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## **Highlights of the 114<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference**

Lausanne, Switzerland, 5 December 2020 – **A total of 170 participants representing 57 countries attended the 114<sup>th</sup> FAI General Conference from 2 to 5 December 2020.**

Traditionally an in-person event, the Conference was moved online to accommodate the health risks and travel difficulties raised by the pandemic. The schedule, usually planned over two days, was extended to four days and broken into shorter sessions to make it easier for attendees to participate.

The annual FAI Awards Ceremony took place on 2 December as part of the Conference, in the format of an online Awards Announcement.

### **Conference highlights**

The full minutes of the Conference will be available at the beginning of 2021

#### **Elections**

David Monks, 53, from UK, was elected unopposed for a two-year mandate. He succeeds Robert Henderson, from Zealand, who stepped down after holding the reins of the Federation for two years.

Six Executive Board members were elected or re-elected.

#### **Composition of the Executive Board after the Conference**

##### *President*

- David Monks, United Kingdom

##### *Executive Directors*

- Agust Gudmundsson, Iceland, re-elected
- Pankul Mathur, India
- Eric Mozer, USA
- Patrick Naegeli, United Kingdom
- Marina Vigorito, Italy, re-elected
- Graeme Windsor, Australia

##### *Secretary General*

- Markus Haggene, Germany (non-voting member)

#### **President of Honour**

The Conference appointed the outgoing FAI President Robert Henderson as FAI President of Honour.

## Companions of Honour

Suzie Gebb from France and Alvaro de Orleans Borbon from Spain were nominated by the FAI President and appointed as Companions of Honour by the Conference.

## Future General Conferences

The Executive Board will deliberate on the next Conferences in the first half of 2021.

## **Editor's Notes**

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- Detailed results of all votes and elections: <http://fai.electionrunner.com/>
- Agenda and public documents: [www.fai.org/gc2020-documents](http://www.fai.org/gc2020-documents)
- Video of the Awards ceremony: <https://youtu.be/3l9dJHYCy9M>

## **About FAI**

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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