been developed after three successive and very successful Dubai International Parachuting Cups. At the time of his speech, there were over 1600 participants already registered for this First Category Event, which was a collection of the World Championships in all summer disciplines. Even the winter discipline of Para-ski would be conducted as a demonstration event, utilising Dubai's indoor skiing hall. A relatively new discipline of Speed Skydiving, where competitors tried to out do each other on the speeds they can reach in Freefall, would be on display.

Besides, the IPC was pleased to welcome the new members into FAI, especially the Associate Members for Parachuting stating that it was evidence that IPC's strategic plan was working.

Mr. WINDSOR had reported regularly to the FAI Members since coming to this GC as IPC's President, on IPC development under its living and breathing Strategic Plan. This plan called on IPC to ensure its events are attractive and dynamic, and described how that was to be achieved through the now four pillars of Competition Formats / Selection Process of International Events / Promotion of Safety / Finances.

At the next IPC Plenary, the IPC would review this plan with a view to adding a 5<sup>th</sup> dimension : autonomy and freedom for the collective IPC delegates as defined in FAI statute 5.2.3.3.7.

There was a lot of work to do by all the volunteers appointed to IPC. With the assistance of the FAI Executive Board and the support of the FAI Head Office, the IPC was looking forward to even greater development of the sport of parachuting through more autonomy and freedom within the framework of the FAI Constitution to continue its efforts for FAI.

### **CIAM (Aeromodelling Commission) – ANNEX 21**

Mr. PAPADOPOULOS reported for the first time as CIAM President.

He was glad to hear the plans from the FAI EB to include non-competition events within FAI like Festivals, Fly-Ins, etc. Lots of activities of day to day of aeromodellers were not competition but leisure and hobby.

He also mentioned that the CIAM was busy with a lot of events: 15 Cat 1 and nearly 300 Cat 2. The number of people involved (competitors, volunteers, etc...) was tremendous. He wanted to stress some problems with companies outside the FAI still using the name of FAI or CIAM in order to have competitions without being sanctioned by the FAI.

The CIAM was also dealing with a question about number of events. It would be discussed and hopefully a solution would be presented in 2013.

### **CIVA (Aerobatics Commission) – ANNEX 22**

The CIVA Representative started his report with the fact that there were fewer pilots in Unlimited because it was an expensive discipline. The CIVA received a bid from South Africa which was suggesting to open up a new category with a wider base and to get more pilots in the top. This would be discussed during the next CIVA Plenary.

Finally, the CIVA was looking forward to bring new Aerobatics events under the umbrella of FAME.

### **ICARE (Astronautics Records Commission)**

No representative present.

### **CIVL (Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission) – ANNEX 23**

The CIVL President opened his report with the number of competitions this year : 320. He was expecting less due to the global financial situation but figures were stable.

One source of revenue for the CIVL was the ranking. A CIVL part-time employee was managing the ranking but was about to quit. And the CIVL needed know to find a new person to replace him.

The CIVL was generating a great amount of money but unfortunately, this money was not put back into sport. So the Commission was now looking how to better serve organizers. Therefore, the CIVL will develop into a more professional team to give operational and technical assistance for organizers.

Also, the CIVL was heavily looking into live tracking, to allow scoring directly from live tracking data.

Besides, half of the paragliding competitions were cross country but the Commission was seeing other spectator friendly competitions coming up. They were looking forward to see if the CIVL could work with FAME for Paragliding Aerobatics which was spectator friendly.

As a conclusion, Mr. GUDMUNDSSON informed that the next Cat 1 competition would be in Australia in January 2013 and that it would be the first competition where Breitling would be present.

### **CIMA (Microlight and Paramotor Commission) – ANNEX 24**

The CIMA President introduced his report by mentioning the Asian Beach Games that took place in June 2012. This event was an important event with a ground work from the Aerosports Federation of China (FAI Member in China). This event was important for Asian nations as the National Olympic Committee was involved. A scoring system had been developed that might be used for other competitions too.

The World Paramotor Championships took place in Spain in August 2012. There were the best ever championships. Microlight Autogyros had the opportunity to participate.

Microlight Autogyros were discussed at the CASI meeting a few days before and Microlight Autogyros were now part of the standard fleet of aircraft of CIMA.

The CIMA was developing a World League Cup, combining scores from different Cat 2 events.

He gave a few words on the future calendar. He informed the audience that new countries and solid participants were involved. He thanked Mr. ABDILLAH, FAI Regional Vice-President for East and South Asia, for his support and his help to get people interested. He also evoked the events to take place in 2013:

- European Paramotor Championships in Estonia
- European Microlight Championships in Slovakia
- First Oceania Championships in Thailand



- First Paramotor Slalom Championships: this event was being developed, and one issue was that they did not know the way it would be scored.
  - First Panamerican champs in 2013 : this event had not been concluded yet.
- He concluded by saying that many bids had been received for 2014, and some already for 2015 and 2016.

### **CIACA (Amateur Built & Experimental Commission) – ANNEX 25**

CIACA was a recent ASC with no championships at the moment.

The target of this Commission was to get more economical, to use less fuel, to go into electrical, solar, liquid gas, etc...They were trying to keep the flame but also to attract youngster.

The Commission decided to form 3 new working groups:

- Education (working in collaboration with CIEA) with one target : social education and the concept of working together in a stable group (family, class, small club).
- New power sources
- CIACA records and diplomas : there are a lot of existing national competitions and the CIACA will be trying to make them comparable.

He requested the participants to pass the message that people building aircraft should see how to incorporate a national association to make sure safety and rules were applied.

### **CIEA (Aviation & Space Education Commission) – ANNEX 26**

The CIEA was a Commission which was visible mainly through the Young Artist Contest. This contest was seeing an increasing number of participating countries. But the part of the Commission about Space was not so visible whereas the Commission had experienced delegates with experience with EASA and NASA.

The CIEA was currently working on adapting the CIEA webpages. The content would be renewed in the coming year. The Commission was also trying to have a better approach of FAI Recommended Museums. There was at the moment no proper way to monitor the program but the Commission was thinking about improving as museums had an educational value. The Commission was also developing new ideas of specific programs. They focused on different age groups. Education, as often misunderstanding, was not only for youngsters but also for adults.

Finally, the CIEA President made an appeal to have more delegates to meetings. To his opinion, it was a cross servicing and cross connecting commission, which was the advantage of Technical Commissions.

### **CIMP (Medico-Physiological Commission) – ANNEX 27**

The delegates made a special work in 2012 on transparent rules and fair administration (FAA, EASA forgetting air sports, focusing on airlines).

Another activity was the Anti-Doping Advisory Group. The CIMP was trying to promote this program with positive support but focused on the fact that the FAI needed ambassadors. In the frame of Anti-Doping matters, the CIMP was regularly busy also with TUEs (Therapeutic Use Exemptions). The procedure was easy and it was running smoothly. Alcohol was also an issue for the CIMP. There was a possible dual infringement that other sports might not have. All pilots had a pilot licence and it might be a civil violation in case of a doping violation. Cases would be looked into individually. Besides, pilot proficiency was also a major issue. Accident statistics were raising.

The next CIMP meeting would concentrate on “sustain” and continuous operations.

### **EnvC (Environmental Commission) – ANNEX 28**

The EnvC President, Mr. SMITH, started with a remark on fuel, which was an issue the Commission was looking into. Alternatives were being researched. He also mentioned the work of the Commission on an Environmental award.

Finally, he stated that the Commission was planning an environmental workshop to take place at the next General Conference. It would be a good place to spread the word about environmental issues.

### **CANS (Commission on Airspace and navigation Systems) – ANNEX 29**

The CANS had their plenary meeting in April but with a low attendance which was a recurrent problem. Therefore the conversion into an Expert Group was seen as a solution to tackle the low participation in plenary meeting. He gave the list of experts included in the two Expert Groups and added that some people might not have the expertise themselves but have a network to be able to find answers.

### **OSTIV – ANNEX 30**

Mr. BOERMANS informed the audience that the OSTIV main event was the 31<sup>st</sup> OSTIV Congress which was successfully held in Uvalde (USA) at the same site as the 32<sup>nd</sup> World Gliding Championships.

He talked also about the OSTIV Speaker Track at the Convention of the Soaring Society of America. And listed 3 OSTIV panels: Sailplane Development Panel next meeting in 2013 at the premises of Airbus in Toulouse), Training and Safety Panel, Meteorological Panel.

Annual Reports submitted by the FAI Commission Presidents and International Affiliate Members had been distributed to the Delegates with the Agenda. They are attached in **Annexes 15 to 30** of these Minutes.

## **19. IWGA World Games 2013 - Cali**

More information including pictures available in **Annex 31**.

The first piece of information was that Mr. Max Bishop, former FAI Secretary General, was Senior Vice-President of IWGA and this helped having a good link.

The FAI Senior Sports Manager thanked Mr. Markus GRAEBER for his grateful help in solving problems and assuring a good quality of the test event, which was crucial for keeping air sports in the programme of World Games.

The fact that parachuting and paragliding events were taking place one after the other would make it more spectator friendly.

As a conclusion, Mr. GRAEBER said that there was a large amount of legacy in this event and that the equipment would stay in Colombia. Besides, trained judges were in the majority Colombian.

The FAI President thanked Mr. GRAEBER for his excellent contribution.

## **20. International Calendar of Sporting Events for 2013**

The calendar was distributed and **Conference took note**. The updated version is attached at **ANNEX 38** and available on <http://www.fai.org/events/events-calendar-and-results>.

The FAI Secretary General reminded the Conference that this was a living document and as soon as it was printed, changes already occurred. The official reference was the website.

**The General Conference agreed to the proposal of FAI President to save printing the copy next year and making it available online only.**

## 21. FAI World Air Games

More information on Principles of the Games, Improvements from 2009, Collaboration with FAME, Bid process for 2015, Timeline and Objectives are to be found in **ANNEX 32**.

One participant was interested to know whether there was a possibility of potential collaboration with FAME. The FAI Secretary General reminded that FAME, in its current state, was new. The company was currently working on how to work with ASCs. The WAG had not been discussed yet. But it certainly would be involved in some way.

## 22. Open Forum

### 22.1 Regional Vice-Presidents

Mr. ABDILLAH reported on his first months as FAI RVP for East and South Asia, appointed in June 2012 by the FAI Executive Board. From June to the General Conference, he did his best to promote the FAI and try to get more members affiliate to the FAI. He highlighted the fact that many countries were not FAI in East and South Asia like Macau, etc.

#### **Main activities – competitions**

##### - *Asian Beach Games*

He attended the last Asian Beach Games that took place in Haiyang (China) from 17 to 21 June 2012. The next edition will be in 2014, in Phuket (Thailand). For that event, the NAC of Thailand proposed 5 air sports : Paragliding / Power paragliding (Paramotor) / Hang Gliding / Aeromodelling / Parachuting. This proposal was sent to the Olympic Council of Asia and the decision was to be taken after the General Conference, on 7<sup>th</sup> November in Macau.

The venue proposed was Krabi as Phuket is too crowded.

2016 Asian Beach Games would be held in Vietnam. Beginning of 2013, a meeting would take place with NOC and Ministry of Sports of Vietnam.

##### - *South East Asia Games*

The aim was to increase air sports in SEA Games, where at the moment only paragliding is included.

- o Edition 2013 – Myanmar : a meeting was planned in November in Bangkok and the final decision would be taken on 2 December to know whether air sports were maintained in SEA Games
- o Edition 2015 – Singapore : there was a limited airspace. The only possible event would be aeromodelling and perhaps paramotors. A meeting was planned with the NOC to discuss air sports participation
- o 2017 - Malaysia (bidding) : the objective was to try to include as many air sports as possible.

#### **Other Air Sports Activities**

The first ever organized Marshal/Judges Seminar was held in Thailand by CIMA : 39 people attended from 4 countries (Thailand, Malaysia, Laos and Indonesia).

The Bandung Air Show took place in Indonesia (27-30 Sep. 2012) with the participation of 50 light aircraft.

#### **Main activities - membership/recruitment**

- Vietnam
- Laos (in contact with FAI Head Office)
- Macau (meeting planned with sports authorities)
- Cambodia (no air sports activity but the NOC invited Mr. ABDILLAH to come to Cambodia in December 2012 because it was keen to set up paramotors activity in Cambodia)
- Brunei (Mr. ABDILLAH met the NOC during Asian Beach Games and was invited to come over and discuss)

## **Recent developments after 15 September 2012**

- Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia

Mr. LAGARHUS thanked Mr. ABDILLAH for the work he has done since he was appointed.

### **22.2 Airspace and Navigation**

Mr. Günter BERTRAM, member of the FAI Airspace Expert Group made a presentation. In brief, the message was that each air sport needed air space, everywhere. It sounded simple but was very important. The situation was different in each country. In some cases, cooperation between authorities and the NAC was good but in some other cases, air sports just have to follow what the authorities were imposing.

ICAO was the focal point in the world for airspace and navigation. He reminded that if the NACs needed any help or information, they should not hesitate to contact the FAI Airspace Expert Group.

Additional information in **ANNEX 33**.

Then Mr. Lars HOLMSTRÖM, member of the FAI Navigation Expert Group, continued with an additional presentation, this time on Navigation issues.

Additional information in **ANNEX 34**.

Mr. Beat NEUENSCHWANDER thanked Mr. HOLMSTRÖM and Mr. BERTRAM for their presentations. He confirmed the very good reports received from the first two expert groups created. He reminded the audience that if NACs had special issues, they should send them to the FAI Head Office.

### **22.3 Environmental matters within FAI**

No presentation was made.

### **22.4 Electronic attendance to meetings**

Mr. Mike CLOSE, President of the Australian Sport Aviation Confederation (NAC Australia) had made a written note on electronic attendance and wished to share additional details with the participants.

The FAI was a global organization but it was not easy for countries like Australia to attend some meetings like NACs Presidents Meeting, taking place in Lausanne for one day only.

The proposal was to allow electronic attendance for those who could not be present. It did not jeopardize the current organisation of meetings; it was an additional way of attending and not a replacement of physical meetings.

Mr. CLOSE suggested to trial a system called GoToMeeting. The FAI President promised to further look into it, with the help of the FAI IT Manager.

Comments came from the floor. The first one came from the President of the Environmental Commission who was also a member of RCTA and used to such kind of meetings. It did miss personal contact, but the reduction in time and cost was extraordinary and he urged for consideration.

The CIACA President remarked that electronic attendance would be a tool to which youth were used to.

The Colombian delegate was surprised that this issue had not popped up before. Many big companies used that system already and it was an absolute necessity. Many countries would never afford travelling for FAI meetings.

Mr. DE ORLEANS BORBON called for caution. He had participated into many web conferences but was not convinced that people really paid attention to what was going on in

the electronic meeting. Mr. LAGARHUS added to this fact that even if GoToMeeting was an efficient software, it was easy to lose continuity. This was confirmed by the IGC President saying that the risk was to lose the interaction. It needed practical application and to be tested anyway in some other types of meetings like ASCs meetings or NACs Presidents meetings.

Mr. HENDERSON concluded that the logical testbed for this would be the informal NAC Meeting in 2013. This meeting was an information meeting, not a decision-making meeting. In fact, the main problem with electronic attendance was voting. The challenge was to make the General Conference more interesting and valuable so that participants did attend.

The General Conference took note of the proposal. The participants were positive about the introduction of it step by step, beginning with minor meetings. The EB would task the FAI IT Manager to look into it. An update about this matter would be available in the EB Minutes.

For details, please see **ANNEX 35**.

### **22.5 2013 IOC Women & Sport Awards**

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time, the FAI provided its Members and Commissions the opportunity to submit nominations to the IOC Women and Sport Awards. This trophy is awarded annually. It recognizes achievement and contributions made to develop encourage and strengthen participation of women and girls in sport in the world level.

The application form and general rules are available on the FAI website as well as in the delegates' folder. Applications needed to be forwarded to the FAI Office to be endorsed either by the FAI President or Secretary General before being transmitted to the IOC. The FAI President reminded that this was a chance to showcase fabulous women doing a great job in air sports and encouraged nominations.

### **22.6 Additional items**

1. Mrs Stevens took the opportunity to express the fact that she was not optimistic on the number of applications to be received related to the matter above-mentioned and proposed to the General Conference the establishment of a temporary working group under 5.1.3.2 of the FAI Statutes. There was a significant minority participation of women in air sports and they were lacking in representation in international aviation organizations. This group would be a strategy working group for the promotion of participation of women in air sports and in air sports organization. She proposed it be established for two years with the name "Women in FAI".

Duties of the WG:

- Report back prior to or at next GC on research and statistics regarding participation by women and initiatives currently underway in any ASC and/or member countries
- Report back prior to or at GC 2014 with proposals for the promotion of participation of women in air sports and air sports organizations

This temporary group would be established for two years and in 2014, the General Conference could decide whether to make it a permanent working group, extend the temporary working group or reduce the group. The initial membership would consist of Mrs. Gillian RAYNER (FRA), Mrs. Mary-Ann STEVENS (CAN) and Mrs. Marina VIGORITO (ITA). The group would welcome the participation by other interested participants up to 7 members from ASC or NACs.

It had to be digested from a Statutes point of view but Mr. DE MOURA MARQUES, in his position of NAC President, supported the idea and wished success to the project.

The FAI President congratulated Mrs Stevens for this good idea and wished her good luck. He reminded that this was an unannounced proposal. It would need a 2/3 majority to put it on agenda. Majority was reached. It was put on agenda after the Open Forum.

The President called for a vote to confirm whether the proposition was filling the FAI Statutes 5.1.4. : *In all cases the record of action establishing a new permanent or temporary body shall include its mission directive / its duties and powers and such instructions on composition / duration and disestablishment as the establishing body shall deem appropriate.* A 2/3 majority was needed and reached. But the SWG Chair reminded that even if the composition was known, there must be a President for the WG and proposed Mary-Ann STEVENS. The majority to elect her if the WG was established was reached. **Next vote was on the establishment of this temporary working group and it was unanimously approved.**

The extension of the participants would have to be done in conjunction with the EB.

2. Another item was raised by the Mexican delegate who asked to what point the FAI might support or suggest recommendation to ICAO to be soft with sportsmen, regarding limitation on airlines. Mexico was interested to know how it was possible for NACs to have a close relationship with ICAO.

The President appreciated the comment and confirmed that the relation with ICAO was a priority.

The FAI President closed the open forum.

#### **23. Presentation of Bids for 107<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference – 2014**

Capt. DYDIASARIN, from Thailand was invited to present its bid for the 108<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference.

It was confirmed that all information presented in the bid were included in the organizer agreement.

#### **24. Vote on Award of 108<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference – 2014**

**The General Conference decided to award the organization of the 108<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference to Thailand.**

#### **25. Prince Alvaro de Orleans Borbon Grant**

Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM reported on the Prince Alvaro de Orleans Borbon Grant.

The Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon Fund was created in 2000 with a donation to FAI from the family of the Late Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon, to provide prize money to persons or institutions who have devoted themselves to promote technical developments and innovation in sport aviation.

A Dutch foundation was created and the first trustees were Messrs Dr Monchy, Rautio and Ness. The trustees subsequently transferred the assets to FAI into a separate bank account with double signatures of the FAI President and the FAI Executive Director Finance.

The FAI Executive Board in May 2010, agreed to manage the funds and to decide on the awarding of prize in the future so that prize money would continue being awarded every two years or when the money would become available from the investment income derived from the grant. The awarding would be done at the FAI General Conference.

In 2011, the funds were transferred into accounts in a separate bank in Switzerland, Julius Baer, and the Dutch foundation has been dissolved. The former trustees reserved a sum of USD20,000 for the next allocation of the prize.

The Regulations for the Nomination and Award of the Prize are the following:

### *3. Eligibility*

*Persons or institutions who have devoted themselves to create and/or promote technical developments and innovation in sport aviation. Additional consideration will be given to projects:*

- a. which are not only academic in nature, but also highly visible to the public and media organizations. Emphasis should be placed on general accessibility of the project results for the understanding of the public;*
- b. which encourage youth participation and interest in sport aviation;*
- c. which not only result in innovative research but also directly enhance the capability and understanding of students in fields immediately applicable to aeronautical engineering and sport aviation.*

FAI Members were provided with Regulations and nomination information for the submission of proposals for the awarding of this prize on March 16, 2012. Nominations were received from NAC Canada, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Sweden and CIVA.

The Executive Board at the August EB Meeting awarded the Prize in the amount of USD20,000 to the Canadian proposal. The recipients were the developers of the Atlas Human Powered Helicopter by AeroVelo, the team led by Todd Reichert and Cameron Robertson affiliated with the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS). The helicopter was flown in August 2012 in the presence of Jack Humphries, FAI Vice President for Canada.

Messrs. REICHERT and ROBERTSON were invited to attend the 106<sup>th</sup> General Conference however they were unable to attend. The USD 20'000 prize money would now be sent to UTIAS.

## **26. Amendments to Statutes and By-Laws**

The Statutes Working Group (SWG) was tasked to examine several proposals for changes to the FAI Statutes. The changes were to ensure that the Presidents of the Technical Commissions are members of the Commission Presidents Group, expand the concept of Patron beyond corporations active in aeronautics or astronautics, codify the list of founding members and the delegation of power to amend the By-Laws to the Executive Board, establish the structure for Regional Vice Presidents and amend the Terms of Reference for the Statutes Working Group.

As a result of the SWG work on the initial proposals received from the Executive Board (EB), the SWG proposed wording for the related changes included in the GC 2012 Agenda as "Amendments to Statutes and By-Laws" in the appropriate session for Constitutional Matters.

- I. Preamble changes
- II. Statutes and By-Laws amendments
- III. Terms of Reference of Statutes Working group
- IV. Proposed Statutory amendments related to the introduction of Regional Vice-Presidents (RVPs)
- V. Proposed Statutory amendments related to the introduction of Expert Groups (EGs)

The General Conference was invited to consider proposals for changes to the FAI Statutes and By-Laws on the subjects shown below:

## I. PREAMBLE CHANGES

### I.1. "Commission Presidents' Group"

In PREAMBLE TO FAI STATUTES (page i)

Current: "A meeting of the Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions to..."

**Proposed: "A meeting of the Presidents of the FAI Commissions to ..."**

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### I.2. "Corporate Patron of FAI"

In PREAMBLE TO FAI STATUTES (page i)

Current: "A company or business active in the fields of aeronautics and/or astronautics which..."

**Proposed: "Patron of FAI"**

**"A company or entity which is..."**

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### I.3. "Founder Member"

In PREAMBLE TO FAI STATUTES (page ii)

Current: "A national organisation that took part in the foundation of the FAI in Paris in 1905"

**Proposed: "A national organisation that took part in the foundation of the FAI in Paris in 1905 (Aéro-Club de Belgique, Aéro-Club de France, Deutscher Luftschiiffer-Verband, Societa Aeronautica Italiana, Real Aero-Club de España, Aéro-Club de Suisse, Aero-Club of the United Kingdom, Aero-Club of America)"**

No comment.

The proposals on Preamble were adopted unanimously.

## II. STATUTES AND BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

### II.1. "FAI Constitution"

In FAI STATUTES 1.1.3.

Current: " The FAI Constitution consists of the FAI Statutes and By-Laws, which are established by the General Conference."

**Proposed: " The FAI Constitution consists of the FAI Statutes and By-Laws, which are established by the General Conference, the Executive Board having delegated power to amend the By-laws"**

No comment.

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### II.2. "Patrons of FAI"

In FAI STATUTES 2.12.1.1.1.

Current: "Companies and businesses active in the fields of aeronautics and astronautics may be appointed..."

**Proposed: "Companies and entities may be appointed by the General Conference as Patrons of FAI, subject to specific conditions"**



### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11 Main Title**

Current: "CORPORATE PATRONS OF FAI"

**Proposed: "PATRONS OF FAI"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.1.1.**

Current: "FAI may give recognition to companies and other institutions, such as research institutes that wish to support FAI and the federation's aims and objectives, as detailed in Statute 1.2., by appointing them as "Silver", "Gold" or "Platinum" Corporate Patrons of FAI"

**Proposed: "FAI may give recognition to companies and other entities, such as research institutes, that wish to support FAI and the federation's aims and objectives, as detailed in Statute 1.2., by appointing them as "Silver", "Gold" or "Platinum" Patrons of FAI"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.1.2.**

Current: "The procedures for application, and the privileges and benefits offered to Corporate Patrons of FAI are set forth below"

**Proposed: "The procedures for application, and the privileges and benefits offered to Patrons of FAI are set forth below"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.2.1.**

Current: "To obtain the status of Corporate Patron of FAI, the applicant company or institution shall forward to the FAI Secretariat a letter of application appropriately signed by one or more duly authorised signatories. This application shall be accompanied by:"

**Proposed: "To obtain the status of Patron of FAI, the applicant company or entity shall forward to the FAI Secretariat a letter of application appropriately signed by one or more duly authorised signatories. This application shall be accompanied by:"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.2.1.4.**

Current: "*a reply to the FAI Corporate Patron questionnaire,*"

**Proposed: "*a reply to the FAI Patron questionnaire*"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.2.3.**

Current: "FAI may also initiate the designation of a company as a Corporate Patron for a defined period of time, in recognition of services rendered.

**Proposed: "FAI may also initiate the designation of a company or entity as a Patron for a defined period of time, in recognition of services rendered"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.4.1.**

Current: "The support fees payable by each category of Corporate Patrons of FAI shall be established by the General Conference"

**Proposed: "The support fees payable by each category of Patrons of FAI shall be established by the General Conference"**

### **In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.4.2.**

Current: "Only Corporate Patrons of FAI that have satisfied all their financial obligations to the FAI will be able to enjoy the privileges listed in 11.3."

**Proposed: Only Patrons of FAI that have satisfied all their financial obligations to the FAI will be able to enjoy the privileges listed in 11.3.**

**In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.5.1.**

Current: "Submittal by Corporate Patron"

**Proposed: "Submittal by Patron"**

**In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.5.1.1.**

Current: "Resignation may be submitted to the FAI Secretariat not later than the last day of December of any year by registered letter signed by the authorised signing officials of the resigning Corporate Patron. For those paying annually, the support fees for the current year, if not paid yet, shall be due. If resignations are received after the first day of January, support fees for the following year shall be payable"

**Proposed: "Resignation may be submitted to the FAI Secretariat not later than the last day of December of any year by registered letter signed by the authorised signing officials of the resigning Patron. For those paying annually, the support fees for the current year, if not paid yet, shall be due. If resignations are received after the first day of January, support fees for the following year shall be payable.**

**In FAI BY-LAWS CHAPTER 11.5.2.1.**

Current: "General Conference may cancel the appointment of a Corporate Patron if the Patron has failed to satisfy its financial obligations to the FAI, or has opposed the ideals, concepts or Statutes of FAI"

**Proposed: "General Conference may cancel the appointment of a Patron if the Patron has failed to satisfy its financial obligations to the FAI, or has opposed the ideals, concepts or Statutes of FAI"**

No comment.

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**II.3. "Commissions Presidents Group"**

**In FAI STATUTES 5.4.1.1.**

Current: "The Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions..."

**Proposed: "The Presidents of the FAI Commissions"**

It was clarified that this did not mean the deletion of the term Air Sports Commissions but just the inclusion of Technical Commission Presidents into that specific group.

**The proposals on Statutes and By-Laws amendments were adopted unanimously.**

<b>III. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STATUTES WORKING GROUP</b>
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**Proposed text for paragraph 5.4.2.2.1.: To examine proposals and to draft changes to the Statutes and By-Laws appropriately submitted for inclusion in the agenda of the next General Conference, and to perform any other tasks related to the Statutes and By Laws as assigned by the Executive Board or General Conference.**

**Proposed deletion of paragraph 5.4.2.2.2.**

Some comments were raised after the proposition was presented.

One participant wished to know the intention behind this change. The same change had been discussed a year before and the wording was still not clear. The SWG Chair

confirmed that it meant only clarification of the paragraph to give a clear understanding of what the SWG was achieving. Another participant found it confusing as it meant that SWG could draft changes on proposals appropriately submitted but in that case, the question was about the necessity of drafting something appropriately submitted. The Chair confirmed that the SWG was not empowered to come up with ideas on changes unless requested by the EB and General Conference. They could only act on what they had been tasked for.

One English-speaking participant suggested a new wording:

*To examine and if found appropriate, draft amendments to proposals to changes for the Statutes and By-Laws appropriately submitted for inclusion in the agenda of the next General Conference, and to perform any other tasks related to the Statutes and By Laws as assigned by the Executive Board or General Conference.*

The above-mentioned proposal was discussed and ended up into the following:

***To examine and, if appropriate, propose amendments to proposals and changes to the Statutes and By-Laws, and to perform any other tasks related to the Statutes and By Laws as assigned by the Executive Board or General Conference.***

The vote was on the new proposed wording and not on the former proposal from SWG, with agreement of the SWG Chair.

**The proposals on Terms of Reference (against 10, absention 32 but 2/3 majority achieved) were adopted.**

One participant wished to confirm that the Terms of Reference of the SWG be changed as Statutes had been changed. The FAI President confirmed that the ToR would have to be amended.

#### **IV. PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS (RVPS)**

##### **In FAI STATUTES TERMS AND DEFINITIONS / Vice-Presidents**

Current: “The Vice-Presidents of FAI shall consist of the Vice-Presidents representing Active Members and the Presidents of the Air Sport Commissions, as selected under 6.3.”

**Proposed: “The Vice-Presidents of FAI shall consist of the Active Member Vice-Presidents as elected under 6.3, the Regional Vice-Presidents as appointed under 6.3.5, and the Presidents of the Air Sport Commissions.”**

No comment.

##### **In FAI STATUTES 2.4.2.1.**

Current: “...to attend FAI meetings, to nominate FAI Vice-Presidents and delegates to other FAI bodies...”

**Proposed: “...to attend FAI meetings, to nominate a Vice-President to represent the Active Member, a Regional Vice-President, if required, and delegates to other FAI bodies...”**

No comment.

##### **In FAI STATUTES 6.1.3.1.**

Current: “... at FAI events, the Active Member or Air Sport Commission...”. “That Active Member or Air Sport Commission may nominate another FAI Vice-President.”

**Proposed: “...at FAI events, the FAI Region, the Active Member or Air Sport Commission...” “The Active Members in the region may nominate another Regional Vice-President, the Active Member may nominate another Vice-President or the Air Sport Commission may elect another President.”**

One delegate suggested creating an appropriate definition of the word “region” as there were various references of the word in other publications. This would avoid a conflict about how regions were defined.

The FAI President took note of the request to review the regions.

### **In FAI STATUTES 6.3.1**

Current subtitle: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

**Proposed subtitle: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ACTIVE MEMBER VICE-PRESIDENTS**

#### **In FAI STATUTES 6.3.1.1.**

Current: “The Vice-Presidents shall be persons nominated by the relevant Active Members, who shall be elected annually by the General Conference, and the Presidents of the FAI Air Sports Commissions, who shall be Vice-Presidents ex officio.”

**Proposed: “The Vice-Presidents shall be Active Member Vice Presidents nominated by the relevant Active Members and elected annually by the General Conference, the Regional Vice-Presidents appointed pursuant to 6.3.5, and the Presidents of the FAI Air Sports Commissions, who shall be Vice-Presidents ex officio.”**

### **NEW**

#### **6.3.5. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF FAI REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS**

6.3.5.1. The FAI Regional Vice Presidents shall be persons nominated by one or more of the Active Members within the region and appointed by the FAI Executive Board for a specified term not to exceed two years. The Executive Board has full discretion on whether or not to appoint a Regional Vice-President.

6.3.5.1.1. The FAI Regional Vice-President may be re-appointed for an unlimited number of terms upon re-nomination by one or more Active Members within the region.

6.3.5.1.2. The time period of the appointment and the responsibilities assigned by the Executive Board will be set out in a letter of appointment, a copy of which will be sent to each Active Member in the region.

6.3.5.1.3. The qualifications required to nominate an FAI Regional Vice-President shall be the same as set out in 6.3.2.

6.3.5.2. The FAI Regional Vice-Presidents are responsible for fulfilling specific tasks or responsibilities delegated to him/her by the Executive Board as outlined in his/her letter of appointment, and each Regional Vice-President is expected to regularly report to the Executive Board and the General Conference on his/her activities.

Note : a normal period of time for a mandate would be 2 years, unless the RVP was not fulfilling his duties. In that case, a new nomination would be sought.

**The proposals on proposed statutory amendments related to the introduction of Regional Vice-Presidents were adopted unanimously.**

## **V. PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF EXPERT GROUPS (EGS)**

**Proposed deletion of paragraphs 5.3.1.4 and 5.3.3.4.**

**The proposal was adopted unanimously.**

For easy understanding, one delegate suggested to have explanation / reasons for changes included in the annex sent to delegates as a working document before the Conference. The Chair of the SWG commented that the SWG was criticized in the past by

remarks from members thinking there were too many information on the screen and now was being criticized for too little. A balance needed to be found.

**The proposals on proposed statutory amendments related to the introduction of Expert Groups were adopted unanimously. In addition to this item, the GC mandated the SWG, on the request of the CIA, to modify the Terms of Reference in the consequence of these statutory changes. The proposal was adopted unanimously.**

The CASI requested that the EB informed the FAI members of the By-Laws changes they were deciding, giving time to the members to review.

## **27. Calendar of Meetings for next 12 months**

This calendar was distributed and the Conference took note. The updated version of the calendar is attached at **ANNEX 39** and available at <http://www.fai.org/about-fai/meetings>.

## **28. Arrangements for Future General Conferences**

### **2013**

Mr. Tengku ABDILLAH confirmed that the preparation work was in order and that he was looking forward to receiving all delegates in Malaysia.

### **2015**

The FAI President invited FAI Members to submit preliminary bids to future General Conferences. Preliminary bids would not commit any NAC, it would be only for information.

No interest had been shown yet to organize the 109<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference 2015.

## **29. Appointment of Companions of Honour**

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the nominations of Dr. Peter SAUNDBY (GBR) and Mr. John ALDRIDGE (GBR) made by the FAI President.

## **30. Recommendation of Museums**

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the application of the National Aviation Museum located in Muncie (USA) for "Recommended Museum" status under FAI By-Laws 10.3.1. For information, Muncie is the home of Academy of Model Aeronautics. The FAI President handed the FAI plaque of FAI Recommended Museum to Mr. Art Greenfield, the USA Delegate.

## **31. Discharge of FAI Executive Board**

The General Conference **unanimously** discharged the FAI Executive Board of responsibility for the management of the FAI's affairs during the year from 15 October 2011 to 20 October 2012.

## **32. Any Other Business**

A card was signed by a majority of delegates to the attention of David Roberts (GBR).

## **33. Announcement of Results of Executive Board Elections**

After first round, the following Executive Directors were duly elected (out of 293 votes cast):

<b>Mr. Robert HENDERSON (NZL)</b>	<b>289 votes</b>
<b>Mr. Alvaro DE ORLEANS-BORBON (ESP)</b>	<b>289 votes</b>

<b>Mr. Otto LAGARHUS (NOR)</b>	<b>280 votes</b>
<b>Mr. Frits BRINK (NED)</b>	<b>279 votes</b>
<b>Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM (CAN)</b>	<b>274 votes</b>
<b>Mr. Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (SUI)</b>	<b>268 votes</b>

The FAI President, Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, congratulated the elected Directors and welcomed Mr. Frits BRINK on board.

Mr. YILDIRIM, President of NAC Turkey and host of the General Conference in Antalya, thanked the FAI President and his colleagues and invited all the delegates for the dinner on the same evening. He hoped to see everyone again at next General Conference in Malaysia.

Despite the fact that the FAI President planned a special thanks to TAA to happen during the dinner, he took the opportunity to thank him a first time for the excellent arrangements. He also thanked the delegates for their participation and the FAI Head Office for their work.

As a conclusion, he reminded a brief CASI meeting would take place just after the closing of the Conference to elect the CASI Bureau.

He then closed the Conference.

**Annexes**

1. Report by the FAI President
  2. Financial report by the Executive Director (Finance) - 2012
  - 2b. Presentation of Financial Situation 2012
  3. 2011 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
  4. Report by the FAI Secretary General
  5. Strategic Plan Review
  6. Regional VPs
  7. FAI Expert Groups
  8. FAI Sports Strategy
  9. Commercial Activities (FAME) + Sponsorship (Breitling)
  10. New FAI Organiser Agreement
  11. FAI Anti-Doping Plan
  12. Financial report by the Executive Director (Finance) – 2012 Consolidated
  13. Scale of Subscriptions for 2013
  14. Budget for 2013
  15. Report by the President of the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)
  16. Report by the President of the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA)
  17. Report by the President of the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)
  18. Report by the President of the FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)
  19. Report by the President of the FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG)
  20. Report by the President of the FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC)
  21. Report by the President of the FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)
  22. Report by the President of the FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)
  23. Report by the President of the FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
  24. Report by the President of the FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA)
  25. Report by the President of the FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission (CIACA)
  26. Report by the President of the FAI Aviation and Space Education Commission (CIEA)
  27. Report by the President of the FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)
  28. Report by the President of the FAI Environmental Commission (EnvC)
  29. Report by the President of the FAI Commission for Airspace & Navigation Systems (CANS)
  30. Report by the President of OSTIV
  31. IWGA World Games Cali 2013
  32. FAI World Air Games
  33. Open Forum – Airspace
  34. Open Forum – Navigation
  35. Open Forum – Electronic attendance
  36. List of Vice-Presidents for 2012-2013
  37. List of Delegates of Commissions for 2012-2013
  38. International Calendar of Sporting Events 2013-2015
  39. Calendar of FAI Meetings 2013
- Additional documents are annexed as follows :*
40. List of FAI Award Winners for 2011
  41. List of Participants at the General Conference
  42. List of Companions of Honour
  43. List of FAI Members
  44. List of FAI Championships Winners for 2012

Minutes approved by Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President on 3 February 2013.