

REPORT FROM THE IGC REPRESENTATIVE TO CASI

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At the FAI General Conference (GC) in October in Santiago, Chile, there were as usual two CASI meetings, respectively before and after the GC. This pattern will be maintained.

The CASI Bureau has consisted of President Henry Lindholm (Sweden), Vice Presidents Art Greenfield (USA) and Tor Johannessen (IGC/Norway), and Secretary Thierry Villey (France). The commission's functioning has not been without problems, as the president was out of communication for several months due to a fire in his apartment, and the secretary has not functioned at all. His duties was taken over by the president.

Last year's major agenda items were:

1. Future structure and terms of reference for CASI. The commission decided to follow the recommendation of the Bureau and continue with the present system.

2. The 3-year rule. This was satisfactorily settled last year.

3. Solar Powered Aeroplanes (SpA). The Sporting Code Section 13 for SpAs has been published as written by CIACA. This technical commission will until further be the agent for the development of these aeroplanes with CASI as the responsible sporting commission.

This year brought some new items onto the table:

4. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Records. These records were established in 2001 with a rather high fee (1500 CHF) in the hope that rich companies could afford to pay the fees when their UAVs set records. So far only 4 records have been approved. The reason for this is that the records are probably not set by rich, large companies but by small, struggling companies. It was proposed that the fee be reduced to the normal FAI level (100 CHF) which was approved. However, after a discussion it was decided to let a WG study the borderline between UAVs and models. The WG will be chaired by Art Greenfield (USA) with Antonis Papadopoulos (Greece) and an expert from CIAM (to be named by CIAM) as members.

5. CASI Funding. CASI has no income. Unless supported by their NACs its members have to pay their own expenses. The president wondered whether FAI means could be put at the commission's disposal. The FAI Secretary General confirmed that no FAI means will be available except for special projects approved by the FAI EB.

6. The CASI web page. This page has been maintained by the FAI secretariat. It was deemed preferable to have a special representative to do this, and the Spanish delegate volunteered Isabel Martinez. This kind offer was accepted.

7. Elections. With the good experience from IGC with a large IGC Bureau I proposed that the CASI Bureau be expended to include four vice presidents, one of these to be First VP. After some discussion and a vote a compromise was approved as the new CASI Bureau will consist of a president, a first vice president, two vice presidents and a secretary.

At the General Conference the outcome of the vote for delegates to CASI resulted in Canada replacing Russia. The NACs from the following countries will send delegates to CASI for the next year: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA.

In the elections at the end of the meeting Henry Lindholm (Sweden) was re-elected president, Tor Johannessen (IGC/Norway) was elected first vice president, Art Greenfield (USA) and Robert Carlson (Canada) were elected vice presidents and Gillian Winter (France) was elected secretary.