



FAI / General Aviation Commission (GAC).  
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FAI / GAC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annex 4

Dear honourable president of the GAC, vice presidents,  
delegates, alternate delegates and observers,  
ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all here today in Catania, Sicily, Italy, for our annual general meeting.

Thank you for attending this meeting. It is good to be together again.

Last year 2024 we had only one very successful championship which was the 3rd FAI World Air Navigation Race championship, hosted by the Slovakia Aeroclub at Kamenica nad Cirochou, from the 12th to the 25th of August 2024

The very excellent organization and successful Championship was run by the championship director, Antonin Kazda and Katarina Pohankova as deputy director and their team. Thank you so much to all involved. Thank you also to the Jury, Armin Zueger and Intern. chief Judges Maurice Ducret and all helpers for making the championship a success.

Thank you to Jiri Dodal who officially opened and closed the championship on my behalf

In 2025 the FAI /WRFC is to be held in Ferrara, Italy. This will go ahead as planned. Thank you to Filippo Papale for all the arrangements. I'm sure the Championship will be successful.

This 3-year cycle for the championships, as discussed, will come into effect as from now.

2026 FAI /GAC WPFC will be held in Poland-waiting for the final bid.

2027 FAI/ GAC WANR will be held in Germany- waiting for the letter of interest.

2028 FAI/ GAC WRFC we have received an interest from Greece.

We also have in 2025 two CAT. 2 long range rallies.

1. Rally Toulouse (France) – Tarfay (Marocco)
2. Rally Toulouse (France) – Saint-Louis du Senegal
3. Egypt Rally

GAC wishes all participants a successful competition.

I urge all delegates and their countries to come forward with bids to host these events, to keep our aviation sport alive.

The GAC bureau and the extended bureau had regular zoom meetings to discuss championships and related issues.

For your information, I attended all the commission presidents' Zoom meetings under the leadership of the FAI president David Monks as well as the CASI meetings.

I have also attended the FAI general conference in October 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. At this meeting a new FAI President was elected Mr. Greg Principato from the USA is our new President. I'm sure Visa Matti will give you a full report on the General Conference.

Thank you to Art Greenfield who attended the CASI meetings on behalf of the GAC.

CASI has also updated the Jury handbook, and it was approved at the FAI conference. The CASI training Webinar in March 2024 for FAI Officials, Jury and Intern. Judges were very successful. There will be another one this year. We will let you know when the dates are set.

I would like to thank my bureau- vice-President Ralf Grunwald (Treasurer) and vice -President Manfred Kunschitz (Secretary)

And the sub-committee chairlady Esther Rimenberger (Precision), and the chairmen Frank Eckard (Rally) Maurice Ducret (ANR) and Art Greenfield (Records) for their support and input over the past year.

At this meeting we must also appoint someone to be part of the Education Commission and the Environment Commission.


I would also like to thank the FAI bureau, under the leadership of the FAI secretary general Markus Haggeny as well as Kamila Hajkova and Visa Matti for their support during the past year.

May the year ahead be a good and successful one.

I would like to thank the Aero Club of Italy, specially to Filippo for hosting the GAC meeting.

And to all of you here, thank you for your presence and support. My best wishes to you all for 2025 and safe flying!

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hans Schwebel', with a small dot at the end.

Hans SCHWEBEL

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