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AT THE HOLIDAY INN – PATTAYA (THAILAND)

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

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Mr. Robert HENDERSON FAI Executive Director
Mr. GA LLOYD FAI President of Honour

NAC New Zealand
NAC Mexico

SCRUTINEERS

The Conference unanimously agreed the appointment of the following scrutineers :

Mrs Marina VIGORITO
Mr. Bengt-Erik FONSELL
Mr. Michiel KASTELEIJN

1. FAI President's introductory remarks

The FAI President, Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, introduced the meeting by thanking the Royal Aeronautic Sports Association of Thailand for their hard work and excellent arrangements, particularly the dinner the day before which was very well appreciated.

He welcomed all participants and wished them a fruitful meeting. He informed the participants that sessions would be recorded (video and audio). He reminded that electronic voting was to be used like the year before. Finally he requested that any question to be raised during the "Any Other Business" section should be presented to him in advance.

In conclusion, he declared the Conference opened.

2. In Memoriam

The FAI General Conference stood in silent memory of all friends of FAI who had died since the 107th General Conference in 2013, and especially of:

- Mr. Scott CARPENTER - Second American (after John Glenn) to orbit the Earth and the fourth American in space
- Mr. Ludwig "Wiggerl" FUSS - from former Glider Championships as Pilot, Team member or as Scoring Director. Vice champion in the World Glider Aerobatics 1985

- Dr Hanspeter HIRZEL - FAI President from 1992 to 1994, FAI President of Honour
- Mr. Sandor KALMAR - Hungarian control line speed competitor. Awarded with the Penaud Diploma for his outstanding achievements.
- Mr. Werner KOELIKER - FAI Companion of Honour. President of the Swiss Aeromodelling Commission, Vice President and member of honor of the Swiss Aero Club and CIAM Delegate, also awarded by the Penaud Diploma.
- Mr. Tim MACE - FAI Gold Parachuting Medal recipient in 2012. Started skydiving in 1977, 8100 jumps. Competed in more than 150 competitions, including 23 First Category Events in which he has obtained 6 medals and placed in the top-ten 16 times. Joint holder of the current 400 person FAI Formation Skydiving Large Formation World Record. AFF instructor since 1984, and a wingsuit instructor since 1999. Experimental test pilot and former astronaut. Received the Royal Aero Club silver medal in 1991 for his work as an astronaut on the UK-Soviet space programme, which included high altitude parachuting.
- Mr. Henk MEERTENS - FAI Companion of Honour, President of Honour of CASI (FAI Air Sport General Commission)
- Mrs Jerrie MOCK - First woman to fly solo around the world, which she did in 1964.
- Mr. Tamas NÁDAS - National, European and World gold medalist in Aerobatics
- Mr. Chris NICHOLAS - President of Honour of EnvC (FAI Environmental Commission), former Vice Chairman of the British Gliding Association, former Chairman of the BGA Airspace Committee, former member of the BGA Safety and Development Committees and BGA delegate to the UK General Aviation Awareness Council. Skilful pilot, especially in low performance gliders.
- Mrs Stella ROUX DEVILLAS - An untiring ballooning enthusiast, collector of ballooning memorabilia, event organizer, CIA member and most of all as a special person always prepared to assist and help whenever there was a need or there was somebody in need. Stella was for many years closely associated with Olivier, her husband, and together him she contributed mightily to the development of ballooning in France and internationally.
- Mr. Stephen SHRESTHA - President of NEPAL AIRSPORTS ASSOCIATION, Delegate for Nepal to CIMA (FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission)
- Mr. Ko STUIK - Delegate for Netherlands to CIACA
- Mr. Yuri TARAN - Former Russian Ballooning Federation president and Russian CIA delegate from 2003 to 2005. Yuri contributed mightily to the development of ballooning in Russia and internationally.
- Mr. Clifton VON KANN - FAI President from 1988 to 1990, FAI President of Honour
- Mr. Alejo WILLIAMSON - His most known achievement was crossing the Andes for the first time, at the highest pass, on December 12th, 1964. A Blanik L-13 (CC-K7W) and almost six hours were required to fly from Santiago (Chile) to Mendoza (Argentina). A route unknown by that time was not easy for the 39 years old glider pilot. On 1968, FAI awarded Alejo with the prestigious Lilienthal gliding medal.

3. Presentation of electronic voting system

The FAI President gave the word to Mr. Visa-Matti LEINIKKI, FAI IT Manager, to present the system.

He confirmed that all delegations should have received a voting device (+one for the delegations holding a proxy). He checked that all voting right holders had received a kit. He gave an overview on the various voting situations possible.

Delegates were invited to practice with a test vote.

4. Roll-Call of Delegations

4.1 Apologies for absence

Those apologizing for absence were as recorded above.

4.2 Verification of representatives' authority

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

The Austrian NAC requested the addition of Mr Bengt LINDGREN from Sweden to the list of candidates for the FAI Executive Board. This request had been rejected by the FAI EB before the General Conference because the nomination did not reach the FAI within the statutory deadline (3 months before GC), that is to say July 17th. The FAI President reminded that the deadline had been set up to allow delegates to have time to check the various CVs.

There was a motion from GER seconded by CIAM to add Mr. LINDGREN to the list of candidates in item 26 of this agenda. CIA President pointed out that this motion was going against Statute 6.2.2, which stipulated a firm deadline to receive nominations. NAC Sweden pointed out it was only 3 days late. Slovakian NAC reminded that General Conference was the supreme body and could decide on everything, even Rules change. FAI President confirmed it was a statutory vote and therefore ASC Presidents were not allowed to vote. By miscalculation, it was announced that two-thirds majority was reached in support of the motion and the FAI General Conference, as supreme body of the FAI, had accepted the deviation from the 3-month statutory deadline to nominate a candidate to EB election.

Alvaro De Orleans Borbon asked to make a statement. He considered the vote as a severe incident. He summarized by saying that the Conference voted on an issue which was not allowed to be voted on. He agreed that the General Conference was authorized to do anything but always within the rules approved by the General Conference. He was afraid the deviation could become bigger next time. The decision made was risky and could invalidate further decisions. This opinion was shared by the delegate from India.

NAC USA advised the FAI President, as Chair of the Conference, to consider ruling out the former decision. NAC United Kingdom on the other hand pointed out a precedent the year before with the acceptance of electronic voting system while the Statutes did not provide for it; this was a similar case of deviation for a very good and practical reason. However, after a recalculation, the FAI IT Manager confirmed that the vote to add a late nomination to the list of nominations for the FAI Executive Board did not pass the first time. In light of the discussion, the Chair moved to reject the motion from Germany to add a candidate for the

Executive Board on the Agenda. This motion carried and Germany's motion was rejected and the Agenda not changed.

The CIMP representative wished to add the CIMP report within section 22 along with the Air Sport Commissions Reports. But the FAI President reminded him that CIMP report was in section 10.4 "Expert System".

4.5 Appointment of scrutineers

The scrutineers were as recorded above.

4.6 Reminder of voting procedures

Various kinds of votes possible during the FAI General Conference:

- Absolute majority : more than 50% votes present in the room. If a delegate did not vote, it meant a no vote. This majority would be used in normal yes/no vote and in first round of elections for President
- Simple majority: more than 50% of the votes cast, valid for motion or election of candidates. If a delegate did not vote, the vote was not counted in the total number of votes. This majority would also be used in case of additional rounds for the election of the FAI President.
- Qualified majority: required when e.g. deciding on new bodies of FAI. It was usually a 2/3 majority. It was also applicable for items not on the agenda to be put on the agenda.
- Plurality vote : It would be in the case where options get the highest numbers of votes were being elected, no matter if they reached a majority.

The FAI Secretary General reminded the definition of the quorum : 25% of Active members in good standing represented. Exceptions : quorum of 50% for amending Statutes and voting on items not on the agenda. Voting rights only to Active, OSTIV if present and Air Sport Commission Presidents (FAI Statutes / New Members / Tempo Members / (Dis)Establishing Permanent / Temporary Bodies / President of Honour / Extraordinary GC / Dissolution / Cancellation of Companionship)

The FAI General Conference usually voted with open ballots. Secret ballot were held for all the elections or on request from a delegate but by default, everything except elections would be by open ballot.

The roll-call was clarified:

- 44 FAI Active Members in good standing with voting rights represented
- 11 Representatives of FAI Air Sport Commissions with limited voting rights (see above) including CASI
- 1 Associate Member with no voting rights
- 1 Temporary Members with no voting rights
- 1 International Affiliate Member with no voting rights

Voting kits with a total of 353 votes had been distributed to delegations. The number of votes required to obtain majorities was as follows:

- Absolute majority : 177
- Two-thirds majority : 236

5. Amendments to Statutes (part 1)

The vote to allow the use of electronic voting system was conducted at the last General Conference and valid only for that Conference in Kuala Lumpur. So the FAI Statutes Working Group prepared a proposal to approve it with immediate effect.

See **ANNEX 1** : 3.6.2.1.9. + 3.6.2.1.11.+ 3.6.2.1.12.

Mary Anne STEVENS, Chair of the SWG, pointed out that default vote by electronic system was secret whereas default vote by hands voting was open.

A delegate asked for the number of members present to fulfill the quorum for Statutes change and the number of votes present. Numbers were provided at that time and were recorded under 4.6.

Another delegate mentioned that the vote could not be conducted with country panels, as delegations had a different number of votes, so better with the electronic voting system. A vote by hand was conducted to accept to use the electronic voting system to vote on the first amendment proposed by the SWG.

The FAI General Conference agreed on the use of the electronic voting system at General Conferences and on Statutes change as in Annex 1 with immediate effect.

The FAI President commented this vote as a milestone for the FAI General Conference procedures.

6. Minutes of 107th FAI General Conference, 2013

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the Minutes of the 107th FAI General Conference Working Sessions held on 4th and 5th October 2013 in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) as published with no comments.

7. Report of the FAI President

Dr. John GRUBBSTRÖM, FAI President, presented his report (**ANNEX 2**) which was adopted by the FAI General Conference.

8. Report on FAI Finances 2013-2014

8.1 2013 Financial report and Report by Auditors

The FAI Executive Director (Finance), Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM, reported in detail (**ANNEX 3+3b**) on the 2013 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Commissions' operations, and the report on the FAI's accounts by the Auditors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (distributed in September - **ANNEX 4**).

UK delegate asked the Finance Director to comment on the financial outcome compared with the budget for that year. Mr CLIPSHAM answered that income and expenditures showed Sports operations and HO operations. The budget for 2013 for Sports operations was negative by 43361 CHF and the result negative by 65180 CHF. Head Office operations were budgeted with 56346 CHF, and the result in the statement was 10686 CHF. The overall budget 2013 was a positive budget with a result of 12985 CHF and the result is negative 54,491CHF. The UK delegate requested that the variance between the two be highlighted. Mr. Clipsham reviewed the information that had been presented in the slides. The UK delegate noted that the principal variation was in the marketing and communications spent where 80000 CHF were spent in excess to what was budgeted and

that the variations of the ASCs did not fall into that line item. He noted that a large part was the 74000 CHF taken on FAME and the provision on FAME takes the amount up to around 100,000CHF. The UK delegate expressed his dissatisfaction by suggesting that these accounts were not properly framed in that they did not provide enough details to link figures together.

Mr. CLIPSHAM explained that the HO deviations to budget are shown in HO column. The FAME expenditure in Marketing and Communications are the monies spent by FAI through FAME to provide the services and support of the sponsorship contract that we have principally with Breitling. Then there are provisions for the investment in FAME which is 32,567CHF and that is the position of FAME at December 31. The new information coming into January that the President reported on is that FAME operations are completed for the present time and there is no activity in FAME. The FAME position is stated as at December 31 and then in January, the shares were purchased and the operations were closed. He agreed, that the provision for FAME is one of the principle deviations to the HO budget that changed it from a positive of 56000 CHF to a negative 10000 CHF, a deviation of 66000 CHF. And that the FAME operations were not in the budget last year.

The General Conference did not adopt the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year 2013, as presented, in accordance with Statute 3.4.1.3. Due to the very close number of votes to the majority, the FAI President asked the roll call to be verified. He reminded that the vote was on the acceptance of the report, not on expressing their feeling about the report. He expressed surprise about the result of the vote seeing the limited criticism of the factual statement.

After recount of the roll call, the **Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the year 2013 were adopted.**

8.2 Financial Situation 2014

Please refer to **ANNEX 3+3b.**

Mr. CLIPSHAM reported that the Financial Situation at 30 September 2014 gave an indication of the expected result for the year ending December 31, 2014. The operations were recorded up to the end of September in the ABACUS software which was introduced in 2013. This accounting system was maintained by Fidulem, an accounting firm in Lausanne that provided services to FAI. The consolidation of the FAI accounts commenced in 2011 for the combined ASC and HO operations and now had been completed to December 31, 2013. It took a considerable amount of time and effort to review all the movements in the ASC operations to go to the accrual basis for the ASC accounts and to correctly show ASC assets and liabilities and then to learn the variations on how they were to be recorded for each individual Air Sport Commission. The 2013 accounts were signed off by PWC. There are several outstanding questions from several Air Sport commissions which were currently being reviewed and would be adjusted accordingly.

The details of Income and Expenditure to September 30 are set out in the report in Annex 3 + 3b.

The FAI was anticipating improvement in the 2014 budget amount of – (70,282) CHF at the end of the year 31/12/14 considering an increase in sponsorship revenue in 2014 that was approved in November 2013 after the 107th General Conference approved the 2014 budget.

8.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2014/2015

The FAI Executive Director (Finance) proposed that PriceWaterhouseCoopers be appointed FAI's auditors for 2015 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 the Secretary Generals, carried out a considerable amount of work in the financial management.

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

9. Report of the FAI Secretary General

The FAI Secretary General, Ms Susanne SCHÖDEL, expressed her delight to attend her first FAI General Conference and presented her report. It covered four topics: Focus of the FAI Head Office, a view on Air Sports as well as Membership Development, and an outlook on international relations. The report (**ANNEX 5**) was adopted by the Conference.

The FAI President thanked her for her enthusiastic kick start in the position.

10. FAI Strategic Plan & Projects

10.1 FAI Strategic Review – Where will we be in 5 years?

See **ANNEX 6**.

The FAI President started by reminding what had been discussed the two years before. Was the FAI objective still valid and overall goal relevant for guidance and governance?

This discussion touched the main challenges of the FAI. It might lead to a possible modification of scope and direction of the FAI. This was why a document regarding the main purposes of the FAI was established and presented a few years ago. Such a document was creating a possible revision of overall FAI goals.

Where would the FAI be in 5 years? What was the FAI hoping and aiming for?

3 potential scenarios:

- Same : struggling for unity and economy and remaining marginal on a global scale
- Division and decline
- Growth with effective management and marketing : focusing on making air sports *the* recreational activity, on common interest and making FAI one of the most attractive institution for stakeholders and employees. Air Sports had reached unprecedented enthusiasm.

With this background, he then introduced the next topic, to pin down and agree on an FAI Vision and Mission Statement.

10.2 FAI Vision and Mission

This topic has been subject to long discussions during Executive Board meeting and exchanges and input with FAI stakeholders (Commission Presidents, NAC Presidents, etc).

Report by Otto LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 7**), FAI Executive Director

Mr. LAGARHUS chaired the group who worked on this important document.

The mission statement was supposed to show the purpose of the FAI and what it did. The aim of the group was to look for a one sentence statement describing the reason for an organisation or program that you can use to guide decisions about priorities, actions and responsibilities.

MISSION : “FAI, THE global organization for the promotion of air sports and recreational flying”.

VISION : "A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available for everyone at reasonable cost"

Mr LAGARHUS pointed out that the vision statement might look like unreachable but suggested to look at vision statements from other high level entities and it was admitted that their statements were also far reachable but giving a guidance on the direction.

The "safe" side had been questioned like the "reasonable cost". A list of essential activities had been added to better understand the statement (see ANNEX).

The FAI President wished to submit the statement to the audience for confirmation but opened the floor for discussions first.

IPC President expressed the opinion of the IPC bureau who provided a 4-page document for consideration in that matter. Parachuting was a dangerous sport but the IPC was making its best to make it as safe as possible but no one could guarantee it to be safe. IPC would rather leave out the "safe" issue" from this statement and therefore could not back up this statement as such.

Mr LAGARHUS confirmed that the word "safe" was striving to be "as safe as possible". It was logical and correct for him to have the word safe in a statement when someone was flying. He admitted that there were discussions within the group about this word but the majority decided to retain it.

Mr. Atul DEV (FAI Companion of Honour) asked about the importance of including recreational flying in the statement because he thought air sports included recreational flying. The FAI President answered that it was important that air sport persons not competing and not making records could feel incorporated in that definition. Mr DEV continued by expressing the fact that a vision should mention only issues achievable by the organization itself. For him, available to everyone and at reasonable cost could only be achieved on local level. The FAI President answered that it showed a direction. This statement strived to describe the goal they were all looking at.

Mr. AL JAWINI, from NAC Saudi Arabia, was the opinion that the "safe" side would show the concern of the FAI in that area.

Mr. SMITH, FAI Companion of Honour, noted that the "thrill" and "excitement" was missing in this statement.

Mr. LAGARHUS added that it was necessary to mention "recreational flying" as in some countries, air sports only related to competition. Since it was his last term as Executive Director, he advised to keep this document as dynamic as possible.

The FAI President asked the audience for confirmation that the FAI was going in the right direction.

A new roll call was taken, which took time. CIA President suggested freezing the number to avoid taking the roll call each time. The FAI President agreed to consider the current number for the next votes.

IGC President expressed the idea that a delegate might agree with one statement (Mission for example) but not with the second one and suggested to have two separate votes. The FAI President agreed to proceed as such if majority was not reached in the first round.

The FAI General Conference accepted the FAI Mission and Vision as presented.

10.3 FAI Regional Management Structure

Report by Otto LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 8**), FAI Executive Director

He reminded that the RVP positions had been created following a need expressed by the FAI Executive Board to have regional management resources. Guidelines were issued regarding the frame of their work (missions and duties).

Mr. LAGARHUS gave the word to Mr. Tengku ABDILLAH, RVP East and South Asia, whom he congratulated for his work so far. Mr. ABDILLAH started his report by thanking the FAI for giving him this opportunity and responsibility. He finished by promising to do his best to promote air sports and the FAI in East and South Asia.

Mr. PAPADOPOULOS congratulated him for the work done. Despite the fact that the RVP was trying to promote and expand air sports activity in the region, he was curious to know whether Mr. ABDILLAH was reporting on potential problems arising in FAI member countries. Mr. ABDILLAH was the opinion that the NACs should come to him, should problems arise. Mr. PAPADOPOULOS reminded that ASC should be informed in case problems appear in this region.

As far as RVPs for Africa and South America, their reports were under discussion with the FAI Executive Board and no presentation was made.

10.4 FAI Expert System & EGs / TCs

Report by Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (**ANNEX 11**) , FAI Executive Director

Navigation :

Report by Carl STALBERG (**ANNEX 13**), Point of Contact

Mr. STALBERG, Point of Contact for Expert Group Navigation (NEG), introduced himself. He had been working for the last 10 years as inspector for the Swedish Armed Forces Military Aviation Authority. He was holding a PPL and in the past he had been holding a Glider pilot licence for 25 years.

The main concern expressed by members of NEG was access to air space available to airports in the future. Today airport and recreational flying were one of many stakeholders for gaining access to air space. It was obvious as the economic development continued, the demand for scheduled flights increased on regional airports, which in turn lowered the ceiling for uncontrolled airspace.

To get a clearance to be able to enter controlled airspace might require in many places costly installations of avionics such as 8,33 kHz transceivers and Mode-S transponders. It was not a coincidence that these particular places were regions where many people lived and worked.

Instrument panels in an aircraft looked different, whether they were looking at a glider, tow-plane or a turbine powered aircraft. And so were the prerequisite for carrying avionics, especially when air sports were based on enthusiastic individuals taking part as volunteers with varying financial resources. In this context the expert group had tried to make some remarks about the introduction of modern avionics and the impact on airports by the increasing numbers of RPAS more commonly known as UAVs.

It was clear that access to airspace was a national issue. In addition access to airspace was not only an issue concerning technology but also a matter of cooperation between all stakeholders including military aviation and national authorities. His personal belief was that successful cooperation relied on trust, communication and airmanship

No physical meetings involving NEG members had taken place yet. By using video conference facilities i. e. Skype on some occasions and regular e-mail conversations, the group has been able to compile a report reflect their views concerning the above mentioned

matters. The report was intended to be published on FAI web site soon. The Navigation Expert Group presently had 7 members including himself. Members represented 6 nations from Europe, 1 nation from North America and 1 member from Australia. His conclusion was to ask the audience where to find the good examples where airports, together in collaborations with other stakeholders of airspace, was getting sufficient air space for air sports.

Regulation :

Report by Otto LAGARHUS (**ANNEX 14+14b**), Point of Contact

Mr NEUENSCHWANDER concluded by highlighting that the mentioned document was an excellent example of output of the FAI expertise system.

Safety:

Report by Niels-Christian LEVIN HANSEN (**ANNEX 15+15b**), Point of Contact

Mr. Niels-Christian LEVIN HANSEN, Point of Contact for Expert Group Safety, started by saying that the main work for this group was creating the FAI Safety Policy. The first draft was presented to the FAI EB last August. The subtitle of the document was : "Collaboration for Improving Safety". When elaborating the document, they noticed the air sport community could be split in two audiences and this resulted in 2 different considerations when drafting the paper. They structured the paper in 7 areas within which they gave 5 recommendations. See example in the Annex.

He concluded by thanking his experts. He passed the message to the 3 RVP that experts from these regions would be more than welcome.

IT:

Report by Visa-Matti LEINIKKI (**ANNEX 16**), FAI IT Manager

This Expert Group was put on hold.

New Technology:

Report by Visa-Matti LEINIKKI (**ANNEX 17+17b**), FAI IT Manager

Mr. ANDRE, Point of Contact for Expert Group New Technology, had already effectively taken over his position and Mr. LEINIKKI made the report on his behalf. Mr LEINIKKI underlined that since Mr ANDRE took over, things had started to move in this Expert Group. Tasks before were too wide and difficult to reach which caused difficulties in their work.

Education:

Report by Jürg MÄRKI (**ANNEX 18+18b**), Point of Contact

Mr. Jürg MÄRKI, Point of Contact for Expert Group Education, started by confirming that the conversion from the CIEA to the Education Expert Group had been confirmed by the FAI Executive Board during 2014.

One of the main tasks of the EEG was to expand the number of participating countries in the FAI Young Artist Contest (YAC).

A project was to launch a photo competition in the near future. It would be discussed in the next meeting the experts would have in 2015. Next year would also see the integration of new media in the YAC like video or new graphic tools.

Environment:

Report by Pierre DUVAL (**ANNEX 19**), President of the FAI Environmental Commission

Mr. Pierre DUVAL reminded how he presented last year the environment as being the world around us (and not only birds and grass etc) and how the FAI was connectng air sports to it.

He talked about a specific project the Commission would have for 2015: to create a new category of aerobatic planes, based on low emission (noise and fuel) aircraft and electric aircraft. The aim is to “fly green”.

He concluded by emphasizing that respect was an important aspect of environmental issues.

Medical:

Report by Dr. Kazuhito SHIMADA (**ANNEX 20+20b**), Representative of FAI Medico-Physiological Commission

Mr. NEUENSCHWANDER concluded by reminding the audience that the FAI expert System was established to support and help the stakeholders like NACs, ASCs, etc...

10.5 FAI Marketing and Communications

Report by Markus HAGGENEY (**ANNEX 21**), FAI Sports and Marketing Director

The FAI President invited Mrs Monika PIEREN, Breitling representative, on stage to offer her the FAI Events Book which gathered main pictures of FAI Breitling Events of 2014. She thanked the FAI for having her as a listener to the Conference. She reminded that as a start of cooperation, the FAI and Breitling decided to focus on a small number of events which meant some sports were not to be considered at the moment.

10.6 FAI World Air Games 2015

The FAI President introduced the topic by saying that these WAG were a chance to take the FAI to a much higher level.

Report by Markus HAGGENEY (**ANNEX 22**), FAI Sports and Marketing Director

Markus HAGGENEY started by welcoming the Vice-President of EAF, Emirates Aerosports Federation, HE Yousif AL HAMMADI.

One of the aim is to get pictures (and videos) like shown on the Powerpoint presentation. They would hit the attention of the world.

The event would last 12 days. It would be longer than last WAG but the objective was to share time over the several venues, to see each other, to enjoy time together... 70% of the events would be on the Dubai drop zone.

The list of showcased air sports and extra sport activities to connect expertise were listed in Annex.

11. Situation of FAI Membership

11.1 Resignations, Suspensions and Expulsions

Resignations

There had been no resignation in 2014.

Suspensions

At 17 October 2014, the following FAI Members had not paid their subscription fee for 2014.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

- **BOSNIA & HERZ.** **Vazduhoplovni Savez Bosne I Hercegovine –**
Active Member Class 10
- **FYR. of MACEDONIA** **Vozduhoplovna Federacija Na Makedonija –**
Active Member Class 10
- **HUNGARY** **Magyar Repülö Szövetség -** Active Member Class 7
- **IRELAND** **National Aero Club Of Ireland -** Active Member Class 9
- **LIBYA** **Libyan Airsports Federation -** Active Member Class 10
- **MOLDOVA** **Federatia de Parapantism din Republica Moldova -**
Active Member Class 10
- **MONGOLIA** **Mongolian Air Sports Federation -** Active Member Class 10
- **MONTENEGRO** **Vazduhoplovni Savez Crne Gore -** Active Member Class 10
- **MOROCCO** **Federation Royale Marocaine De L'aviation Legere Et Sportive –**
Active Member Class 10
- **PAKISTAN** **All Pakistan Aero Modelling & Ultralight Association –**
Active Member Class 9
- **PERU** **Federacion Peruana Aerodeportiva -** Active Member Class 10
- **ROMANIA** **Federatia Aeronautica Romana -** Active Member Class 8
- **UKRAINE** **Federation of Aeronautical Sports of Ukraine –**
Active Member Class 7

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- **OMAN** **Oman National Free Fall Team -** Active Member Class 5
- **URUGUAY** **Centro Uruguayo De Planeadores -** Active Member Class 5

TEMPORARY MEMBERS

- **ARMENIA** **Nat. Committee of Aeromodelling and Spacemodelling Sports**
- **IRAQ** **AI- Sokoor Aero Club -** Active Member Class 5
- **PARAGUAY** **Asociacion Paraguaya Paracaidismo Deportivo –**
Active Member Class 5

The FAI Conference took note that, if subscriptions were not paid by 31 December 2014, such FAI Members would be suspended.

Expulsions

At 17 October 2014, the following FAI Members, suspended beginning 2014 for non-payment of subscriptions in 2013, have also not paid their 2014 subscriptions fee.

- **AZERBAIJAN** **Azarbaycan Hava Va Ekstremal Idman Növlaci Federasiyasi**
- **PANAMA** **Asociacion De Paracaidismo Deportivo de Panama**
- **ST KITTS & NEVIS** **St Kitts and Nevis National Parachute Associating**
- **TUNISIA** **Association Tunisienne des Sports Aeriens**
- **SYRIA** **Syrian Parachute Federation**

The FAI Conference agreed that, if outstanding debts were not paid by 31 December 2014, the membership of the above-mentioned members would be terminated at the end of 2014.

11.2 Consideration of Applications for Admission of New FAI Members:

a. Portuguese Free Flight Federation - Application for Associate Member

Background : The Portuguese Free Flight Federation expressed their wish to join the FAI in November 2013. The situation in Portugal was such that if a federation wished to be recognised by the Portuguese national Olympic Committee, it had to show a direct affiliation to the International Federation of its sport, in that case the FAI (same case as Portuguese Aeromodelling Federation in GC 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. Associate memberships are subject to agreement of the current Active Member in the country. Confirmation was received by the Aeroclub of Portugal.

The FAI General Conference accepted the Portuguese Free Flight Federation's application for FAI Associate Membership with immediate effect.

b. African Air Sports Federation (AAF) - Application for International Affiliate Member

Background : The African Air Sports Federation officially declared itself candidate to FAI Affiliate Membership in February 2014. Sufficient documentation, including statutes, had been received.

No objections had been provided from the FAI members in the respective region where FAA was active.

The FAI General Conference accepted the African Air Sports Federation's application for FAI International Affiliate Membership with immediate effect.

The AAF President, Mr. Yousry EL SHAMAA thanked the FAI, especially FAI President and FAI Secretary General.

c. Arab Air Sports Federation (FAA) - Application for International Affiliate Member

Background : The Arab Air Sports Federation officially declared itself candidate to FAI Affiliate Membership beginning 2014. Sufficient documentation, including statutes, had been received.

No objections had been provided from the FAI members in the respective region where AAF is active.

The FAI General Conference accepted the Arab Air Sports Federation's application for FAI International Affiliate Membership with immediate effect.

The FAA President, Mr. Mubarak ALSUWAILEM, thanked the FAI. The Saudi Arabia representative expressed his satisfaction on this membership acceptance.

d. Segelflugszene gGmbH - Application for International Affiliate Member

Background : The Segelflugszene gGmbH is a non-profit limited liability company based in Germany. CEO was Reiner Rose, who was currently working on transferring the company into a foundation. The OLC (On Line Contest) was an international platform for Glider pilots as well as Hang- and Paraglider pilots and Aeromodellers, who uploaded their flight files and compared their performances. IGC had been in contact and negotiated an agreement since 2004. This agreement had to be renewed. The draft for the new agreement as in the Appendix was

approved by IGC and OLC. It was proposed that Segelflugszene became an International Affiliate Member, like OSTIV and others were. In turn, Segelflugszene would add a category to show FAI Record flights on their platform.

The FAI General Conference accepted Segelflugszene GmbH's application for FAI International Affiliate Membership with immediate effect.

11.3 Re-approval of Existing Temporary Members

As per 2013 discussions, the FAI Executive Board recommended that the Temporary Membership be renewed on a yearly basis, and that every effort should be made to keep Temporary Members within FAI and encourage them to apply for a higher category of membership after a certain number of years

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

Armenia :	2006
El Salvador :	1998
Iraq :	2010
Lao :	2013
Paraguay :	2003
Syria :	2010
Vietnam :	2012

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

11.4 Other Membership Matters

The FAI Members listed below requested the following changes of class. All changes had been included in FAI Budget 2015. The changes were submitted for approval together with the approval of the Scale of Subscriptions 2015.

Finland – Change from Class 5 to Class 6 for 2015

Israel – Change from Class 8 to Class 9 for 2015

Poland – Change from Class 5 to Class 6 for 2015

The General Conference approved these changes.

12. Election of FAI Vice-Presidents for 2014 / 2015

There were last minute nominations presented to FAI President but no deviation to statutory requirements had been accepted.

It was noted that Ireland, not in good standing at the time of the Conference, had nominated a VP while Statutes 6.3.2.1.1. stipulated that an Active member must have satisfied all their financial obligations to be able to nominate a VP. The Irish nomination was therefore not accepted.

The list of persons nominated to serve as FAI Vice-Presidents for 2014 / 2015 for countries in good standing (ANNEX 43) was approved by the Conference.

13. FAI Commissions Delegates

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

The FAI President thanked the nominated delegates for their involvement.

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

14. Presentation of Active Members - Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

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

The following countries still had one year of their two-year CASI term left to serve, and did not need to be re-elected in 2014 : Australia, Czech Republic, Germany, Spain, Switzerland.

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

There was a request that each candidate would introduce him/herself in a few words. Candidates willing to do so were invited to come on stage.

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

The representatives of Canada (203 votes), Russia (220), Sweden (185) and USA (236) were duly elected after the first round, Italy (**173**) after the third round (majority not reached after second round).

The full list of CASI Country Members for 2014 / 2015 was therefore as follows, listed alphabetically: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.

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

16. Review of the General Section of the Sporting Code

CASI put in place a working group for updating the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code. Mr. BENNETT, 1st Vice-President of CASI and Chair of Working Group responsible for the revision, presented the work done.

See **ANNEX 23+23b**.

The draft document was not yet final. The process was that the WG produced a first draft circulated to CASI representatives beginning of April 2014. Comments were sent back in the following month. CASI prepared a first final draft distributed within CASI two months before the Conference and there was a detailed review of this final draft during the CASI Meeting the day before the Conference. Based on those discussions, there were still some changes to be made and at this point in time, CASI did not have a final draft available for the FAI General Conference to review. However Mr. BENNETT reminded the audience that the General Section was the responsibility of CASI which decided on its content and the final product. The process followed was to reorganize the format of the Sporting Code so it

took a more logical sequence on the chapter numbering and content because the FAI was now dealing with a document that had not been revised in the general sense for 17 years even if amendments had been made over that period of time. So CASI felt it was timely needed to work on a general revision. There was now no statutory consequence of the proposals. The document dealt essentially with sporting aspects in FAI activity. There was still work to be done, in a very short period of time and CASI expected the final draft to be ready within a week or two after the General Conference finished.

The FAI President reminded the audience that he mentioned this issue in his recent President's letter with an annex where the FAI Head Office had compiled the differences proposed between old and new section. Controversial points demanding Statutes changes had now been withdrawn by CASI.

No delegate wished to comment. The FAI General Conference would be invited to consider the draft when it would be ready.

17. Support for FAI Organisers

Report by Markus HAGGENEY (**ANNEX 24**), FAI Sports and Marketing Director

Seeing the need for improvement on events, and seeing tools available that many organizers and NACs did not know about, this approach aimed at finding ways to assist organizers and to raise quality of events.

The Australian delegate wished to know the situation with the current Organizer Agreement which they were not happy with due to high legal implications included in the document. FAI Secretary General replied that there was an obligation to continue using the current OA until the new version was available.

18. FAI Anti-Doping Program

Report by FAI Secretary General on behalf of Mr. Bob HENDERSON, Executive Director in charge of Anti-Doping matters

Mr. HENDERSON presented his apologies for not being present.

Ms SCHÖDEL started with the Testing program 2014. 4 competitions were scheduled for tests and 3 had been done at the time of the FAI Conference. 10 out-of-competition tests were planned and 9 had been done. No so-called adverse analytical finding was found. In other words, no banned substances had been detected or reported to FAI.

She wished to draw the audience's attention to an event which happened during CIMA championships in Hungary. A fake announcement of doping test with information from FAI website copied with FAI logo was published and printed. It was considered as an unappreciated joke.

She then switched to new developments in the pipeline. WADA had updated its Code which would come into effect on January 1st, 2015. Along with the Code update, the International Standard for Testing and Investigations had also been updated and would give the opportunity to change the current request to have an RTP (Registered Testing Pool). The athletes being included into the FAI RTP so far had considered it as a burden. For the future, there would be distinction between an RTP and the need to have a general out-of-competition testing programme. An RTP was not required if a Federation planned to collect 3 or less samples from a particular athlete, which was the case for the FAI. A risk analysis

was conducted which concluded that an FAI RTP was not necessary but it was necessary to maintain the capability to conduct Out-of-Competition testing on elite performers (top ranked performers in each discipline and World Record holders). This was agreed upon with WADA and represented a step forward in the Anti-Doping program of the FAI. Ms SCHÖDEL quoted an athlete which gave his positive impression on this fact.

She concluded saying that the FAI Anti-Doping Manager was working with ASC Presidents to prepare the testing schedule for 2015 and to select athletes concerned.

On behalf of Mr. HENDERSON, Ms SCHÖDEL thanked Dr. Jürgen KNÜPPEL, CIMP President and its delegates for their valuable inputs and active discussions on doping risks and implications. She extended the thanks to Mrs Ségolène ROUILLON and Mr. Jérôme KRIEG for managing the programme all year long. She reminded that Mr. Bob HENDERSON had established a very strong relationship with Mr. Frederic DONZE, European Director of WADA in Lausanne, with a 2-way relationship with both learning from each other. And she emphasized on the importance of FAI education programme and FAI's intention to expand this to ensure that individuals had an awareness of the pharmacology of drugs and the specific and very individual risks that one might be exposed to if one indulged in experimenting with performance enhancing substances.

The FAI President followed on by mentioning the need to educate on TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption). He reminded the Anti-Doping Program was an ongoing program.

19. Multisport events

Report by Markus HAGGENEY, FAI Sports and Marketing Director

A lot of multisport events were about to take place in the next years but this report was mainly on the World Games in Poland in 2017.

A meeting with all sports manager would be held on November 21st 2014 in Poland where Mr HAGGENEY and the Secretary General of NAC Poland would go. The air sports officially confirmed for this event were Glider Aerobatics, Parachuting Canopy Piloting and Paramotoring.

20. International Calendar of Sporting Events for 2015 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>.

Mr HAGGENEY gave a note on the fact that a reliable communication channel between Air Sport Commissions was needed as changes in the calendar could only happen when official documents were duly received.

He presented a database driven tool to be produced by the FAI to locate events on a map, showing the same information but on a different way. See **ANNEX 46**.

Special discussion out of agenda

As a point of information on the following day, the FAI President started by remarking a statutory issue about "being in good standing" which had been discussed by CASI. The CASI Working Group was of the opinion that if a member had not paid its membership fee by March 31st, which was the deadline set by the Statutes, its rights should be removed :

sanctioned events, sporting licences, etc... So far, the only consequence of not being in good standing, that is to say of not paying the membership fee before December 31st, was the non-right to vote and speak at the General Conference. But this caused tremendous disturbance in the preparation of the Conference and forced the FAI President and staff to accept payments just before the Conference, which was an uncomfortable situation. FAI President was intending to task the Executive Board to request the FAI Statutes Working Group to work on that issue.

The “not in good standing” issue was difficult to deal with also for ASCs: what about competitions planned years ago and organized in countries which were recently not in good standing”? It caused also troubles in CASI where an appeal was received from a “not in good standing” country.

21. 2015 FAI Budget

See **ANNEX 25, 25b, 26, 26b and 27.**

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

The representative of NAC Sweden made a suggestion regarding subscription fees : if membership fee was paid before 2015, a discount of 5% or more could be applicable.

NAC of United Kingdom asked for clarification about the number of substantial changes in figures between 2014 and 2015, like “other categories : protest fees & online contest” which nearly doubled. FAI Secretary General explained that this was covering the safety expert fees reimbursed by Red Bull Air Races. He then asked for the origin for “Other income 1.5” of 110800 CHF which the FAI Finance Director explained as increase of record fees, rental of office space, provision for MSI etc. The UK delegate was surprised that figures doubled. Finally he asked for confirmation that the WAG 2015 were not completely balanced and needed injection from reserves, which was confirmed by FAI Secretary General. His second question was on the reserves. He wished clarity on FAI financial strategy to rebuild reserves. He had noticed that a substantial proportion of income was a draw down from reserves for a few years but was curious to know when income would be put back to reserves since additional income from sponsor was received. His suggestion was not to show transfer from reserves as income. Then the audience would get a true understanding of what the true flow of funds were. Concern was that the FAI was running a net loss on operating activities drawing down on reserves and no indication was given yet whether situation would change.

Mr. DE ORLEANS BORBON made a comment on Mr. NAEGELI's questions. He confirmed that the FAI was migrating from a simple NAC contributing money to a multiple decision center organisation because the Air Sport Commissions were sovereign in their decision on how to spend the money and the FAI could only reflect it in the accounts.

Mr. LINDGREN from Sweden expressed his inability of understanding this budget, saying that the money flow was impossible to be followed. The presentations made a few minutes earlier were easier to understand but should have been provided with the agenda.

FAI President asked the Conference to vote on FAI budget on FAI operations 2015 and scale of subscriptions for 2015. The vote did not pass in the first round. The President asked the countries who voted no to express their concern as only United Kingdom and Sweden took the floor. USA delegate proposed a motion, supporting UK's opinion, to create a permanent working group which could be a Finance Committee. the FAI President offered to create an Expert Group Finance and promised to discuss it within the EB.

The FAI President suggested a re-vote on the scale of subscriptions only. A delegate was surprised that it would be possible to vote the scale of subscriptions without voting the

budget. Another representative advised to control expenses rather than trying to increase income through membership fees. The FAI Finance Director confirmed that the scale of subscriptions had not been raised.

FAI President's deputy clarified that the vote could mean two things: either that the budget was not understood and then not voted or that it was understood but the delegates did not approve it. The FAI President reminded that the participants asked two years before to have a less detailed budget, which was applied, and one year before not to have a negative budget which was applied by using reserves and reminded the FAI was not a commercial company. He reassured that the liquidity of the FAI was not in question.

Following a request, the FAI Secretary General went through the document distributed (ANNEX J version 2), line by line, about HO operations.

Income

1.1 "Membership revenues" : these figures were adjusted according to the decisions made on changes in member classes for 3 members. In addition, the FAI was expecting one new member for 2015

The FAI Secretary General reminded that she was only talking about HO operations. If the audience had questions on Sports operations, they were kindly asked to ask ASC Presidents.

1.2 "Competition revenues" : 479'158 CHF consisting of 150'000 CHF of sanction fees from the World Air Games host and an additional reimbursement agreed in the memorandum of understanding signed in June.

1.5 The "Other income" in that section included fees for record claims. As the administrative work to handle records was increasing, it was decided to raise record fees from 100 to 200 CHF starting 1st January 2015. According to the average number of records received per year, the amount was adjusted from 12000 to 30000 CHF. "Other income" also included the regular income from office rental as a part of the FAI office was rented to an agency. The reserve was related to the investment in the MSI. The FAI was owner of the office and the reserve had been agreed upon with PWC and is stated as a note in financial statement.

Expenditures

She remarked that she was pointing out only where figures were different from 2014 to 2015.

2.1 "Administration expenses": the expenses for HO staff would be changed by 10 000 CHF for 2015. The idea was to keep on running with the same number of staff, no substantial changes to be expected.

Internet access lines were going from 3200 to 4800 CHF according to current payments.

In terms of "general administration" (running of the office), the figures are based on those from 2013 and up to June 2014, adapted for 2015.

"Management fees" : from 35000 to 57000 CHF. This included PWC annual auditing, work from Fidulem for the annual financial report and an additional amount for Fidulem for bookkeeping (outsourced from the HO in order to reduce the workload of the the Finance Manager), fees for lawyer in regards to consultation on contracts and certain membership and competition issues.

“Special projects” : IT development increased from 10000 to 17000 CHF because the FAI was entering the maintenance phase in the development of the new applications. The amount was also adjusted in regards to competition management, database services, digital asset management, tracking and flight data collection.

2.2 “Operating expenses”: this section included normal costs for meetings. It was checked according to expenses in 2014. Moved from 12000 to 17000 CHF.

“WAG” : one part was for hiring a person as Project Manager. An expected salary with Swiss conditions was included in this budget. It also included different aspects of IT, to develop around the WAG: responsive website, communication tools, etc...

“Other events”: this amount was identical to the amount on the revenue side in relation to RBAR.

Sweden delegate wished to precisely know what the costs for WAG would be apart from hiring a project manager. FAI Sports and Marketing Director informed him about details for:

- IT
- Marketing : meetings, sponsorship acquisition, event evaluation, visit to Dubai
- And Communication : own TV production, own reliable pictures, video contest, PR, give aways, corporate identity (business cards, shirts, ties, USB keys, pens, leaflets, etc), animated drawings for website, e-newsletter, translation, social network editors, journalists

Part of the reserve built on in the former WAG needed to be invested in these WAG.

2.3 “Marketing / Communication” :

“Merchandising”: this was the regular purchase of pins, badges, flags, certificates, air sport medals. The e-shop was currently managed by an external provider but would be soon handled from FAI HO and therefore was currently being transferred to FAI HO.

“Subscriptions to associations” : this amount was adjusted according to the changes issued from the associations where the FAI is a member

“Printing / advertising / news”: The FAI Annual report had cost more than budgeted. This amount was also including sponsorship and leaflets in work to attract new sponsors and to contract a provider for news distribution and monitoring.

2.4 “Financial costs” : the interest on the bank loan was decreasing according to the contract with the bank.

IPC President took the floor and informed the audience that he was also treasurer of his NAC, so not only reading this budget as ASC President but also as a NAC. ASCs had a difficult time to get accounts in a format to be used. It was time consuming and a difficult exercise. But now it was difficult to compare a budget and real operations. He suggested the creation of a finance expert group already 18 months before.

Mr. DELMAS, GAC President emphasized that the participants would be more confident to adopt the budget if it was confirmed that a finance expert group would be created. This suggestion was backed up by NAC Russia, recommending adopting the budget 2015.

A motion to establish a Finance Expert Group was seconded and the President tasked the EB to follow up on that issue. CIVL President asked whether it was an advisory or an expert group.

The FAI President put to the vote that the proposal to establish a Finance Advisory Group be put on the agenda, which passed.

The FAI President put a “package” to vote:

- Accept the budget
- Accept the scale of subscriptions
- Establish a Finance Advisory Group

The Swedish delegate asked for the issues to be voted separately.

The first vote was on the scale of subscriptions, which passed.

The second vote was about the establishment of a Finance Advisory Group, which passed.

The third vote was about the approval of the FAI Budget 2015, which passed.

The General Conference approved the budget for FAI operations in 2015, the Scale of Subscriptions and Votes for 2015 as well as the establishment of an FAI Finance Advisory Group.

22. Commissions' Reports

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

FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) – ANNEX 28

See **ANNEX 28b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. Papadopoulos went through some highlights of 2014: 16 Cat 1 events were held, 350 Cat 2. The plenary took place in Lausanne with 38 NACs represented.

Major decisions :

- CIAM had established procedures on how a class could move from a provisional status to a standard class, and how from standard to championship class and opposite way if not enough participation in that class.
- CIAM had established a procedure to evaluate bids before presenting them to plenary
- Two working groups established:
 - One to approve instruments used for scoring in competitions similar to what IGC is doing
 - One on UAV
- Open forum session where delegates discussed what were the options available in terms of new technologies and how to take advantage of them because they were looking to introduce new classes to attract people but wished to keep current with addition of new technologies.

He final brought up a case to be considered : the uncontrolled use of existing technology, that is to say the use of devices that can be bought on the corner of the street with no training needed. This was a serious concern at CIAM.

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

A video was running while Mr GUDMUNDSSON was speaking.

He reminded that 350 competitions took place in 2014, including 5 Cat 1 competitions. 4 Cat 1 were planned in 2015 at least.

But CIVL was facing a decreasing number of bids which led sometimes to accepting non appropriate bids. Therefore, they have decided to start a working group on this issue. They were also thinking of establishing their own team to organize an event.

They have created a new competition class for paragliders to be used first time in 2015. On the negative, they are facing problems with their accounts. They addressed their concerns to the FAI Head Office and FAI President. Some issues have been solved already, some were still pending but coming to an end.

FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission (CIMA) – ANNEX 30

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

A video was running while Mr MEREDITH HARDY was speaking.

He started by mentioning that the number of CIMA competitions was increasing. He then moved to Finances. CIMA was not very happy how finances of CIMA were presented to the GC audience so he wished to give more details. He gave a few comments (see ANNEX) and then mentioned the various sources of income. CIMA finances were looking better than presented by the FAI Executive Board. CIMA was transforming expenses into assets which made reserves increase instead of decrease.

CIMA thanked the FAI Staff, especially the new ones.

His final slide was on human powered aircraft, which was part of CASI. There was a plan to have a kind of competition in that activity during the World Air Games in Dubai, where competitions rules were presented to CASI, based on Icarus Cup Rules. He passed the message to have experts in human powered aircraft to come to him to see potential collaboration.

FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA) – ANNEX 31

CIVA was coming to a cross section. The competitions before looked like this : remote airfields far away from cities, around 60 pilots, 10 days. No attraction of spectators and media. But for a few years, CIVA has moved to another direction. And for example, the Sky Grand Prix in Durban in Spring gathered more than 80 000 persons. CIVA will proceed in this direction.

FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) – ANNEX 32

GAC main activity was championship based on historical disciplines and record management.

GAC changed rules in 2014 and added high tech equipment to make the events more attractive but the Commission was far away from being appealing. GAC was hoping for marketing advice and plan. First hopes were with FAME, now they were with new FAI Sports and Marketing Director.

Besides, the GAC was entering a new phase where they had to deal with profit companies like Reno AirRaces or Red Bull Air Races.

FAI Gliding Commission (IGC) – ANNEX 33

Mr. MOZER highlighted facts from his report, like the first World Junior Championships, first time not on the European continent.

He mentioned the creation of a new 13.5 meter class, created to bring lower cost for the competitors. The first world championships would take place in Lithuania.

The Grand Prix Final was in Sisteron (France) and was a Breitling supported event.

IGC had their bureau meeting in London just before the Conference. They reestablished a Championship Structure Working Group, to continually evaluate the quality of competitions. Last Working Group was in 2003.

He concluded by presenting a video.

OSTIV – ANNEX 34

Dr. BOERMANS apologized for not being present. Susanne SCHÖDEL presented a summary of the written report already distributed.

FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) – ANNEX 35

See **ANNEX 35b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. WEBER added a few points to his report.

He gave names of winners of main events held in 2014. He then presented the positive results of the year but also the main problems CIA faced. He finally gave a few words on the projects planned for the coming years.

FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC) – ANNEX 36

Mr. WINDSOR talked about his attendance at the Asian Parachuting Champs in Indonesia, followed by the World Military Championships. The latter were not an IPC event but a MoU had been signed between IPC and CISM (Military Sports Council). It was already showing benefits. Mr. WINDSOR mentioned that other air sports could be included in Military Championships and so far, he thought that Helicopter could be appropriate.

Technology continued to find its way in parachuting, IPC was currently looking at high speed cameras for Accuracy Landing, to be used by judges in case of doubt. UAVs could also be used to carry cameras.

He made a presentation about SkyDive TV (see **ANNEX 36b**).

He thanked the FAI Secretary General and the FAI Sports and Marketing Director for making IPC life easier.

FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG) – ANNEX 37

See **ANNEX 37b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. HAMILTON started by congratulating the young artists who had participated in the theme “Flying save lives” by using helicopters.

Following Mr. WINDSOR’s comment on Military competitions, he informed the audience that their championships 2015, awarded in 2013, had seen its military location been withdrawn and the new Organiser Agreement with the new location was about to be signed by the FAI Secretary General.

Regarding World Air Games, he confirmed that Helicopter events would take place but the conditions were being investigated.

He finally thanked Susanne SCHÖDEL and her team for all their help all year long.

FAI Astronautics Records Commission (ICARE)

No representative present.

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

See **ANNEX 38b** for detailed presentation.

Mr. HUBMANN reminded the audience that a few years ago, CIACA was not a Sport Commission. Since then, targets had changed. In addition to assisting new communities to organize and find solutions within the FAI and motivate to build, the Commission now needed to face new technologies, new records, new competitions, which were all necessary for a sport commission.

He gave a few words on new electric aircrafts.

CIACA had planned to :

- Continue working on the organization of races with Experimental Aircraft, trying to be ready for an example show in the FAI World Air Games 2015 (Dubai).

- Strengthen efforts for Electric Engine Aircraft and call for records and competitions
- Continue «Archeopteryx» and other projects
- Get in touch with Human Powered environment to get these enthusiasts to compete for FAI Medals as well

The main need however was to have a budget.

He concluded by thanking the FAI Executive Board and the FAI Head Office.

FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) – ANNEX 39

Mr. BENNETT, 1st Vice-President of CASI, gave a few words on the major project being the comprehensive revision of the General Section. They were close to finishing the final draft for review and approval. He thanked the FAI Head Office, especially FAI Secretary General and FAI Sports and Marketing Director.

As a conclusion, he emphasized the fact that the Commission had a unique value of a forum of 10 representatives for Air Sport Commissions with 10 representatives of countries.

The FAI President thanked the Commissions and their Bureaux for their immense and passionate voluntary work and called for a warm hand of applause.

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 26 to 37** of these Minutes.

23. Open Forum

Netherlands

Mr. Bert WIJNANDS made a presentation with observations interesting for air sport in general (See **ANNEX 40**).

He started his presentation with his background in air sports and sports in general. He was active as a skydiver since 1962, competing in many championships. In the last 12 years, he was member of the NAC Board, responsible for all sports.

Air Sports in the Past 1950- 1980

At that time, all air sports were new and exciting. The major assets from the beginning were: strong central body, being the FAI; access to air travel, at the time very expensive; strong support from government and military authorities.

Air Sports at Present

The number of disciplines had increased and over 100 world championships were now taking place. The positive result was the use of new technologies and of creative environment. The negative side was that the FAI had lost relationship with air sports heroes.

The sports world was counting more than 70 sports federation which fight for money, media, sponsorship, which meant the FAI was in competition with.

Air Sports Future

The future was challenging. The FAI should not look only at air sports but also at other sports because they were facing the same problems.

But the FAI scheme FAI with so many individual world championships was rare. In other federations, world championships were gathering many disciplines in one location on one date.

Mr. WIJNANDS gave also the example of Sailing Federation to show that the FAI should get inspired with other sports. The format of competition was important but the way it was shown is even more important. At the Olympic Games, Sailing competitions were taking place 5 miles away from the shore where you could not distinguish boats and who was first and who was second. They had developed a concept for TV which made it attractive.

Again about the Olympics : the Olympics gather 5 famous sports with 20 non so well known. What attracted was the medal listing. Creative concepts were the solution. This could be done at the level of WAG.

FAI President thanked Mr. WIJNANDS for his thoughts.

24. Call for nominations for Election of FAI President

The General Conference was invited, under Statutes 6.1., to elect a President. The President gave the chair to his Deputy.

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

25. Election of FAI President

Decision: Dr. GRUBBSTRÖM was elected FAI President with 266 votes.

He thanked the Conference and promised to continue his very best for the future.

26. Presentation of Candidates to serve on FAI Executive Board

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

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

Mr. Robert CLIPSHAM (CAN)

Mr. Niels-Christian LEVIN HANSEN (DEN)

Mr. Alvaro DE ORLEANS-BORBON (ESP)

Mrs. Gillian RAYNER (FRA)

Mr. Agust GUDMUNDSSON (ISL)

Mr. Frits BRINK (NED)

Mr. Robert HENDERSON (NZL)

Mr. Laszlo MESZAROS decided to withdraw his nomination.

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

27. Election of Candidates to serve on FAI Executive Board

After first round, the following Executive Directors were duly elected (out of 338 votes cast):

Mr. Alvaro DE ORLEANS-BORBON (ESP)	278 votes
Mrs. Gillian RAYNER (FRA)	255 votes
Mr. Robert HENDERSON (NZL)	243 votes
Mr. Agust GUDMUNDSSON (ISL)	214 votes
Mr. Niels-Christian LEVIN HANSEN (DEN)	203 votes
Mr. Frits BRINK (NED)	200 votes

The FAI President congratulated the elected Directors and welcomed the 3 new Directors on board. He thanked Mr. Bob CLIPSHAM for his extraordinary work in the past years. He will start the process to find a new Finance Director and to assign portfolios at the next EB meeting on the following day.

28. Amendments to Statutes (Part 2)

See **ANNEX 1 (pre-Conference report)** and **1b (presentation during GC)**.

28.1 Appointment of NAC Delegates to ASCs

The objective was to remove the need for the General Conference to approve the appointment of NAC delegates to Air Sport Commissions, as this authority properly belongs with the NACs and there is no added value provided by the General Conference approval.

ASC Presidents were divided on the issue, one arguing that this would lead to permanent change in delegates nomination.

Statute 2.4.2.2.10

Current

To nominate delegates to FAI Air Sport Commissions for all sports practised in their respective countries, in accordance with By Laws 3.1.

Proposed

To appoint delegates to FAI Air Sport Commissions for all sports practised in their respective countries, in accordance with By Laws 3.1.

Statute 3.4.1.12

Current

- election of the FAI Vice-Presidents, and approval of the Air Sport Commission and Technical Commission Members;

Proposed

- election of the FAI Vice-Presidents;

The By-laws would be amended accordingly to reflect the appointment of delegates.

The General Conference accepted the proposals.

28.2 Harmonize the use of the terms "FAI Secretariat" and "FAI Head Office"

The SWG proposed to harmonize the FAI constitutional texts by recommending the use of the word "Headquarters", to refer to the body that develops FAI's ordinary work and the expression "Head Office" where it refers specifically to a location (i.e. By-Laws 3.4.3. "...in the vicinity of FAI Head Office...").

Some felt that the word Head Office created a certain hierarchy. One delegate mentioned that the UN was having a Secretariat. FAI Secretary General replied that Secretariat was limiting the work of the staff to secretarial tasks like writing letters which was not the case.

The motion was finally withdrawn by the FAI Executive Board and it was moved on to the next item.

28.3 Unrestricted entry to countries hosting FAI meetings

Proposed

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.

Including this information in the presentation to the General Conference will allow all affected parties to present their views in the forum where the decision will be made.

This amendment required re-numbering of the current 3.3.1. and 3.3.2. to 3.3.2. and 3.3.3.

The General Conference accepted the proposal.

28.4 Convert the Aviation and Space Education Commission and the Environmental Commission into Expert Groups

Statute 5.3.3.1

Current

FAI AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Dissemination of aeronautical and astronautical knowledge, particularly among the young.

Proposed

To delete Statute 5.3.3.1

Statute 5.3.3.3

Current

FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- To evaluate studies concerning the influence of air sports on the environment; to develop an FAI policy aimed at maintaining and improving conditions for the development of air sports while respecting realistically demonstrated environmental interests;

- To advise General Conference and Air Sport Commissions on environmental matters affecting air sports.

Proposed

To delete Statute 5.3.3.3

The By-laws would be amended accordingly.

Mr DUVAL, President of the FAI Environmental Commission, asked for the official procedure to follow to convert a TC into an EG and mentioned that the Commission had not been transformed into an Expert Group already. So how could it become an Expert Group today?

Mr. BRINK reminded that this conversion was following the FAI strategy in terms of expertise and advice. And that the creation of the Expert Group would follow shortly.

Mr. DUVAL underlined that the Commission itself voted against this conversion, as far as the FAI Environmental Commission was concerned.

FRA delegate thought this could be considered as a bad signal of FAI and air sports regarding environmental concerns. Mr. BRINK disagreed and confirmed the FAI tried to professionalize the advice on these matters.

CIA President clarified that the conversion in fact meant deletion as Technical Commissions were managed by the FAI General Conference while the management of Expert Groups was made by FAI Executive Board. No additional decision was requested from the FAI General Conference after deletion of these Commissions.

Another President was disappointed that the message sent to the outside was that Environment was not the concern of the NACs anymore but only of a few experts and the FAI Executive Board.

But the opinion was divided. A NAC considered this conversion as a quicker and more efficient way to get papers and projects being developed.

The message was wrongly perceived as not taking care about these items while it was the contrary with more focus on issues.

A request for two separate votes was made.

The General Conference accepted the proposal to delete Statute 5.3.3.1.

The General Conference did not accept the proposal to delete Statute 5.3.3.3.

28.5 Composition and Election of CASI

A. COMPOSITION

Statute 5.2.3.2.7.1

Current

Ten Active Members, each with one vote, to be elected by the General Conference. Prior to the election, Active Members shall declare....

Proposed

A number of Active Members equal to the number of FAI Air Sport Commissions, each with one vote, to be elected by the General Conference. Prior to the election, Active Members shall declare...

Statute 5.2.3.2.8

Current

Annually, five members of the Air Sport General Commission elected under 5.2.3.2.7.1. above shall go out of office by rotation. They may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms. Elections shall be by secret ballot. For each round of voting, one ballot paper will be issued for each vote present at the General Conference. Only ballot papers containing the number of candidates' names corresponding to the pre-declared number of Air Sport General Commission vacancies shall be valid. A simple majority shall be required for election. If the number of candidates achieving a simple majority in the first round of voting exceeds the number of vacancies available, candidates will be elected in descending order of votes cast. If the number of candidates achieving a simple majority in the first round is insufficient to fill the vacancies, a second and subsequent rounds of voting will take place as required amongst those who did not achieve a majority, until the vacancies available are filled with candidates achieving a majority of votes cast. FAI members elected to the Air Sport General Commission shall serve for a two-year term.

Proposed

Annually, half of the number of members of the Air Sport General Commission elected under 5.2.3.2.7.1. above shall go out of office by rotation. When the number of members of the Commission is uneven, the number of members eligible for election shall alternate between half of the total number of members plus one and half of the total number of members minus one. They may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms. Elections shall be by secret ballot, either written or electronic. When voting is by written ballot, for each round of voting, one ballot paper will be issued for each vote present at the General Conference, and only ballot papers containing the number of candidates' names corresponding to the pre-declared number of Air Sport General Commission vacancies shall be valid. A simple majority shall be required for election. If the number of candidates achieving a simple majority in the first round of voting exceeds the number of vacancies available, candidates will be elected in descending order of votes cast. If the number of candidates achieving a simple majority in the first round is insufficient to fill the vacancies, a second and subsequent rounds of voting will take place as required amongst those who did not achieve a majority, until the vacancies available are filled with candidates achieving a majority of votes cast. FAI members elected to the Air Sport General Commission shall serve for a two-year term.

Mr. BENNETT remarked that the number of Air Sports Commissions to be taken into account should exclude the CASI itself. This represented a change in the proposal and the FAI President asked the chair whether she preferred amending the proposal or withdrawing the motion.

Mrs STEVENS withdrew the motion and offered to bring it back to General Conference.

B. ELECTION

This proposal followed a request from CASI to consider a proposal to clarify the wording of the Statutes relating to the election of CASI Officers but the SWG did not see any substantial change. Anyway a proposal was made.

Current wording

5.2.3.2.9 The officials of the Bureau as described in 3.2.1. of the By-Laws shall be elected annually in accordance with the procedures set forth in the FAI By-Laws. Their terms of office shall correspond to the FAI Year ending with the Annual General Conference and without regard to the actual date of their election.

Wording proposed by CASI

5.2.3.2.9 The officials of the CASI Bureau, as described in By-Laws 3.2.1. shall be elected annually from among its representative members, described in 5.2.3.2.7., using the provisions of By-Laws 3.2., mutatis mutandis. The Secretary, however, need not be a representative member and if that is the case, agreement is required from the Active Member of the country in which the Secretary resides.

The SWG proposed to amend the Statutes as follows:

Statute 5.2.3.2.9.

The rules contained in By-Law 3.2. are applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the election of the CASI Bureau. The terms of office of CASI Bureau Officials shall correspond to the FAI year, ending with the annual General Conference.

The General Conference accepted the proposals.

Mrs STEVENS concluded mentioning it was a busy year for the SWG and thanked the SWG members and the Secretary General and her team.

29. Women in FAI

Report by Mary Anne STEVENS (**ANNEX 41** and **41b**), Chair of the Working Group

Mrs STEVENS emphasized the fact that a part of the population was missing in the air sports activities. The need for participation of women was becoming obvious. The message was that the initiative must be gradual and there was not one single approach. The report mentions several activities to be approached.

She gave a few words on the Forum that took place on the Wednesday before. It was well attended.

She reminded that the Working Group was established in 2012 for a two year mandate with the objectives of presenting data and preliminary recommendations. Both tasks had been completed. Next step was proposing that the GC establish a permanent body to work on this issue. The proposal was an annex to her report presented before the General Conference.

The aims of this permanent working group would be :

- Research
- Networking
- Advisory Body for Executive Board, General Conference, Air Sport Commissions, NAC on issues to increase participation of women.

She presented a motion according to Annex A of her report distributed before the General Conference (**ANNEX 41**).

The General Conference did not accept the proposal and the Permanent Working Group was not established.

The current working group is still existing as a non-permanent working group.

30. Prince Alvaro de Orleans Borbon Grant

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

A call for nominations for the award of a 2014 Grant was issued on May 28, 2014, to all FAI Members, to be received by June 30th.

Nominations were received from, Canada, Finland and the FAI Ballooning Commission.

The Executive Board at the August 2014 EB Meeting awarded the Prize in the amount of USD 20,000 to the Canadian proposal by Aerovelo. Aerovelo was proposing to design, build and fly a human powered aircraft (HPA) to pursue the Royal Aeronautical Society's Kremer International Marathon Competition.

The competition was set out in 1988. The competition required a HPA to fly a course of 42 km in under one hour. This task had been described as impossible for the last two and a half decades. The project gave the student team members the opportunity to work and collaborate with award winning researchers.

The recipients were the developers of the Alas Human Powered Helicopter, the team led by Todd Reichert and Cameron Robertson affiliated with the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS).

Todd and Cameron thanked the FAI for awarding Aerovelo the AOB Grant, which had been used in September 2014 to purchase raw materials and components for the manufacture of the aircraft. Aerovelo would be able to continue exciting the next generation of young people all over the world and inspiring them to become involved in aviation and take on the impossible.

On June 13th, 2013 the team conducted a successful Sikorsky Prize (\$250,000) flight, reaching 3m and sustaining flight for 60 seconds, and keeping within a 10 meter box, capturing a historic aviation challenge that had eluded the field for 30 years.

A video of Atlas flight was shown.

31. Presentation of Bids for 110th FAI General Conference – 2016

The FAI received 4 bids for the General Conference 2016:

- Croatia : Zagreb
- Hungary : Budapest
- Montenegro : Budva
- Indonesia : Bali

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

- Hungary withdrew its bid before the presentation.
- Croatia was not represented and a video was displayed on their behalf.
- Montenegro was not represented and no presentation was shown. Besides, the FAI Secretary General drew the audience's attention that Montenegro was currently not in good standing, according to Membership report presented earlier. The Chair of the Statutes Working Group recommended the General Conference to include this bid into the vote.
- Indonesia was represented and made a presentation.

the FAI President invited his Executive Directors to comment on the issue. The majority recommended the Indonesian bid, despite the fact that the General Conference took place already twice in Asia in two years. IPC and CIVL supported also this bid.

32. Vote on Award of 110th FAI General Conference – 2016

The General Conference decided to award the organization of the 110th FAI General Conference to Indonesia and Bali.

33. Calendar of Meetings for next 12 months

This calendar was uploaded on the documents section on the FAI Cloud and the Conference took note. The updated version of the calendar is attached at **ANNEX 42** and available at <http://www.fai.org/about-fai/meetings>.

34. Arrangements for Future General Conferences

2015

Mr. SCHNITKER, Vice-President of NAC Netherlands, showed a few pictures of the ship. He confirmed the Conference ship “the SS Rotterdam” could accommodate the FAI General Conference.

There was no major change to the bid presented the year before.

2017

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
- China / Wuhan
- Egypt

NAC Malaysia advised the FAI Executive Board to make sure that they select bidders serious enough to come and present their bid.

35. Recommendation of Museums

There was a recommendation for an Air Force Museum in Thailand but it was not presented in due time to the FAI. It would be presented next year.

36. Appointment of Companions of Honour

The FAI General Conference unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Bengt-Erik FONSELL (SWE) and Mr Michiel KASTELEIJN (NED) made by the FAI President.

Both were present and felt honoured.

Biography FONSELL:

- IPC Delegate for Sweden: 19 years
- President of the Sweden NAC: 20 years
- FAI Executive Director: 6 years
- Introduced educational seminars for Events Directors
- Still going strong as Regional President of Air Sports in Sweden

Biography KASTELEIJN:

- 1991-1994 President International Air Cadet Exchange Association IACEA
- Netherlands Delegate and First Vice President of CIEA

- CIEA President since 2005
- Created youth programs like international Air Cadet Exchange and Why-Fly
- Contributed to the great success of the FAI Young Artist Contest
- At the GC in Oslo a MoU was signed between FAI and IACEA. Liaison person: Michiel Kastelejein

37. 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 2013.

38. Any Other Business

Before closing the FAI General Conference, the FAI President thanked FAI Executive Directors Otto LAGARHUS, Beat NEUENSCHWANDER and Bob CLIPSHAM for their work in the FAI Executive Board in the past years. A small gift was presented and a warm applause followed.

Mr. WINDSOR reminded the CASI delegates to meet after the Conference to carry out elections.

Mr. LINDGREN from Sweden repeated his idea of having a reduction of the membership fee if paid before the start of concerned year. He considered it as a “carrot” to have countries pay in time. Mr CLIPSHAM was the opinion that the shortfall in budget that would happen if applied was not worth as a majority of countries were paying in time.

The FAI President then closed the Conference on time thanking the Royal Aeronautic Sports Association of Thailand.

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Additional documents are annexed as follows :

- 47.** List of FAI Award Winners for 2014
- 48.** List of Participants at the General Conference
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