

Technical Secretary Report to Plenary Meeting – May 2021

As was the situation for all members of the CIAM Bureau, the work of the Technical Secretary was very different in 2020/2021.

Proposals for Plenary 2021: These were received as usual following the 15th November deadline. There were 161 Proposals for the 2021 Plenary Meeting. These included the 90 Space proposals, 3 Space Record Form proposals, 3 F4 proposals and a couple of F1 Proposals that were carried over from 2020. There were 4 proposals received from Russia, for rule changes to the F2D class which were out of the two year rule cycle and were accepted for the Agenda. There were also 2 F9 proposals from Russia. F5J proposals which were received in 2019 (and not included in the Agenda for 2020 because they were out of the two year cycle for F5J) were unfortunately not resubmitted. There may be an interim F5J Technical Meeting in 2022 to deal with these as a consequence.

2021 Editions of Sporting Code Volumes: The process of producing the 2021 Volumes went smoothly with a very tight schedule between the e-Plenary meetings and the deadline for publication. This year, because of the lack of time, all amended Volumes were prepared by the Technical Secretary from the Draft Minutes and dispatched to Subcommittee Chairmen for checking. Thank you to those Chairmen concerned for responding to the tight time frame.

All Volumes were uploaded to the website on 17th December. The F3N Helicopter manoeuvres that change every year and are traditionally agreed by Bureau were not changed in 2020.

The F9 Volume continues to be updated when necessary by the Subcommittee Chairman.

Forms and Documents: Last year I remarked on the need to amend the Record forms, particularly the Space forms which are not used very often, but are out of date with the new technology. The proposal from Serbia to update the Space Record forms, was unfortunately held over until 2021.

The *Model Specification Certificate* was updated in 2018, but should be checked again this year. The other form I would like Subcommittee Chairmen to check is the list of *CIAM classes*. I am always pleased to be alerted to any outdated forms and documents that require changes.

The *Registration of Competitions in the FAI Calendar Form* has now become obsolete with all registration restricted to the online application, so this form should be removed from the website when appropriate. Meanwhile, it has been updated with a link for submission.

Records: While twenty records were homologated in 2018, just ten were homologated in 2019 and (for obvious reasons) only three were presented in 2020 and none to date in 2021. One of these was a UAV record, set for both Distance and Duration by a French team who navigated an English Channel crossing in both directions.

General Work: On several occasions, I have been pleased to be able to offer editorial advice regarding correct English translation for documents that have been written or amended this year.