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AT THE ROYALE CHULAN HOTEL – KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYSIA)

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

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Mr. Omri TALMON Head of Delegation - NAC Israel
Mr. Leonel BRITES Head of Delegation - NAC Brazil

SCRUTINEERS

The Conference unanimously agreed to the appointment as scrutineers of :

Mr. Pedro CABANERO MARIMON
Mr. Pierre DUVAL
Mr. Michiel KASTELEIJN

1. FAI President's introductory remarks

The FAI President, Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, welcomed all participants and started his introduction by informing those present that the seating of the participants had been slightly changed, starting now with the host country in the front row and placing the FAI Commissions on the sides, instead of their usual seating as one block on front row.

He welcomed the newcomers and the new Commission Presidents.

He thanked the Malaysian Sport Aviation Federation for their hard work and excellent arrangements.

He introduced the key issues to be discussed during this Conference and then gave a few words on the new electronic voting system, to be mentioned later on.

In conclusion, he declared the Conference opened.

2. Presentation of electronic voting system

The FAI President gave the word to Mr. Rob HUGHES, FAI Sports Director, to present the system, in collaboration with Mr. Visa-Matti LEINIKKI, FAI IT Manager.

Following a wish expressed last year by the FAI Members, the FAI Head Office invested in an electronic voting system, in order to speed up the process of voting at the General Conference.

He explained how to use the system and invited the participants to ask questions anytime to be sure the system was properly working. Delegates were invited to practice with a test vote.

Mr. HUGHES reminded the conference that an abstention was considered as a non-vote.

The FAI President informed the audience that the system had been tested at the CIAM meeting with success.

3. In Memoriam

The FAI General Conference stood in silent memory of all friends of FAI who had died since the 106th General Conference in 2012, and especially of:

- Mr. Chris ATKINSON - Paraglider world record holder for longest distance with limited amount of fuel, 170.5 km, done in Helidon, Australia.
- Mrs. Odette BALESI-ROUSSEAU - Took part in the 1st French Parachuting Championship in 1953. Became an instructor in 1954. On 25 August 1955, after meticulous preparation, she reached her objective by jumping from an altitude of 8700 meters, opening her parachute at only 408 meters. Very active within the FAI. Held the position of Technical Secretary at the FAI Parachuting Commission from 1967 to 1982, when she was elected as a lifetime FAI Companion of Honour. Took part in numerous FAI General Conferences as a Companion of Honour, Observer or Delegate until last year's Conference in Turkey. Recipient of several awards and marks of recognition including the FAI Bronze Medal, the Leonardo Da Vinci Parachuting Diploma. Promoted to Officer of the prestigious National Order of the Legion of Honour.

Mr. Leonardo BRIGLIADORI - One of the greatest Italian gliding pilots.

- Mr. Albert CRAMER - Managing partner of the Warsteiner Group. Enthusiastic hot-air balloonist. Launched in 1986 the Warsteiner International Montgolfiade, which grew into the largest annual hot-air balloon festival in Europe.
- Mr. André DUMAS - FAI President from 1972 to 1974 then President of Honour. Recipient of the Paul Tissandier Diploma in 1967 and of the FAI Bronze Medal in 1994.
- Mrs. Helen GEORGESON - Pioneering NZ pilot. Gained the country's first Silver C badge. Set national and international records.
- Mr. Giorgio MARANGONI - Former CIVA (Aerobatics) Delegate for Italy.
- Mr. John MATCHETT - Former CIG (Rotorcraft) delegate for UK.
- Mr. G. ORSI - One of the founders of gliding in Italy. Received the Paul Tissandier Diploma in 1964.
- Prof Gennadiy POLTAVETS - One of the oldest and most successful active space modellers.
- Mr. Paul POBEREZNY - Contributed to the creation of CIACA (FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission). President of Honour of CIACA. Founder of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
- Mr. Tom SHEPPARD - Well-known balloonist and sport ballooning promoter, organiser and official. US CIA delegate from 1981 to 1995. Received the FAI Montgolfier Diploma for his major contributions to the sport of ballooning in 1990. Inducted in the CIA International Hall of Fame in October this year.
- Mrs. Vera SPACKOVA - Holder of Paul Tissandier Diploma from 1971, former Flying Instructor and Director of Aviatic and Parachuting School in Vrchlavi (holder of the FAI Honorary Group Diploma in 1983). Holder of many women national records in Power Flying and Gliding. Former Aerobatic Judge.
- Mr. Victor STAMOV - Great positive force in aeromodelling. Member of the CIAM Free Flight Sub-committee.

- Mr. Harro TREMPENAU - Involved in IPC's Technical and Safety Committee in bringing International Certificates of Proficiency into being.
- Mrs. Gill VAN DEN BROECK -One of the most well-known and influential women in the European and international gliding community, especially in European and World Female gliding championships. Began making a name for herself and breaking Belgian records as early as May 1964 with a solo flight for 7h29 and in 1965 with altitude gains. Directed and organised 30 times the annual international "Concours des Ardennes", 5 of which were official Belgian Championships. Secretary General of "Aeroclub des Ardennes" for 36 years. Received the FAI Paul Tissandier Diploma in 1985 and in 2005 the "Golden Witch" award from the German Aeroclub. Joined Women Soaring Pilots Association in 2005 and active in the official publication of WSPA as well as in different aeronautical magazines and Belgian newspapers, causing many aeronautical vocations. Wrote a book entitled "History of International Gliding Contest, European and World Championships for Women". Representative for Belgium in IGC from 1987 to 1991. Received the Pelagia Majewska Medal in 2011.
- Mr. Ken WALLIS - A 97-year-old record-breaking autogyro pilot, who flew as a James Bond stunt double. Honoured with an MBE in 1996, he piloted 24 wartime missions over northern Europe in Wellington bombers, before spending 20 years engaged in weapons research in the Royal Air Force. In October, he was honoured by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators (GAPAN) for his lifetime contribution to aerospace.

4. Roll-Call of Delegations

The FAI Secretary General informed the participants that the roll-call would be done via the electronic handset. Mr. HUGHES proceeded to the use of the system for the roll-call. The figures for majorities were available a few minutes afterwards.

Before starting the roll-call, the FAI Secretary General reminded the delegations that all the documents related to the Conference (annexes, reports, etc.) 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 would be over.

4.1 Apologies for absence

Those apologizing for absence were as recorded above.

4.2 Verification of representatives' authority

The roll-call was taken and revealed:

- 43 FAI Active Members in good standing with voting rights represented
- 10 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 no voting rights
- 2 Temporary Members with no voting rights
- 1 International Affiliate Member with voting rights

Voting kits with a total of 307 votes were distributed to delegations. The number of votes required to obtain majorities was declared as follows:

- Absolute majority : 154
- Two-thirds majority : 205

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

4.3 Announcement of proxies

Proxies were as recorded above.

4.4 Adoption of Modifications to Agenda

There were no modifications to agenda. The agenda was accepted as published.

4.5 Appointment of scrutineers

The scrutineers were as recorded above. The FAI Secretary General mentioned that this year, due to the use of the electronic voting system, the scrutineers would have to intervene only in case of voting by hand with the distributed panels.

4.6 Reminder of voting procedures

Active members in good standing, Air Sport Commission Presidents and OSTIV (International Affiliate) had the right to vote at the Conference.

The FAI Secretary General announced that the electronic kit would be used for secret ballots and the paper panels for open ballots.

5. Minutes of 106th FAI General Conference, 2012

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the Minutes of the 106th FAI General Conference Working Sessions held on 19th and 20th October 2012 in Antalya (Turkey) as published with no comments.

6. Report of the FAI President

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

7. Report on FAI Finances 2012-2013

7.1 2012 Financial report and Report by Auditors

The FAI Executive Director (Finance), Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM, reported in detail (**ANNEX 2+2b**) on the 2012 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Commissions' operations, and the report on the FAI's accounts by the Auditors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (distributed in September - **ANNEX 3**).

One participant wondered about the meaning of "value in kind" on page 5. If sponsorship was value in kind, there was a significant growth in this area so he wished to know how much this meant. The FAI Secretary General informed him that this item contained the sponsorship income the FAI received but no real value in kind. This line came from previous annual reports but at this stage in 2012, there was no income under value in kind, only sponsorship income. The delegate noted then that there was an increase of 200 000 CHF in sponsorship which looked good and the FAI Secretary General confirmed.

Another delegate wished clarification on FAME results. Comments were given by FAME Chairman, Bob HENDERSON: at the moment, FAME was operating on an expenses-only mode. No revenue was being generated by the company. Payments made by FAI would be explained in FAME report later on.

One participant asked for confirmation that the presented figures included a certain proportion of the income received by Breitling in the course of the year and whether the balance sheet reflected obligations due to Breitling. If that was a case, he would like to have an overview of how these figures would look like if Breitling monies were taken out, to understand what the underlying accounts were. The FAI Finance Director pointed out that

the commercial revenues were shown in the income section. If the commercial revenues were removed, the accounts would be in a deficit position.

One delegate pointed out that, in 2012, the FAI was no longer receiving Europe Airports Membership fee and therefore, in terms of income percentage analysis shown on the graph, the FAI needed to remove the 2011 EA membership fee to make it comparable to 2012. The Finance Director agreed. The delegate wished clarification that the 2012 accounts included the few months FAME had been operating in 2012. The FAME Chairman clarified that the income coming from Breitling sponsorship belonged to the FAI and the FAI had chosen to use some of that income to service the costs of the Breitling activation which included payments to FAME for services for the Breitling activation.

The FAI President asked for approval of the 2012 accounts. But as he wished to use the electronic system, Ms. Mary-Anne STEVENS, member of the Statutes Working Group, reminded him that the electronic voting system could not be used until a normal vote had approved it. Dr. GRUBBSTRÖM then asked for a hand vote on that issue, which was accepted. It was also decided that non-secret ballot votes were also to be voted via the electronic voting system.

The General Conference unanimously adopted the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year 2012, as presented, in accordance with Statute 3.4.1.3.

7.2 Financial Situation 2013

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

The Financial Situation at 30 June 2013 gave an indication of the expected result for the year ending December 31, 2013. The operations were recorded up to the end of June in the ABACUS software which had been introduced in 2013. This accounting system was maintained by FIDULEM, an accounting firm that provided services to FAI. Extensive time had been required to complete the consolidation of the FAI accounts to December 31, 2012, for the combined ASC and HO operations.

At the end of June, 90% 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 30 June were comparable to the budget.

There were expenditures to be completed in the remaining months of 2013 and therefore the accounts at June 30 were not indicative of the expected results at December 31, 2013

The FAI was anticipating a positive result at the end of the year 2013 similar to the 2013 budgeted amount CHF12,985.

Other matters in progress:

A bank account had been opened for CIVL with an authorization system for viewing the daily account transactions and for the setting up of expense claim reimbursements to be processed by HO. CIVL had initiated the long process of updating all their documents with new account numbers. First payments had been made through this account. The test phase was successful and would be applied to interested Commissions.

The FAI had held discussions recently with Western Union and the "GlobalPay" service they were proposing to NGOs for making payments worldwide at significantly reduced costs. A test phase was in progress. If the FAI agreed on terms with Western Union, exchange transaction fees would be reduced very considerably.

7.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2013/2014

The FAI Executive Director (Finance) proposed that PriceWaterhouseCoopers be appointed FAI's auditors for 2014 and that the Executive Board be authorized to determine their remuneration. This was approved 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 for their work on financial matters and in particular to Ms. Cosette MAST, who, under the direction of Mr. Jean-Marc BADAN, carried out a considerable amount of work in the financial management.

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

8. 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.

Regarding the low rate of response to the NAC questionnaire, one delegate was interested to know whether it was linked to the questions included or to the non-interest of NACs. The FAI Secretary General gave thanks for the question to which he did not have an answer. He reminded the conference that a survey was conducted at the beginning of the year to better understand the NACs' position. It was a pity FAI could not provide figures to authorities when requested. There was no other solution at the moment and any suggestion was appreciated. One Commission President indicated that Commissions were conducting their own surveys to get statistics about their activity. This info could be useful in fact but not many Commissions were doing so. Besides, the FAI needed general figures at the FAI level, while the figures now were useful on a Commission level.

As a conclusion to the Secretary General's report and before starting item 9 as presented in the agenda, the FAI President gave the word to Mr. Beat NEUENSCHWANDER, Chairman of the Working Group in charge of the recruitment process for the new Secretary General.

Official information about Mr BADAN's resignation was received end of August and it was soon decided to create a selection team and not work with a head hunter. A job description was defined and published and September 25th was the deadline for receiving applications. In the meantime, the process for selection was elaborated. Final decision would be taken beginning of December. When the decision would be confirmed, the details on the contract would need to be discussed. Depending on the choice of candidate, the earliest starting date could be January 1st, the latest April 1st.

Members of the working group were:

- Mr. Beat NEUENSCHWANDER, FAI Executive Director and Chair of the Working Group
- Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President
- Mr. Frits BRINK, FAI Executive Director
- Mrs. Ségolène ROUILLON, FAI Staff member, with no voting rights, also providing administrative support

Advice could also be given by Mr. Jean-Marc BADAN and Mr. Max BISHOP.

This was a 4 step process:

- Paper selection / reduction from 22 to 10 candidates
- References / reduction from 10 to 6
- Interviews / reduction to 2-3 finalists with a ranking
- Final decision by the Executive Board

All work was conducted seriously and confidentially.

The FAI President informed that business in the Office would be conducted as usual and should a situation occurred when the Secretary General would be needed, the FAI President would consult the FAI Sports Director who would act accordingly.

9. FAI Strategic Plan Review & Projects

9.1 FAI Strategic Plan

The FAI President introduced the topics to be presented in the frame of the FAI Strategic Plan.

9.2 FAI Regional Management Structure

Report by Otto LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 5**)

Mr. LAGARHUS gave the word to Tengku ABDILLAH, RVP for South East Asia. Since his nomination, he managed to recruit two new members, Vietnam and Laos. Next planned was Cambodia.

The main activity in South East Asia these days was the 4th Asian Beach Games which would take place in 2014 in Phuket in Thailand. The same venue would be used, on different days, for Aeromodelling, Paragliding and Paramotors.

These 3 disciplines were actually the most practiced disciplines in South East Asia but there were also some developments made in hot air ballooning. His short term activity plan was focusing on getting more members for the FAI : Myanmar, Brunei, Macau and Timor Leste. He was trying to get in contact to National Olympic Committees and sport administration because he thought that the countries where air sports were not so developed were missing governmental support (in terms of subsidies but also of airspace allowance). In the long term, he was intending to develop the presence of air sports in multi sports events.

Mr LAGARHUS thanked Tengku ABDILLAH for his work throughout the year and expressed his gratitude to him as RVP.

Mr LAGARHUS read the written report provided by Mr. Flavio OLIVA, RVP for South America (see **ANNEX 6**). As an introduction, he confirmed that it was very important to have the problems solved in a region by a person from that same region.

Mr. Frits BRINK, FAI Executive Director, then gave a few words on Africa, which was in his portfolio. He was also responsible for the region of Middle East. These regions were not easy to handle as the air sports activities were not proportionally represented. Some countries were representing only one discipline, some were representing several disciplines. The question also at the moment was how to accommodate regional associations like Arab Airsports Federation for example. This kind of Conference was actually the right place to discuss the issue with the concerned protagonists.

As far as Africa was concerned, nominations for RVP were sent out in Spring 2013 and Mr John-Louis GAILLARD, from South Africa, was appointed mid-year. Mr. BRINK called Mr GAILLARD on stage to introduce himself and present his plans. He started by assuring the support of the South African NAC to his efforts. He also had a personal contact at the Pan-African Parliament. It might get some leverage to talk to the African federations, especially

in terms of airspace. He also mentioned that his first intention was turned to Botswana and Namibia where he knew there were some activities. He stressed that his report was preliminary and that work would really start in the first quarter of 2014.

As a conclusion, there was one question. A delegate was interested to know how the FAI and SEA RVP were going to handle China. The FAI President pointed out that the region was too large to deal with all matters at the same time and that the focus was not on that country at the moment. He advised the delegate to take direct contact with Tengku ABDILLAH, Regional Vice-president for South-East-Asia.

9.3 FAI Expert System and Expert Groups

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

After Mr. NEUENSCHWANDER's presentation and before he gave the words to the various Points of Contact (PoC), one delegate had a comment on non-commercial UAVs. Mr. NEUENSCHWANDER reminded him that they focused at the moment on commercial UAVs but the non-commercial ones could be included in the discussion plan for the following year.

One delegate expressed that one issue with UAVs was that the technology was advancing so fast that regulators had hard work following. He wondered what relationship the FAI had with ICAO on that matter. The FAI President confirmed this would be considered.

There was also a question on the process of Expert Groups in general. What would happen if one Expert Group came with a conclusion which the audience of the General Conference would disagree with? How to ensure that the policy which would be developed would have the support of the General Conference? The FAI President confirmed that the work was done in collaboration with groups like Europe Airports for example to avoid double work.

Reports by POCs available in Annexes:

- Airspace / Mr. BERTRAM (**ANNEX 8**)
- Navigation / Mr. HOLMSTRÖM (**ANNEX 9**)
- Regulation / Mr. LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 10**)
- Safety / Mr. LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 10**)

For the New Technology and IT Expert Groups, Mr. LEINIKKI, FAI IT Manager, gave a brief oral report. Both groups had not been very active during the year, even though the NTEG was originally tasked with finding a tool for a new FAI standard for real time tracking systems. But some facts had to be taken into account. The disciplines had different requirements which needed to be studied and costs related were also varying and needed to be taken into account. This was still an on-going project.

The IT Expert Group was tasked in 2012 to create interfaces for groups like NACs, ASCs, event organizers, to use the FAI central database data in their applications. But because of the huge project launched in 2012 which he was going to report a few minutes afterwards, it was put on hold as the whole database system would be re-written. This group would continue when the new system would be in place.

As far as the Head Office IT Projects were concerned, one of his main tasks when he joined the FAI Office was to transfer all the systems controlled outside the office onto the FAI IT infrastructure. Any problem could be solved internally now. Another important step was to move all server based services (webpage, ranking lists, etc.) from the FAI server in the office to an external server called the FAI Service Center. On top of that, all supplier contracts had been reviewed and either updated or cancelled which resulted in some savings for the FAI.

The Sporting Licence database had been running without problems for the last year and a new tool was also created which was called the Sporting Licences Tool, not only uploading and validity checking tool but an online management tool (print licences, edit licences, send a licence as attachment, etc). This was currently tested by 4 NACs and in order to further develop this tool, the FAI needed all the NACs to have uploaded their licences for Cat1 competitors. The competition management system was still to be developed.

The new central database system was also under reconstruction, with the aim of having a fully operational database by the first quarter of 2014. The aim again was to update the tools the FAI Head Office was daily using to update information but also open a secure way for NACs and ASCs to access and manage parts of the central database.

Some projects were running in parallel:

- Digital asset management
- Service center (Set of servers offering server space to ASCs, Event organisers and FAI services)
- Online meetings (Possibility to join a meeting from anywhere)

Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM thanked Mr. LEINIKKI for having “cleaned” a considerable nest of threads in the FAI computer world.

9.4 FAI Sports Strategy

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

Mr. HENDERSON gave an update on the current situation of the FAI Sports Strategy and the FAI global view on air sports.

He highlighted that Breitling and the FAI had a contract limited in time and should Breitling not be interested anymore and leave the FAI, this would mean a 20% increase in subscriptions fees. And this would deter any other sponsor from joining the FAI. The FAI had to show value.

9.5 Commercial activities : FAI Air Sports Marketing & Events (FAME)

Report by Giancarlo SERGI, Breitling Account Manager and FAME CEO, and Robert HENDERSON, FAME Chairman (**ANNEX 12**)

The last 12 months were dedicated to implementing the new adventure with Breitling. It was really time-consuming as the basis needed to be created.

Mr. SERGI then showed an example of promotion material being developed with one of the Commissions (**ANNEX 13**) as well as a very good report sent back by the South African NAC from the Aeromodelling World Championships showing how the branding was used and displayed at the event (**ANNEX 14**).

Mr. SERGI was asked how to get Breitling as a sponsor for a national championship, furthermore if the event was supposed to be televised. What FAME could do was to put the NAC in contact with Breitling headquarters but could not guarantee what would be agreed. Breitling were the only ones to know how their national dealers were working. The delegate asked for publication of this answer as for the moment, it was considered as a “secret”: NACs did not receive information on how to use the brand. Mr HENDERSON added that the original intention from Breitling was to be related to only 10 World Championship events, nothing else but it had been apparent to the FAI that this was probably not a good return on investment. Discussions would be conducted parallel to this Conference with the representatives of Breitling and it would be suggested that Breitling thought about re-shaping their involvement in FAI events. In the meantime, Breitling recognized there were some costs associated to the exclusivity of Breitling on FAI events and it was agreed for

2013 to reinvest part of the money in the local organizers. Mr. HENDERSON also reiterated that servicing Breitling was a service by FAME and that it was decided for 2014 that FAME would concentrate on developing air sports products and creating links with host cities. The responsibility for servicing Breitling should be taken back to the FAI family. Re-focus Breitling and create a return on investment and refocus FAME to concentrate on its original mission were two changes planned for 2014. Besides, it was planned to look for an additional Director for FAME.

After a question from the floor, Mr. HENDERSON confirmed that the Activation Guide on how to “use” Breitling had been created and would be soon available to all Air Sport Commissions so that the ASCs could support the event organizers.

A delegate was interested to know the situation of the business plan of FAME which had not been detailed up to now. New sponsorships were supposed to be included at beginning of year 2. It was clear that Breitling was taking up more effort than expected but the speaker was interested to know whether there were any updates on how much the FAI was potentially needing to cover by way of initial investment and what the implications for the timeframe for FAME turning a net positive to the FAI by the fact the resources had been redirected to Breitling. Mr. HENDERSON confirmed that the net positive return was expected in year 3 and still expected as planned. The refocusing of FAME activities decided by the Executive Board earlier this year allowed taking the pressure off. Time was needed to create the promotional material including the activation guide. But he agreed that the risk existed that the initial investment from the FAI might disappear if FAME was not working. He was very conscious of that fact.

9.6 FAI Strategy

Report by Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President

The purpose of the discussion paper distributed before the Conference and of this presentation was to get the audience’s guidance on the FAI Strategy revision which was supposed to take place in 2014 and feel whether it was necessary or important to look into some other aspects.

The discussion paper is available in **ANNEX 15** and the full presentation in **ANNEX 16**.

The FAI President opened the floor for feedback on the above-mentioned presentation.

The first opinion from the floor was that even if it was said that the core of the FAI being championships and records was working well, there was still space for improvement and progress. But areas like airspace and regulations were outside of FAI expertise. The FAI expertise was sporting matters. For the above-mentioned issues, the FAI had collaboration with organisations like Europe Airports. It might be better to encourage continental organisations such EAS, or other regional organisations to deal with these matters. Forming a network could be a solution.

Another delegate emphasized that it was said during the presentation that the FAI was seen as a costly membership body for the NACs and as a superstructure by the ASCs and not seen at all by the air sports persons (AP). She added that no solution was expressed in the conclusion of the discussion paper to change this situation. The FAI President stated it was a guidance paper but not an obligatory one. A closer contact between AP’s and NAC’s would help NAC’s to bring forward AP’s needs and wishes to FAI

The honesty of the paper was very much appreciated and complimented. Regarding the revision of the overall FAI goal, given that the FAI had an unbalanced budget and a staff with stretched limits, did the FAI need this flexibility which would lead it in taking on more projects? The FAI President clarified the fact that this document was trying to set up priorities for the next 5 to 10 years independent from the current resources.

A need expressed by one delegation was the standardization of regulation requirements (training, renewal of licences, aircraft specifications, etc).

A delegate suggested that the Executive Board consulted some stakeholders when working on such a paper for the next time. He also regretted that nothing was mentioned about young people nor about women. Besides, the core of FAI was sports and the FAI should be concentrating on sports. And time to market should be shortened: 2 years to work on a project like Breitling was too much, 3 months should be.

One expressed that the work that had been done was very important, with new ideas and new thinking. But right now the FAI had lot of things to do : there was a lot of potential in air sports such as the challenges with FAME and the need for more revenues from outside sources, but the reasons to get a new structure needed to be taken care of in a proper way. Regulatory works were very individual in the different regions and if we were talking about thousands of pages of raw text that had to be evaluated and to be taken into consideration, the task to go into that for the FAI was a huge job. Many countries in Europe took care of that themselves, sometimes in direct collaboration with Europe Airports. The FAI was an old fashioned organization that had been modernized over the years but it was very positive to see changes which were needed. But this had to be done with care.

The need was to prioritize and to ask the question: Where was the FAI the most appropriate body to be doing this work? Example: the representation in ICAO was a correct position for the FAI.

The FAI had the experts in aviation but needed to learn from the business people.

One thought that the discussion was artificial. For example, competitions and airspace were linked : if one was missing, the other one would not exist. What can we achieve as the FAI? The FAI work in terms of competitions was quite good but could be improved. Other sports were moving more quickly and the FAI should get inspired. A suggestion was to combine air sports in one event for example. And to organize a kind-of-seminar gathering organisations like other International Federations, SportAccord.

The FAI President thanked all for the contributions. But because of the great number of remarks, the FAI President invited the participants to communicate their opinions and feedback also in a written form. It would make it easier to digest all views. It was requested to create a dedicated e-mail address or discussion area to be sure comments would not be lost. The FAI President suggested writing to Otto LAGARHUS or directly to the FAI Secretary General.

10. Situation of FAI Membership

10.1 Resignations, Suspensions and Expulsions

Resignations

There had been no resignation in 2013.

Suspensions

At 4 October 2013, the following FAI Members had not paid their subscription fee for 2013.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

- **AZERBAIJAN** **Azarbaycan Hava Va Ekstremal Idman Növlaci Federasiyasi – Active Member Class 10**
- **BRAZIL** **Comissão de Aerodesporto Brasileira - Active Member Class 5**
- **CUBA** **Aviation Club Of Cuba - Active Member Class 10**
- **ICELAND** **Flugmálafélag Íslands - Active Member Class 10**
- **FYR. of MACEDONIA** **Vozduhoplovna Federacija Na Makedonija - Active Member Class 10**
- **MOLDOVA** **Federatia de Parapantism din Republica Moldova - Active Member Class 10**
- **MONTENEGRO** **Vazduhoplovni Savez Crne Gore - Active Member Class 10**
- **ROMANIA** **Federatia Aeronautica Romana - Active Member Class 8**
- **UKRAINE** **Federation of Aeronautical Sports of Ukraine - Active Member Class 7**
- **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** **Emirates Aviation Association - Active Member Class 10**
- **VENEZUELA** **Asociacion Venezolana de los Deportes Aeronauticos - Active Member Class 10**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- **EGYPT** **Egyptian Sport Parachuting and Aeronautics Federation**
- **PANAMA** **Asociacion De Paracaidismo Deportivo de Panama**
- **ST KITTS & NEVIS** **St Kitts and Nevis National Parachute Associating**
- **TUNISIA** **Association Tunisienne des Sports Aeriens**

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- **ARMENIA** **Nat. Committee of Aeromodelling and Spacemodelling Sports**
- **SYRIA** **Syrian Parachute Federation**

The FAI Conference took note that, if subscriptions were not paid by 31 December 2013, these FAI Members would be suspended.

Expulsions

At 4 October 2013, the following FAI Members, suspended at the beginning 2013 for non-payment of subscriptions in 2012, have also not paid their 2013 subscriptions fee.

- **LEBANON** **Aero Club du Liban - Active Member Class 10**
- **MALI** **Federation Malienne de Sports Air - Associate Member**
- **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** **Savannah Aero Concepts - Temporary Member**

The FAI Conference agreed that, if outstanding debts were not paid by 31 December 2013, the membership of the above-mentioned members would be terminated at the end of 2013.

10.2 Consideration of Applications for Admission of New FAI Members:

a. Libya (LBA) - Application for Active Member, Class 10

Background : The Libyan Air Sports Federation was founded in June 2003 and their FAI Active Membership was approved at the GC 2003. They paid the 2003 fee but did not pay for 2004 or 2005 which led to their expulsion in 2005.

The Libyan Air Sports Federation expressed their wish to join the FAI in May 2012 but various events postponed their acceptance at the FAI General Conference 2012. In the meantime, they paid back all dues from 2004 and 2005. A Libyan delegation also had paid a visit to the FAI Office on 18 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 Libyan Air Sports Federation's application for FAI Active Membership in Class 10 with immediate effect.

The FAI President invited Capt. Ahnish, President of the Libyan Air Sports Federation, who was present, to stand up and welcomed him warmly in the FAI family.

b. Peru (PER) - Application for Active Member, Class 10

Background : The Federacion Peruana Aerodeportiva was admitted as an Active member (Class 12 at that time) at the FAI General Conference 2002 with effect as of 2003. The association was then expelled in May 2011 for non-payment of membership fees for 2009 and 2010, after many exchanges (from December 2010 to May 2011) to try to keep them on board.

Full documentation, including updated version of their statutes and a letter of intention, had been received. In the meantime, they paid back all dues from 2009 and 2010. 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 Federacion Peruana Aerodeportiva's application for FAI Active Membership in Class 10 with immediate effect.

c. Portugal (POR) - Application for Associate Member, Aeromodelling

Background : In accordance with the NAC of Portugal (Active Member), the Federação Portuguesa de Aerodelismo applied for Associate Membership for Aeromodelling.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes and a letter of agreement from the Aeroclub of Portugal, 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 Federação Portuguesa de Aerodelismo's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.

d. Laos (LAO) - Application for Temporary Member

Background : The Lao Airsports Club was founded in January 2012.

Full documentation, including satisfactory statutes, a letter of intention to become Active or Associate Member as quickly as possible and a letter from the National Olympic Committee recognizing the Airsports Club as sole entity for airsports in Laos, had been received. The appropriate membership fee had been paid, and the Statutes of the organization were in line with the FAI's Statutes.

Note : This membership was directly as a result of the intervention of FAI RVP South & East Asia, Tengku ABDILLAH.

The FAI General Conference unanimously accepted the Lao Airsports Club's application for FAI Temporary Membership with immediate effect.

10.3 Re-approval of Existing Temporary Members

As per 2012 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. A letter was sent to them beginning of September to encourage them informing the FAI on their intention for the future. Any new situation would be communicated at the General Conference.

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

Armenia :	2006
El Salvador :	1998
Iraq :	2010
Paraguay :	2003
Syria :	2010
Trinidad & Tobago	2009

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

11. Reports from Members

11.1 Switzerland

Mr. BURKHARDT, Secretary General of the Aeroclub of Switzerland gave a brief presentation on the ProAero and Swiss Aeroclub youth camp on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the ProAero foundation.

On this occasion, a movie was produced at the end of August by the Swiss Armed Forces with the collaboration of the Swiss Aeroclub. The camp this year was organized for 31st time near St Moritz at an altitude of 1750 m.

The ProAero foundation was founded in 1938, one year before the Second World War. The main target was to collect money to buy new aircraft and to train for new air force pilots by selling stamps and medals and organising flying days. Pro Aero was supporting young people to start a career in aviation and was a very important partner for the Swiss NAC.

The Youth Camp was supported by a huge amount of money. Around 60 000 CHF came from ProAero each year. The Swiss Aeroclub was organiser and partner of the Youth Camp. More than 4600 young people visited the Youth Camp since its first edition, supported by more than 40 volunteers and instructors. Mr. BURKHARDT thanked the Board of ProAero, especially Mr NEUENSCHWANDER, FAI Executive Director and Mr HERBERT, FAI Companion of Honour, present at the FAI General Conference.

This camp was the first opportunity for young people to have a first professional contact with aviation and the first step to become a future pilot and maybe a member of the FAI.

A video was displayed, which was available on the FAI website in the General Conference Documents section.

11.2 CIAM – FAI Aeromodelling Commission

See ANNEX 17

With the agreement of the FAI Executive Board and Air Sport Commissions Presidents, Mr. Antonis PAPADOPOULOS presented what CIAM had as a practice for medals count for the last 2 years. This would be interesting to attract some nations to participate. It could also be

useful for NACs to show to their governments. This count was similar to the one made at Olympic Games.

The FAI President invited the audience to “digest” the content and to come back to the FAI Secretary General for comments / feedback.

12. Proposals from Members

12.1 Iceland

This item was presented by Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM, FAI Executive Director for Finance.

The requests from Iceland were reviewed in the EB meeting in August 2013. The matter had already been discussed at the EB Meeting in August 2012, at the GC 2012, and at the EB Meeting in August 2013.

On 15 July 2012, NAC Iceland submitted a proposal to reduce the annual FAI Membership Fee for countries in Class 10. During its meeting in August 2012, the Executive Board decided that the proposal would be on the Agenda for the GC 2012, with a recommendation for rejection. During the GC 2012, the Delegates rejected the proposal from Iceland to have a lower fee than the current Class 10 fee, but tasked the EB to further investigate. FAI Members & Services Manager prepared an analysis based on existing information. On 3 August 2013, NAC Iceland submitted a new proposal to the General Conference, asking for the creation of a new Membership Class 11 for countries with a population of less than 1 million and an annual subscription of half of Class 10.

This represented a move away from the current system of linking member subscriptions to the number of air sport persons.

Decisions from the EB Meeting of August 2013 stipulated that:

- a) Considering that the Iceland proposal had arrived after the statutory deadline, it could therefore not be included in the 2013 General Conference Agenda.
- b) The Board had been tasked with investigating the matter and Mr. CLIPSHAM would therefore report to the Conference on the basis of the analysis prepared by FAI Members & Services Manager.

The system before 1997 was a 12-class membership classification created in 1969. This was based on the principle that adjacent classes were separated by the square root of 2 in the amount of the subscriptions they paid. It provided a scale where there was a very substantial difference between the top and bottom rates. An in-depth and detailed study had been conducted by Mr. Rene De Monchy in 1997 on the subject of membership by country population and economic factors including Gross Domestic Product and ranking by international organisations. This concluded that it was not workable. “No viable alternative method for calculating membership classification has been found, despite intensive efforts. The existing system for calculating FAI subscriptions, based on the principle of allocating members to classes by a process of assessment is deemed to be the only workable solution”.

The last study about membership fee structure was carried out in 2003 after the system was considered again. In fact, the GC 2001 took the decision to adopt the principle of using the number of Air Sport Persons as the basis for determining the subscription fees and tasked the EB to define the word “Air Sport Person” and to design an AP-based scale of subscription.

The EB noted that the subscription levels were:

- The Class 10 subscription level was CHF 3,065 with 1000 or less Air Sports Persons.
- The Associate membership subscription level was CHF 2,652

The current proposal from Iceland was to introduce a sub class into Class 10 for countries with under 500 Air Sport Persons with a subscription level of CHF1530.

Mr. CLIPSHAM invited the General Conference to provide comments on the request from Iceland and on the present subscription system and levels of fees. The FAI President clarified that this class would have a lower membership fee than Associate member fee. The EB had not found this manageable but invited the audience to discuss the issue.

The General Conference did not have any comment and the FAI President invited the audience or NAC Iceland to propose a change for next year.

12.2 France See **ANNEX 18**

As an introduction, the French representative mentioned that these proposals had been drawn up by a working group of representatives of all French Air Sport Federations, set up to find ways to optimize NACs investments through the delegates sent to ASC meetings and General Conference and to ensure that NACs received in return the services that their Air Sport Persons expected for the money they contributed. NAC France was very well aware of the critical situation in the Executive Board and Head Office regarding resources.

Proposal #1 : Duration of Commission mandates

In brief, the proposal was to extend the maximum term from 2 years to 4 years, to align with organisations like the IOC or other International Federations. It would remain optional and be chosen by the Commissions.

This topic was brought up at the Commission Presidents' Group Meeting by the Executive Board as this topic concerned them directly. The conclusion was that basically Commission Presidents had nothing against the proposal. But no Commission President would propose to go for 3 or 4 years.

There was no recommendation from the Executive Board.

From a NAC perspective, there was a cost related to sending a representative to plenary and bureau meetings. If a Bureau term was 4 years, it meant committing the NAC for that period and it might result in reluctance nominating a person for a Bureau position. Finding people to fill in the Bureau positions would be more difficult.

A one-year term, as used in some Commissions, was a good way of motivating someone in his position as re-election meant possible changes also.

This proposal required a Statutes change and should the General Conference agree with the proposal, it would be given to the Statutes Working Group for official Statutes change for next Conference. FRA accepted that it would be reviewed by the SWG for next year even if their proposal was submitted on time, but FRA understood that the SWG had much on its plate to be dealt with at this Conference.

The General Conference rejected the motion.

Proposal #2 : NAC Approval of Delegates and Commission Officials

This proposal was made by FRA to ensure stability within the Air Sport Commissions and to take into account the fact that the General Conference who approved the delegates to those Commissions was usually taking place in October whereas the Air Sport Commissions finished their annual term later or even the following year. Unforeseen changes in delegates left Air Sport Commissions without key players unable to finish their

task. The proposal intended to rectify that and allow elected persons to Air Sport Commissions to go on until plenary meeting of next Commission even if they were not delegates anymore.

This was also discussed at the Commission Presidents' Group Meeting. Since it was a By-Laws change, it could be done by the Executive Board. The Commission Presidents' Group discussed various situations : some reasons could be political, economical, personal etc. but it happened sometimes that the reasons were unknown. The Commission Presidents' Group agreed the EB and SWG have a look into this matter. The Presidents were generally in favour of this proposal.

One comment was about the cost of such a proposal. If the NAC was usually paying for a delegate, it was not sure the NAC would agree paying to have them attend the next plenary meeting if they were not delegates anymore. The FRA representative added that there was no obligation of sending the Bureau Member to the plenary, but just allow him/her finish his/her term.

The General Conference rejected the motion. The Executive Board would however keep the close vote in mind and might reopen the issue on the Executive Board level.

Proposal #3 : Removal of a person from office within a Commission

After discussing it with some delegates before this presentation, FRA decided to withdraw this proposal.

Proposal #4 : Commission Internal Regulations

The same applied. This kind of document was useful to understand how a Commission was working but FRA withdrew its proposal for the following reasons: the day before, the CASI adopted a handbook. A handbook was a much simpler document than internal regulations and this way should be explored.

Proposal #5 : Sporting Powers

This was the core of an International Federation and the visibility of the FAI to the air sports people. The FRA representative compared the FAI to the IOC where the IOC was not administering the sporting powers of all Olympic Sports. This proposal would leave the administration of sporting powers of each specific discipline to the ASCs and allow them to build up products media and public want to see for their specific discipline. The EB would retain the ultimate responsibility for application of sporting powers. This was a request for statutory change (vote on the principle and task the SWG on the wording), to allow ASCs to administer sport power for events related to their sport under their responsibility and the EB for events that combine multiple air sports.

The FAI President sent a letter to the President of NAC France on this proposal. This proposal would mean that the EB would lose any possibility to have influence on its events rights and would be contrary to the fact that the FAI owed its events rights. This proposal was having far reaching effects in the entire notion of FAI. Consequences of such a change must be communicated. In his letter, he asked the French NAC to withdraw its proposal for this year for possible consultation. But FRA declined and this was why it was now on the GC table for discussion.

He also wished to draw the audience's attention to the fact that the FAI could not be compared to the IOC as the ASC were not independent legal entities like the International Federations were. He quoted the FAI Statutes.

One Commission President wished to point out that this proposal was really a NAC proposal and that the Commissions were not involved in it.

In view of the discussions, the FRA representative withdrew the proposal for this year.

Proposal #6 : ASC representation at the EB

This proposal was made to include two additional members to the EB in order to increase resources for the EB. These two representatives would come from the Air Sport Commissions Presidents and assure that the voice of delegates at Commissions was heard at executive level.

Mr. BRINK, FAI Executive Director, reminded the conference that there was no obstacle for any Air Sport Commission President to be an Executive Board member at the moment.

Mr. DE ORLEANS BORBON was pleased to see this issue raised but he suggested the Conference debate this issue openly instead of being solved by small legislative steps.

Mr. NEUENSCHWANDER insisted that there should not be any kind of quota.

Mr. WINDSOR mentioned that the issue was not put to the Commission Presidents' Group before and that they did not express a view on that. In respect to good corporate principles of governance, having sectional restriction was not a good idea.

Finally, Mr. HENDERSON reminded the audience of the existence of the Air Sport Commission Presidents meeting which was gradually increasing. Now they would also have an informal meeting before they officially meet with the EB.

In view of the discussions, the FRA representative withdrew the proposal for this year.

13. Election of FAI Vice-Presidents for 2013 / 2014

There were two last minute nominations, one not appearing on the list but already included in the FAI database (Luxembourg) and the other one not having been received by the FAI Head Office but sent before the deadline (Hungary). The list would be completed after the Conference.

The list of persons nominated to serve as FAI Vice-Presidents for 2013 / 2014 (ANNEX 43) + the additional nominations above were unanimously approved by the Conference, with no votes against and no abstention.

As a conclusion, the FAI Secretary General reiterated that the list was usually published in advance as Agenda Annex, which meant that delegates should have time to check the list and note any error / mistake / omission before the Conference. He kindly asked the delegates to do so for next year to ease the work of the FAI Head Office.

14. Approval of Delegates Nominated for FAI Commissions 2013 / 2014

As an introduction, the FAI President reminded the conference that the conversion of the two Technical Commissions (EnvC and CIEA) was to be discussed later on in the Agenda and suggested that the election for these 2 Commissions would be postponed in case they were not changed into Expert Groups.

The FAI Conference approved the list of new appointments (FAI By-Laws 3.1.2.).

The updated list is enclosed to these Minutes (**ANNEX 44**).

15. Election of Active Members - Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

The FAI President started by informing the audience that each candidate would introduce him/herself in a few words, as requested at the General Conference last year.

This vote was supposed to be a secret ballot and he therefore asked the Conference to approve the use of the electronic voting system for this election. According to latest roll-call, the majority needed was 157.

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: Australia, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, Switzerland.

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 2013 : Canada, France, Italy, Sweden, USA.

The following countries stood for election to the vacant CASI posts : Australia, Czech Republic, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

The representatives of Australia (246 votes), Czech Republic (273), Germany (273), Spain (275) and Switzerland (274) were duly elected after the first round.

The full list of CASI Country Members for 2013 / 2014 was therefore as follows, listed alphabetically: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.

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

In conclusion, the FAI President drew the attention of the participants to the time saved through the use of electronic system for this kind of votes.

16. New FAI Organiser Agreement

Report by FAI Sports Director, Mr. Rob HUGHES

Mr. HUGHES reminded the information given the year before about the necessity of updating this central FAI contract with Organizers. This project had been ambitious and progress had been slow in the last 12 months. In May 2013, the FAI contracted Me Morand, the FAI lawyer, with extensive experience of organizer contracts and tribunals, to do the work for the FAI. A result was expected in August but the bidding process for the World Air Games was taking place at the same time and the contract for the WAG was of higher priority than the Organizer Agreement. This work was done. The lawyer provided some results regarding the OA a few days before the Conference. The Commission Presidents were not pleased with this situation and had petitioned the EB to make it a top priority. Mr. HUGHES hoped to be able to give a positive message very soon.

17. FAI Anti-Doping Program

Report by FAI Anti-Doping Manager, Mrs. Ségolène ROUILLON (**ANNEX 19**).

The FAI Anti-Doping Manager added to her report that the 5 Commissions to provide names for 2014 RTP were : CIA, CIACA, CIVL, IGC, IPC.

She reassured the participants that should costs occur to organizers one day (at the moment, the FAI was paying for testing), they would be informed very much in advance, even before bidding. It was out of the question to impose testing costs on a bidding organisation which had already signed its Organizer Agreement. At the moment, it was not even decided whether costs would be one day at organizers' expenses. For information, testing happened only on a sample of events, not all, and a maximum of 5 tests per event were conducted.

She insisted again on the need for TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) and asked the participants to pass the message to all their competitors. Besides, a TUE was not valid only for medication but also for specific intake process.

18. IWGA World Games 2013 - Cali

Report by FAI Sports Director, Mr. Rob HUGHES. More information including pictures available in **ANNEX 20**.

The World Games were the second largest multi-sport event in the world, often called the "B-Olympics". It gathered over 3000 athletes, from more than 35 countries, 1000 journalists and around half a million tickets were sold. The FAI had been part of the WG for many years. But in 2009, the FAI was told that its sports were great but the way the message was being passed to the public was not. So the FAI worked on the presentation of its air sports : Parachuting (Canopy Piloting), Paragliding (Accuracy Landing), as well as Aeromodelling (Indoor Aeromusicals), a demonstration event this year.

Now the FAI was waiting for the official feedback from the IWGA. The hope was to be part of the program in 2017. Anyway, the conclusion was that the event was a success for the FAI.

19. International Calendar of Sporting Events for 2014 and onwards

The calendar was published online and **the Conference took note**. The updated version is attached at **ANNEX 45** and available on <http://www.fai.org/events/events-calendar-and-results>.

20. FAI World Air Games

Report by FAI Sports Director, Mr. Rob HUGHES

Mr. HUGHES reminded that the World Air Games were intended to be the flagship event in the FAI, gathering all air sports in one event.

The FAI was still in the bidding process for the event to be held in 2015. The FAI was still having options to study, details to work through. A meeting was planned the same week with potential organizers and the decision would potentially be taken by end of November.

The FAI was at a stage where the format could be decided to bring out the very best in air sports. The FAI Sports Director was hoping to have an excellent event in 2015.

21. 2014 FAI Budget

See **ANNEX 21, 21b, 22 and 23.**

After Mr. CLIPSHAM's presentation, questions came from the floor.

A question was about the figures shown under "Sanction fees and protest fees"; how secure were these budget figures? For example, was the income from sanction fees for the World Air Games secure? The Finance Director confirmed that these figures were compensated by expenses and should the World Air Games not happen, then the balance would be zero. Regarding the figures under "Online contest", they did not only concern protest fees. They were also including potential revenues coming from a project the FAI was currently working on and that the FAI Secretary General hoped to be announced the following week. It was also compensated by an equivalent expense, meaning that if the project did not take place, then the balance would also be zero.

One participant expressed the wish to have seen some supporting comments to the figures for commercial revenues when figures were so significant, if the FAI wanted the Conference to consider them as 100% reliable. His concern was also about the implications for the budget if these commercial revenues did not materialize. The same participant noted also that there was no money in the 2013 budget figures which identified FAME operations. So he assumed that FAME was included in there. The answer was that the figures included the money paid by the FAI to FAME for services for Breitling activation. FAME was not in the 2013 budget because, at the time the 2013 budget was issued, it was only a few months after FAME was created so it was difficult to include FAME costs in the budget at that time. Regarding the very slender profit and the consequences if commercial revenues did not materialize, the concern was about a potential for 2014. The Finance Director explained that the solution would be to adjust the staff level in consideration to that.

A delegate was surprised to see a negative balance. In his country, when a budget could not be balanced, then cuts would happen or an increase in revenues was sought. He thought that it was not sustainable to have a negative balance in a budget and wondered why the audience was presented with such a budget. Despite the fact that he was aware how difficult this was, it was not fair to blame the Air Sport Commissions budgets while it was the job of the Executive Board to balance the budget. His opinion was that this was unacceptable. He urged the conference to vote no on the budget and to send the budget back to the EB to be reworked so there was a positive balance. This motion was seconded by a NAC.

One advised to have in the future an activity based output presentation, and not a financial format which was usually intended for the auditors. This would give more clarity on the decisions made for the budget. Besides, he supported the comment of the previous speaker regarding the unacceptability of the budget.

The General Conference approved the budget for FAI operations in 2014 and the Scale of Subscriptions and Votes for 2014.

Nevertheless the FAI President took note of the comments and concerns. And he reminded the audience that the FAI had reserves, even if it was not desirable to use reserves for budget.

The President of the Parachuting Commission reminded the FAI President of the proposal made by the IPC before the Executive Board Meeting in August, which was the creation of a Finance Expert Group with representatives of NACs and ASCs with appropriate qualifications.

22. Open Forum

22.1 Surviving the 21st Century” : Challenges from our environment

See **ANNEX 24**.

Mr. Duval presented the challenges, missions and purpose of the FAI Environmental Commission.

After Mr. DUVAL's presentation, the FAI president made a note on the difference between the words "noise" and "sound", the former having a negative perception.

22.2 Proposals from NAC Sweden

See **ANNEX 25**.

The proposal was aiming at aligning the length of the President's term with EB Directors' terms and also to keep the continuity of work, by copying the type of elections run for CASI members, that was to say half members each year. This led to elections each year and gave the same weight to all General Conferences.

The notion of continuity was very important to the delegates.

There was no question and Sweden was now able to present their proposal next year for statutory changes. It had been withdrawn this year and instead proposed as a discussion item to give the NACs time to think about it.

The FAI President closed the open forum.

23. Women in FAI

See **ANNEX 26**.

This group had been created at the last General Conference, in Antalya in 2012.

Additionally to the members listed in the presentation, some members took part in discussions via e-mails.

The WG would appreciate seeing the figures received from the NACs divided in gender to be able to study these figures.

Increasing the participation of women would take time.

24. Prince Alvaro de Orleans Borbon Grant

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

He reminded that 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 had devoted themselves to promote technical developments and innovation in sport aviation.

The Executive Board at the August 2012 EB Meeting awarded the Prize in the amount of USD20,000 to the Canadian candidate. 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).

Cameron reported on the success of the project:

“After two dramatic crashes destroyed much of the helicopter during 3m prize-attempt flights in March and April 2013. By early June, the team was ready for a stretch of testing days, the first in over a year. With steady improvement and progress, on June 13th the team conducted a successful Sikorsky Prize (\$250,000) flight, reaching 3m and sustaining flight for 60 seconds, and keeping within a 10 metre box, capturing a historic aviation challenge that had eluded the field for 30 years.

On September 23rd and 24th we flew the helicopter for another session of tests, and broke both the Men's and Women's endurance records, flying for 87 and 55 seconds respectively (unofficial at this time). We also gave the rest of the team a chance to fly Atlas, and we have now had 15 pilots in all. This was a great experience for each and every team member, and a testament to the robustness and design of the Atlas.

We would like to thank the FAI for awarding AeroVelo the AOB Grant, which went to purchase raw materials and components for the manufacture of the helicopter. This grant was instrumental in achieving our ultimate goal of a Sikorsky Prize flight. With the exposure and interest generated by the successful flight of the Atlas, AeroVelo will be able to continue exciting young people all over the world and inspiring them to become involved in aviation and take on the impossible. We are very excited for our future aerospace projects and student outreach work, and look forward to educating and motivating the next generation of youth for years to come”.

25. Presentation of Bids for 109th FAI General Conference – 2015

The FAI received 3 bids for the General Conference 2015:

- Croatia : Zagreb
- Egypt : Cairo
- Netherlands : Rotterdam

Bidders were invited to present their proposal, subject to an allocated 10minutes per presentation.

Votes were performed after lunch.

26. Vote on Award of 109th FAI General Conference – 2015

A clarification was requested on the exclusive use of the boat (Dutch proposal) proposed or if this would be shared with other organisations. During the preliminary meetings, there might be some other entities but the boat would be exclusively for the FAI during the plenary sessions.

A note was made on the difference in price in the document provided on the FAI website before the General Conference and the presentation made a few minutes before. The FAI President confirmed that what was presented on that day was the final proposal (see **ANNEX 27**).

The General Conference decided to award the organization of the 109th FAI General Conference to Netherlands and Rotterdam.

27. 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.

FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) – ANNEX 28

Mr. PAPADOPOULOS reported, in addition to his written report, that the CIAM Plenary that took place last April was well attended with 37 countries and more than 100 people (delegates or observers).

He was pleased to announce that the CIAM had introduced this year an open forum session to have the opportunity to discuss items other than the sporting code, in order to take decisions for the future. The discussion for 2012 had been to find a solution to reduce the number of Cat 1 events because the Commission was aware that there were too many of these events. They hoped to be in the position to formulate an official proposal for the plenary 2014. The discussion was about intellectual rights for the FAI sporting code and events. It had already been decided to enter in cooperation with the organisations dealing with CIAM championships instead of fighting about this issue. The planned discussion for 2014 was about transport of models worldwide when travelling for competitions. This was really a problem for aeromodellers.

Mr. PAPADOPOULOS emphasized the fact that communication was important. After attending the Commission Presidents' Group Meeting several times now, he noticed that some matters improved in discussion with other Presidents and Executive Directors through communication.

Finally, he thanked the FAI Head Office for its devotion and assistance to CIAM.

FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission (CIVL) – ANNEX 29

See **ANNEX 29b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. GUDMUNDSSON reported that the Commission was very busy with competitions (366 competitions registered until 1 September 2013 and more until the end of the year). The number of competitions was increasing and since competitions were the main source of income for the commission, they were focusing on organizing them well.

He added that the competition in Forbes (19th FAI World Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship) and Sarajevo (7th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship) had been "Breitling events".

While he was talking, a video of a competition that was considered as a "a sellable product" was displayed.

FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission (CIMA) – ANNEX 30

See **ANNEX 30b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY started by listing CIMA championships in 2013.

He gave detailed explanation about the 1st FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships which had innovated in some areas like organising team racing.

He also pointed out that the Microlight and Paramotor World Championships would both take place at the same time in 2014 (in Hungary, which had not happened since 2005).

FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA) – ANNEX 31

Mr. ARVIDSSON reported that there were many changes in 2013 for the Commission.

First the Commission went from analog technologies to digital communication. They started e-learning processes like e-tests for judges instead of physical meeting (everything available online). Besides, after 14 years of preparation, the championships guide was finally ready and soon available on their wiki.

Another success this year was the organization for the 2nd time of seminars for judges to have a unified approach in terms or rules. It was a big success as many nations were asking for these seminars.

Regarding the Breitling sponsorship, the CIVA was not particularly pleased about it. When the FAI announced that one CIVA event was being part of the Breitling program, it was supposed to be a win-win situation but it happened to be more a “win-lose” one, in the eyes of CIVA. There were a lot of discussions and a different approach was considered for 2014.

Mr. ARVIDSSON mentioned that the biggest CIVA event of the year had not taken place yet. It was planned in Texas the week after the General Conference.

Finally, he gave a few words on the development of a new Aerobatics category, aiming at having a broader base and more pilots in the top. It was in fact difficult to keep up the level and the CIVA realized that there were fewer competitors at elite level.

FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) – ANNEX 32

Mr. DELMAS started by informing the audience about the setting up of a new category called Advanced in Rally Flying. The Commission took the model of the FAI Aerobatics Commission with the category “unlimited” for top pilots and “Advanced” for new comers. It was a great success. And for the first time, countries winning medals were not the usual 3 or 4.

He also mentioned the Memorial flight for Hans Gutmann. This memorial was a long range flight through Europe, which belonged to the GAC Sporting Code. He emphasized that it was important that the FAI not only delivered championships and records but also encouraged pilots to fly far away from their home base, especially in Europe, where it was a nightmare to cross borders.

Finally he thanked Mr. BADAN for all his achievements in the last years.

FAI Gliding Commission (IGC) – ANNEX 33

Mr. MOZER did not add much as most items were submitted in his written report.

The championships that took place in 2013 were successful. He highlighted that the IGC was committed to encouraging women to participate. In fact, the 7th FAI Women World Gliding Championships were organised in 2013 in France. The IGC was also committed to Juniors and he was proud to inform the audience that the Junior World Gliding Championships had also taken place in 2013.

The Commission was currently undergoing a total simplification of its Sporting Code, and all nations were invited to send comments. He hoped to have it in place by their next plenary, being in March 2014 in Italy (Varese).

There was still some work pursued with FAME, namely about the Sailplane Grand Prix. The IGC had developed a Sailplane Grand Prix website with the help of a commercial company and Mr. MOZER was hoping to be able to take that shell and develop a sailplane portal, one dedicated to organizers and providing any information related to sailplane competitions.

Finally, he thanked his Bureau, the organizers of IGC competitions and IGC delegates.

OSTIV – ANNEX 34

Mr. BOERMANS explained his brief written report to the fact that most events of OSTIV had not taken place yet at the time of writing. The week before, the meeting Meteorological Panel took place at the training centre of the World Meteorological Organization in Turkey. One highlight of this meeting was the on-going work on developing a free online soaring radar forecasting system for worldwide use. This system was based on available data from the USA government web server for any location in the world.

He apologized for the delay of publication of the OSTIV quarterly journal of technical soaring and explained that the chief editor was doing his best to have it published very soon.

FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) – ANNEX 35

Mr. WEBER started by highlighting the CIA major events in 2013. He drew attention to the fact that there was no airship event this year while this was a perfect tool to stage great public attention and attract media to FAI events. He encouraged all of the Conference participants to include airship activities when they had events organized in their countries.

The Coupe Gordon Bennett was again spectacular; one of the French teams won for the 3rd time and consequently brought the Cup permanently to the Aeroclub de France.

He talked about the new ranking list published on the web where all results could be found.

After that, he gave a few words about the next major events for the coming year, mainly the next World Championships in Brazil. The event would be the first one where CIA loggers would be used. These loggers were developed by the CIA, especially for ballooning competitions.

He pointed out problems the CIA faced with its finances this year. It was not in term of finances but more in term of management of finances. The Commissions simply did not know what was happening with its finances. The Commissions did not receive the right information for their plenary and therefore were not in the position to approve their statement and budget. This should be solved by now and Mr. WEBER hoped to be back to normal situation very soon.

Also this year, successful youth camps took place in Germany. Unfortunately, the organizers had announced that they would stop organizing them and the CIA was looking for successors in order to keep these camps existing as they had a great success with participation of youth from all over the world.

Last but not least, he wished to inform the audience about the negative publicity that happened during the year regarding ballooning activities. Some accidents, that happened in the commercial sector and had nothing to do with sports, were affecting the sport on a level that was not expected. He had seen a few events or organizers being subject to safety regulations because of these accidents. The CIA was trying to correct them by convincing the authorities but it was apparently very difficult.

As a conclusion, Mr. WEBER thanked the FAI Head Office, the Executive Board and especially Mr. BADAN, wishing him all the best, on behalf of the CIA.

FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC) – ANNEX 36

See **ANNEX 36b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. WINDSOR started his presentation by asking the audience whether there were any questions about his report. He added a few comments on IPETA, which was a company now owned by the FAI. He was proud to announce that Canopy piloting events would now be sponsored by PD Factory Team.

FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG) – ANNEX 37

Mr. HAMILTON first congratulated the authors of the human powered project which was very interesting.

He then talked about the theme of the next Young Artist Contest being “Flying to save lives”. The CIG felt involved in this theme as all rotorcraft activities evolved from rescue. The CIG was very excited by this theme and offered help to all NACs in any respect in this subject. The FAI’s future laid in the youth.

On behalf of CIG, he thanked the FAI Head Office for its support and also the FAI President for the opportunity to speak.

FAI Astronautics Records Commission (ICARE)

No representative present.

FAI Amateur Built & Experimental Commission (CIACA) – ANNEX 38

Mr. HUBMANN presented detailed additions to his report, available in **ANNEX 38b**.

FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) – ANNEX 39

Mr. BENNETT just added two things to his written report.

He first mentioned that the CASI was working on two appeals. The first was withdrawn and the second was about to be withdrawn. He thanked the former FAI Secretary General, Max BISHOP, who was involved in this appeal.

The CASI was also dealing with proposals on distance measurement. They received a revised proposal and adopted it.

Two days before, the CASI had its annual meeting and Mr. BENNETT reported on the results:

- The representatives adopted an internal procedure handbook to govern CASI activities. It empowered the CASI Bureau to make decisions and take actions in the intervening year between CASI meetings.
- They also adopted an International Appeal Tribunal Manual to guide tribunals in their work.
- They adopted and amended the Event Jury Handbook.
- They made a number of housekeeping amendments to General Section but most importantly, they decided to do a comprehensive review of the General Section. It was last done in 1996 and despite the small amendments done each year, they felt now it was time for a complete review.
- The CASI worked also on Human powered competitions. The Section 11 of the Sporting Code dealt with records only so they were going to be working to adapt Section 11 to allow competitions which had already been taking place.
- They adopted a new definition for a new rotorcraft, a compound helicopter, to allow records to be set.
- They looked at unmanned aerial vehicles and aeromodellers would be looking whether there was any way to adopt UAVs in any shape or form.
- Finally, they looked at adopting 4-tier sport model under the direction of the FAI Executive Board.

On behalf of Mr. WINDSOR, CASI President, he thanked CASI Bureau for their work during the year and thanked all members of FAI Staff and especially Mr. BADAN for all his help in CASI Affairs.

FAI Aviation & Space Education Commission (CIEA) – ANNEX 40

Mr. KASTELEIJN started by emphasizing that the Commission’s scope encompassed not just air sports but also included Aviation and Space. Their scope was broader than for the other Commissions.

The main activity of the Commission was the judging of the Young Artist Contest, which had made the CIEA well-known. But he repeated that the Commission had other missions and was also working on other items, like educational material available on the CIEA webpages on the FAI website.

It was important for the Commission to exchange information and experiences among the delegates and even if the Commission was turned into an Expert Group as soon as possible, this type of exchange would remain important and the Commission would do its best to keep an annual face to face meeting.

He also drew the attention of the participants to the fact that the participation of Air Sports and other Technical Commissions to the CIEA meeting was increasing : CIAM, CIACA, ICARE, EnvC

Mr. KASTELEIJN informed the audience that the 2013 theme “My favorite airsports” received 110 entries from 14 countries and that the participation to the YAC was increasing. As mentioned by the CIG, the theme for 2014 would be “Flying to save lives” and Mr. KASTELEIJN was pleased to see CIG’s involvement in that theme.

Finally he thanked the Commission and the Executive Board for their collaboration all year long.

FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP) – ANNEX 41

Dr. KNÜPPEL presented detailed additions to his report, available in **ANNEX 41b**.

He emphasized that the Commission was still missing reliable figures to be able to work on appropriate statistics on accidents in air sports.

He then took time to explain the position of the FAI regarding Alcohol on the Prohibited List of Substances issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency. In fact, the FAI was one of the few International Federations which considered alcohol as a doping substance. Recently, the WADA asked the FAI to confirming about keeping or removing alcohol from the list. The FAI asked CIMP opinion and the conclusion was that the FAI would keep alcohol as a substance on the prohibited list.

FAI Environmental Commission (EnvC)

Mr. DUVAL did not wish to add anything to his presentation made under “Open Forum” (section 22.1).

The FAI President thanked the Commissions and their Bureaux for their immense and passionate voluntary work.

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 28 to 41** of these Minutes.

28. Amendments to Statutes and By-Laws

The Statutes Working Group (SWG) was tasked with examining several proposals for changes to the FAI Statutes (see **ANNEX 42**).

28.1 FAI Statutes : Change from “FAI Secretariat” to “FAI Head Office”

The General Conference instructed the SWG to come back to the next General Conference with actual statute changes to harmonize the Statutes regarding this matter and effects of these principles.

28.2 FAI Constitution – Merge the Statutes and By-Laws

This was an information item.

There was confusion as the attached document mentioned (merged document) was not provided. Mrs STEVENS informed that the document had been provided a few days ago. But it was in fact not published on the website. One of the delegates pointed out the lateness of providing such documents which was not respecting the statutory deadline (publication 2 months before the General Conference). He expressed his disappointment.

Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY informed the audience that OCA's Statutes (Olympic Council of Asia) had such a document and it was much easier to read. He congratulated the initiative. The FAI President pointed out that this document made it easier to highlight discrepancies.

Mrs STEVENS concluded that she understood the frustration and concerns. She added that there had been some difficulties and substantial miscommunication in the Statutes Working Group and apologized in the name of the SWG.

28.3 Unrestricted entry to countries hosting FAI meetings

This issue was presented the year before by the delegate from Israel.

The SWG proposed an amendment to the Statutes to reflect a similar condition for a bid for a General Conference as currently exists in the Sporting Code for an event.

3.3.1. A bid to host an Annual General Conference must detail any conditions of admission of participants to the country or location of the event in existence at the time of the bid. This information is to be included in the presentation of the bid to the General Conference where a decision on the event is made.

The SWG was tasked to present this amendment to the 2014 GC for decision. There was no question on this item and Mrs STEVENS continued with next item.

28.4 Election of CASI Bureau

Item removed after discussion with CASI President.

28.5 Conversion of CIEA and EnvC into Expert Groups

Mr. DUVAL, President of the Environmental Commission, corrected the information: the Commission did not approve it as such. The Commission agreed to examine how a conversion would be possible and a decision would officially be taken at their next meeting in February 2014.

One delegate doubted the necessity of these Commissions after his own delegates commented on the small numbers of participants and the low level of output of the work.

The President of the CIEA, Mr. KASTELEIJN, confirmed that the Commission had agreed to be part of the Expert Group System but under certain conditions like a face-to-face meeting, namely for the Young Artist Contest judging.

The conference first established whether or not to vote on this issue, considering the fact that this information had not been communicated as it should have been. A 2/3 majority would be required to include this change in the discussion. But one delegate reminded that this was a Statutory requirement to have the information published in the agenda two months in advance. Mrs STEVENS proposed to vote as it was voted to allow the use of electronic system, which was also not allowed by the Statutes originally. This would overwrite a particular section of the Statutes exceptionally.

A clarification was requested on the situation of the number of votes represented. The statutes require a 50% quorum of Members and one delegate was not sure that this quorum was reached. The FAI Secretary General added that it was said "Members in good standing" so the numbers of Members minus the members having not yet paid their fees allowed a sufficient quorum.

A suggestion was to deactivate these Commissions without deleting them and create parallel to the corresponding Expert Groups and postpone the issue to next year.

One participant wished to hear the Commission's report before deciding about the Commissions' fate (note : this part of the agenda was in fact presented earlier than the Commission reports).

The General Conference rejected the proposal and the item was therefore not discussed. It was referred back to SWG for presentation at the next General Conference.

Since the Commissions would remain, the delegates for these two Commissions needed to be approved. **The General Conference approved the delegates.**

Before concluding, there was one comment. The SWG apologized for not meeting the deadlines but it was noticed that the previous SWG had also not respected the deadlines. So there was a concern about the risk that next SWG would reiterate the same and not do the work on time for next General Conference. Guarantees were asked.

29. Election of Members to serve on Statutes Working Group

Suggestions from the FAI President were as follows:

- Mary-Anne STEVENS (CAN)
- Guillermo BAUZA (ESP)
- Andy CHAU (HKG)
- Marina VIGORITO (ITA)
- Ronald SCHNITKER (NED)

The FAI President gave the 5 above-mentioned the possibility to introduce and present themselves.

The floor also nominated Günter BERTRAM (GER).

NAC Spain informed the audience that they were not supporting the application of the Spanish nominee, despite all their respect for the President's opinion.

The members of the SWG elected for the next term were:

- Marina VIGORITO (300 votes)
- Ronald SCHNITKER (276)
- Andy CHAU (260)
- Gunter BERTRAM (257)
- Mary-Anne STEVENS (242)

For the election of the Chair of the SWG, the FAI President gave the option of choosing among Mrs STEVENS or Mr SCHNITKER.

Mrs STEVENS was elected as Chair of the SWG.

30. Calendar of Meetings for next 12 months

This calendar was published on the dedicated webpage and the Conference took note. The updated version of the calendar is attached at **ANNEX 46** and available at <http://www.fai.org/about-fai/meetings>.

31. Arrangements for Future General Conferences

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Gp. Capt. Veerayuth DIDYASARIN informed the audience that the Conference would be organized in collaboration with N.C.C. Management & Development Co., Ltd and sponsored by Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA).

He confirmed the following registration fees:

- Delegates: 360€ (320€ early bird rate)
- Accompanying persons: 290€ (250€ early bird rate)

The venue was still the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre and he promised that one of the official dinners would be a cruise.

Contact details to reach the organization were:

- Website : www.108faigcbangkok2014.com
- Facebook : [108thFAIGeneralConferenceBangkok2014](https://www.facebook.com/108thFAIGeneralConferenceBangkok2014)
- E-mail : 108faigcbangkok@gmail.com

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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.

Interests were expressed by NACs of:

- Albania
- Croatia / Zagreb
- Hungary / Budapest
- Indonesia / Bali

32. Appointment of Companions of Honour

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Mike HEUER (USA) made by the FAI President. Dr. GRUBBSTRÖM would reward him with his diploma and medal during the FAI Aerobatics Commission Meeting beginning of November in Sweden.

Mike HEUER is a founding member of IAC (the American Aerobatic Organization) and officiated as USA Delegate to the FAI Aerobatics Commission. He became President of the same Commission in 1986 and stayed in place for 26 years. During his administration, power and glider aerobatics have matured and different categories exist with more pilots participating in FAI Aerobatic Championships than ever before. He is a former member of the FAI Executive Board and the NAA and EAA Boards of Directors, and he has received many awards including the FAI Silver Medal.

33. Recommendation of Museums

There was no request for recommendation this year.

34. Discharge of FAI Executive Board

The General Conference **unanimously** discharged the FAI Executive Board of responsibility for the management of the FAI affairs during the financial year 2012.

35. Any Other Business

The President invited Delegates to speak:

- The President of the FAI General Aviation Commission, in collaboration with the NAC of Spain, presented a professionally created video about General Aviation.
- The FAI Associate Member for Parachuting, ESPAF, presented a video on a parachuting event they were organizing at the pyramid of Gizeh in November 2013.
- Mr. KÖPLIN took the floor to announce that he was retiring from his position of President of NAC Germany in November after 6 years and he thanked all his colleagues and friends for their collaboration.
- The FAI Secretary General reminded the conference that a brief CASI meeting would take place just after the closing of the Conference to elect the CASI Bureau.
- The signing of allocation of the General Conference 2015 to Rotterdam took place as a conclusion to the Conference.
- Finally, Mr. HUGHES, FAI Sports Director, thanked Mr. Jean-Marc BADAN in the name of the Head Office staff. A long applause followed.

The FAI President thanked Tengku ABDILLAH and his team for the hard work on this organization. He also thanked his Executive Directors and the FAI Head Office, especially Mr. BADAN, the FAI Secretary General.

While he was closing the Conference, a video with highlights of the Conference was displayed on screen.

He then closed the Conference.

Annexes

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22. Budget for 2014
23. Scale of Subscriptions for 2014
24. Open Forum – EnvC / “Surviving the 21st century”
25. Open Forum – SWE Proposals
26. Women in FAI Report
27. GC 2015 – Presentation NED
28. Report by the President of the FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)
29. Report by the President of the FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
- 29b. Presentation by the President of the FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
30. Report by the President of the FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA)
- 30b. Presentation by the President of the FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA)
31. Report by the President of the FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)
32. Report by the President of the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)
33. Report by the President of the FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)
34. Report by the President of OSTIV
35. Report by the President of the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA)
36. Report by the President of the FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC)
- 36b. Presentation by the President of the FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC)
37. Report by the President of the FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG)
38. Report by the President of the FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission (CIACA)
- 38b. Presentation by the President of the FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission (CIACA)
39. Report by the President of the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)
40. Report by the President of the FAI Aviation and Space Education Commission (CIEA)
41. Report by the President of the FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)
- 41b. Presentation by the President of the FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)
42. Amendments to Statutes and By-Laws
43. List of Vice-Presidents for 2013-2014
44. List of Delegates of Commissions for 2013-2014
45. International Calendar of Sporting Events 2014-2017
46. Calendar of FAI Meetings 2014

Additional documents are annexed as follows :

47. List of FAI Award Winners for 2012
48. List of Participants at the General Conference
49. List of Companions of Honour
50. List of FAI Members
51. List of FAI Championships Winners for 2013

Minutes approved by Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President on 3 February 2014.