

AGENDA ITEM 7

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CIVA

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The Championships Season – Overview

As we finish the 2012 contest season with our plenary, I can report to you another excellent year of FAI Aerobatic Championships.

A successful and safe calendar of aerobatic competitions was possible due to the hard and dedicated work of our corps of volunteers. This includes not only the local people who help organize and run our contests, but the cadre of specialists who work for CIVA year after year. They can be found on the Jury, in the Scoring Office, and on the Boards of Judges.

We should also not forget those who serve FAI and CIVA in other ways as well, i.e., as members of various Sub-Committees and working groups. They create the ideas, make the improvements, and deal with the many proposals we receive each year to refine FAI Aerobatic Championships.

The 2012 FAI Championships Calendar included five FAI Aerobatic Championships and this is always a considerable challenge for our rather small group of FAI International Officials. Fortunately two of those events were held at the same time and at the same contest site (WAGAC - WGAC in Dubnica). The EAC was also held in Dubnica after the WAGAC - WGAC and I hope this combination of events at the same airfield this summer made these Championships more viable for the organizers.

As some competition categories shrink and others grow, combining events might be possible in other Championships as well.

FAI Aerobatic Championships

In 2012, the following events were held:

- 3rd FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships; Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovak Republic
- 15th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships; Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovakia
- 10th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championships; Nyiregyháza, Hungary
- 18th FAI European Aerobatic Championships; Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovak Republic
- 3rd FAI World Yak-52 Aerobatic Championships; Serpukhov region, Russia.

Competitor numbers were as follows (not including H/C pilots):

Event	Date	Pilots
WAGAC	9-18 August 2012	38
WGAC	9-18 August 2012	27
WAAC	26 July – 5 August 2012	80
EAC	1-8 September 2012	31
WYak52AC	20-30 June 2012	17
Total		193

Year	Total Competitors
2012	193
2011	162
2010	190
2009	177
2008	154

Advanced has continued to grow and is now the largest Championships we have (single category) and this year's WAAC one of the largest FAI Championships ever held. In 2010, there were 82 pilots.

Glider Advanced has also grown. There were 31 Glider Advanced in 2010, for example, and 38 this year.

Thus, it falls to CIVA to continue to innovate and derive new categories of competition that are appealing to our constituencies. This is very important for our future.

New Continental and World Champions



The new World Advanced Aerobatic Champion is Anton Berkutov of Russia who flew a Sukhoi SU-31M to victory (shown left).

Team Champions at WAAC were: (1) France, (2) Russia, and (3) USA.

World Glider Aerobatic Champion (Unlimited) is Maciej Pospieszynski of Poland flying the Swift S-1 (shown right on next page).

Team Championships at WGAC were not declared because of insufficient participants.

World Glider Aerobatic Champion (Advanced) is Luca Bertossio of Italy flying the Swift S-1 (below left).



Team Champions at WAGAC were: (1) Italy, (2) Germany, and (3) Poland.

European Aerobatic Champion is Mikhail Mamistov of Russia flying the Sukhoi SU-26M3 (shown below right).



Team Champions at EAC were: (1) France, (2) Russia, and (3) Germany.

At the World Yak-52 Aerobatic Championships in Russia, Vladimir Kotelnikov (below left) was declared the winner. Though he is principally known to CIVA as a skilled and accomplished Judge, his pilot skills were also on display at this competition.



Team winners at the Yak-52 event were: (1) Russia, (2) Belarus, and (3) Lithuania.



Detailed contest results can be found at www.civa-results.com.

Our congratulations to all the winners including the Team Managers and coaches who also contribute so much to a competitor's success.

Contest Software and Judging Analysis

ACRO, developed and maintained by Nick Buckenham, was approved by the Bureau of CIVA for use at FAI Championships in 2008. ACRO was used at all 2012 FAI Aerobatic Championships. Its judging analysis is robust and useful. The overall judging analysis



reports are used by the JSC to prepare its ranking lists for future judge selection as well as individual judge feedback during the course of competitions. John Gaillard has presented his latest ranking lists in his report.

Therefore, we now have an excellent scoring program in place and the best judging analysis tools we have ever had. This will be of enormous help to us in the future in two areas:

- Selection of Judges for Championships.
- Judging training, education, and feedback.

The contest data files (*.ctf format) can be found here:

www.civa-results.com/contest_files.htm

After downloading the .ctf file for any competition, you can then look at the judging analysis reports. Overall reports are available as well as those broken down by Judge. This data is in the public domain in the interest of openness and transparency, since in my view, pilots and team managers are entitled to all contest data from FAI Championships. By being completely open with this information, inaccurate rumors about the judging will be squelched and the Teams and pilots fully aware of the performance of the Board of Judges.

Along these lines, it is interesting to note that protests are now rarely received on judging. This is a credit to John Gaillard and the members of the Judging Sub-Committee (JSC) who have worked hard to improve our judges' performance. ACRO provides the judging analysis they need to resolve problems, identify trends, and to provide feedback to Judges and it is working very well.

Judge Selection

Judge selection for the 2013 season will begin shortly after the plenary as all RI data is now on hand. The Chairman of the Judging Sub-Committee (JSC) will initiate the invitations based on the Ranking List. Judges on the FAI List of International Aerobatic Judges will also be encouraged to submit applications as well.

The details of how to become a Judge, how Judges are selected, and what is expected of them as well as what is paid for (Travel Allowances and organizer support) will be included in a future CIVA document.

The Chairman of the JSC should be contacted if you have any questions about the CIVA judges program.

Contest Results

Results for the 2012 FAI Aerobatic Championships can be found at www.civa-results.com.



This website was created in 2008 in order to host the results as well as the contest data files for these Championships. There are links provided so you can download ACRO and the contest data files. It is all open and transparent.

The site will continue to serve as an archive for contest results forever. These “results” pages are much more complete than the “Championships Results” pages which appear on the CIVA website. For example, it is possible to view an individual pilot’s score sheets and other information on this website such as collections of Unknown programmes and photos.

Budgeting and Finance

The way CIVA budgets and spends its money in the future underwent a significant change in 2011.

Last year, the FAI Executive Board, at the urging of the Federation’s auditors, decided that “consolidation” of all budgets within FAI must take place. This means that all FAI Air Sports Commission budgets were to be presented in a single document, along with the normal FAI accounts, and that the Executive Board is responsible for all funds within FAI.

CIVA Delegates should understand that Air Sports Commissions (ASC’s) are bodies within FAI which have operated independently for many years and have done an excellent job of managing their air sports disciplines. Since 1991, most Commissions have collected “Sanction Fees” to finance their programs. CIVA currently collects a 150€ per pilot Sanction Fee for all FAI Aerobatic Championships. Most of those funds are spent on CIVA Travel Allowances (TA’s) for Jury and Judges as well as FAI and CIVA Medals. Unlike other Commissions who require organizers to pay for Medals, CIVA absorbs those costs and pays for them with these fees.

Until 2011, CIVA approved its own Budget without any FAI intervention other than the fact that FAI staff (Cosette Mast) and the FAI Secretary General and Treasurer have always kept a close eye on all expenditures and made sure all documentation was proper and legal.

Under the new procedures under the consolidated budgeting process, Air Sports Commissions were required to submit their 2013 Budgets to FAI by 31 July 2012. The budgets were submitted to the FAI Executive Board for approval. There is also a new “expenditure commitment process” in place as well to insure expenses are in line with the Budget.

The 2013 CIVA Budget will be presented at plenary by LG Arvidsson, Treasurer.

How do we work in the future? Since the 2013 Budget is now already approved, the CIVA plenary will not be asked to approve it again. The Executive Board has that power alone. However, what the CIVA Bureau does need from the plenary is the approval of future “guidelines” in our budgeting for 2014 and beyond. We will discuss those broad issues and objectives in plenary. The Treasurer and Bureau, in turn, will work on the 2014 Budget in

the months ahead in preparation for submission to FAI.

Some Commissions are in a better position than CIVA is with regards to the time schedule. Several Commissions meet early in the year and are able to discuss the “numbers” in more detail. We do not have that luxury.

Therefore, I will ask plenary to grant the Bureau authority to prepare the 2014 Budget, with your guidance in mind, for submission to FAI by the summer of 2013.

Trophies

I have reported in the past on our problems with trophies which have gone missing or been damaged. The trophies we award to the winners of various Championships are some of FAI’s most prized and beautiful. The Aresti Cup has been awarded since 1964 and has traveled all over the world, with the attendant “wear and tear” on the trophy.

Earlier this year, after a meeting of the FAI-Aresti Committee in Madrid to resolve other issues, the Aresti Cup was shipped to Madrid for restoration. This is being carried out under the supervision of Jose Luis Olias and I thank Jose for taking this on.

As announced last year in Krakow and displayed for everyone to see, Mr. Olias has produced a beautiful replica of the Cup (in smaller size), complete with its own traveling case. This could be carried home by the winner after each Championship. See photo to the right.



I look forward to seeing a fully restored Aresti Cup in the future. I first saw the Cup some 40 years ago in the USA and appreciate very much that it will be returned to its former appearance. I also thank Loic Logeais of the Fédération Française Aéronautique (FFA) for his care in storing the trophy and seeing to its safe shipment to Spain.

Guidelines – Bidding for Championships

In order to receive bids for Championships much earlier and to insure those bids were of the quality that we need, in 2011 I produced a “Guidelines for Bidding for FAI Aerobatic Championships” earlier this year.

An updated 2012 version of this document was distributed to CIVA Delegates and a date of 1 October 2012 set for the submission of bids for 2013 Championships and beyond.

This initiative has been successful. At last year’s plenary in Krakow, there were four bids to



organize the 2012 WAAC. Two bids were received each for WAC 2013 and WGAC 2012 and of excellent quality.

For this year's plenary, we will have bids from two countries to host the 2013 EAAC and one expected for a combined YAK-52 Championship and a new "Intermediate" category.

The "Guidelines" document is not a contest organization handbook. But it is meant for organizations and individuals who are preparing bids, so they are made well aware of the many details that go into the preparation and execution of an FAI Aerobatic Championships. With a document guiding bidders in their preparation, it is much more likely that higher quality and more comprehensive bids are received. This will result in even better Championships, a goal we all share.

Special Events

No special events were held in 2012. One of our Delegates has kept me up-to-date on plans for a special event in his country in 2013 but no firm bid has been received. There will be more information available in Lausanne.

Known Selection

There has been a considerable amount of internal and informal discussion regarding selection of Known sequences. There was also a Swiss urgent proposal on this issue as well. Please see *Agenda document 15.5 and SP #1* for details. This discussion originated as a result of the 2012 Unlimited Known and the physical and pilot health issues associated with the sequence.

Knowns are important because the sequences we choose help define the difficulty, challenges, and demands of the category. This has an impact on pilot participation. While those pilots who have been flying Unlimited for many years demand and expect very challenging sequences, those who are contemplating entering the category may have second thoughts if the Knowns, or any of the flights programmes for that matter, are too difficult.

However, as one pilot pointed out to me, there should not be too big of a jump between the Known and the Free Programmes – another point to consider.

When the RSC and JSC met in Dubnica on 31 August, we discussed this problem. One of the ideas was to have Knowns screened or filtered through the RSC. There has also been some discussion in the Bureau about giving this authority to some other body within CIVA.

In my view, Delegates must not have their right to vote on Knowns restricted. While we do give the RSC and JSC authority to reject some rules proposals and to recommend and/or modify others, I would not be comfortable with this sort of authority granted to a Sub-Committee, or other body, within CIVA. However, it is important that we continue with the CIVA Known/Q Analysis Working Groups and to appoint evaluators to those groups we respect and trust.

It is true that some CIVA member countries do not participate in some or any of the FAI Aerobatic Championships we organize. That said, there is always the possibility they will one day, as their sport develops nationally. All members of FAI pay subscriptions and to deny or restrict their voting rights would no doubt lead to more problems internally and create considerable dissension.

This will be a good subject for our Informal Discussions in Lausanne.

Contest Organization Handbook

The project of producing a CIVA Contest Organization Handbook (COH) has been discussed many times and unfortunately, has not yet been completed.

This past winter, I appointed a new Contest Organization Working Group and tasked various people with producing Chapters for the COH. Not all have responded. The following is a summary of the contents of the COH and the persons assigned to the respective Chapters in the handbook. I have also included the status of each section.

Chapter	Contents	Author	Status
Bidding for Championships	Bidding documents and procedures; FAI Organizer Agreements	Mike Heuer	Material on hand. First draft to be finished.
FAI Services	FAI Sporting Code; International Jury handbook; FAI services and contacts	Mike Heuer	Material on hand. First draft to be finished.
Ceremonies & Awards	Opening and closing ceremonies; FAI Medals and Diplomas	Mike Heuer Alan Cassidy	Material on hand. First draft to be finished.
Bulletins & Local Regulations	Sporting Code requirements; sample bulletins; sample local regulations	Steve Green Nick Buckenham	Pending
Airport Layout	Aerobatic Performance Zone; Judges positions and requirements; flight line and airfield facilities; safety and security; Line Judges	Steve Green Graham Hill Nick Buckenham	Draft received (combined with Judging Line draft)
Scoring	Software and hardware requirements; office	Jürgen Leukefeld Nick Buckenham	Draft received



	facilities		
Communications, Internet and websites	Internal, team, and public communications	Alan Cassidy Nick Buckenham	Draft received
The Judging Line	Chief Judge guidelines; station equipment; video; briefings; refreshment; judging analysis	Graham Hill Nick Buckenham	Draft received (combined with airport layout)
Contest Office Facilities	Contest office; media center; Jury office, scoresheet preparation and assembly; copy center; scoresheet review	Madelyne Delcroix Vladimir Machula	Pending
Transportation & Hotels	Self-explanatory	Steve Green	Pending
FAI and the International Jury	Duties of IJ; Jury liaison with organizers; contest site inspection	Mike Heuer	Material on hand. First draft to be finished.
Miscellaneous	FAI Anti-Doping policies and procedures; diagrams and images of equipment	Mike Heuer	Material on hand. First draft to be finished.
Sample Contest Forms	To be available on website for download as well as reference in COH	Brian Howard Nick Buckenham	Pending
Glider Championships – Special Requirements	Self-explanatory	Madelyne Delcroix Kari Kemppi	Pending. To be developed when COH draft complete.
Emergency Procedures	FAI Guidelines on incidents and accidents; local procedures	Steve Green Mike Heuer	Material on hand. First draft to be finished.
Post-Contest Actions and Follow Up	Final results and reports to CIVA	Mike Heuer	Pending

Additional sections can be added as necessary to the above list. These were the areas I identified so work could begin by Contest Organization Working Group members.

After the plenary in Lausanne and with a new Bureau in place, I would suggest that new or additional members be appointed so the COH can be completed in time for the 2013 contest season.

Some draft sections have already been sent to the WAC 2013 organizers in the United States.

Most of the bidders for other competitions in 2013 are well experienced and I do not anticipate any problems, but having a COH on hand will be helpful to them. My apologies to CIVA for the delay in production of this manual.

FAI Awards

One of the great pleasures for a CIVA President is to present or take a part in the awards that FAI provides every year. I have had the opportunity to hang Medals around the necks of many excellent competition pilots over the years and the thrill of seeing their reactions and the pride in winning is something I always remember.

Aside from the Championships Medals, FAI also presents important awards at the FAI General Conference and this occurred on Thursday, 18 October 2012, at the Topkapi Palace Hotel, Antalya, Turkey. Four members of CIVA's international aerobatics community were honored.



Recipient of the FAI Silver Medal - Osmo Jalovaara of Finland

The Medal is reserved for persons who have occupied high office in FAI or in an aeronautical organization in one of its member countries, and in the discharge of their duties have shown exceptional powers of leadership and influence, to the benefit of the whole international air sport community.

Osmo Jalovaara is a former Vice President of CIVA, former CIVA Delegate of Finland, and a member of the CIVA President's Council. His sport aviation career began in 1954 and he previously served as Vice Chairman of the Finnish Aeronautical Association, a member of FAI, and President of the Aerobatic Club of Finland.

In the international arena, he served as Delegate of Finland not only to CIVA but to CIEA as well (the FAI's Education Commission) and has been deeply committed to youth involvement in aviation all his career. He also served as a member of FAI's Business Development Committee. As Vice President of CIVA and a member of the Bureau, his advice and counsel has always been valued due to his extensive experience in business and diplomacy.

Not only a pilot, Mr. Jalovaara served as an official in 26 FAI First Category events and many Nordic and national championships. He was one of the 17 founding members of the Aerobatic Club of Finland in 1986 and was pivotal in making Finnish aerobatics international.

His awards include the Finnish Ministry of Education Merit Cross of Sports, the Gold Medal of the Finnish Aeronautical Association, and the FAI's Paul Tissandier Diploma.



Recipient of the Sabiha Gökçen Medal – Elena Klimovich of Russia

The Medal is reserved for the woman who performs the most outstanding achievement in any air sport in the previous year. Elena Klimovich currently serves as Russia's Delegate to CIVA. She has been engaged in aerobatics since 1978. The list of her accomplishments in aerobatic competition is a very long one and include Overall Women's World Aerobatic Champion (2009); Overall Women's European Aerobatic Champion (2010); and various Champion titles in the USSR and Russia. She has also received numerous team medals as a member of the Russian National Team participating in World and Continental

Championships. She is an Honored Master of Sports of Russia in aerobatics.

In addition to her flying awards, she was presented the FAI's Paul Tissandier Diploma in 1992 and several State and Departmental Awards in her home country.

Recipient of the Paul Tissandier Diploma – Oleg Shpolyansky

This Diploma, established by the FAI in 1952, is named after Mr. Paul Tissandier, Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945. It may be awarded to those who have served the cause of aviation in general and sporting aviation in particular, by their work, initiative, devotion, or in other ways.



A graduate of the Tula Polytechnical Institute in 1989 and the Kaluga flying and technical school in 1998, Mr. Shpolyansky was Overall Champion of Russia in aerobatics in 1991, 1992, 2003, and 2007. He has also won medals in various European Championships in both powered and glider aerobatics and as a member of the winning Russian Team at these competitions. He is very active in bringing young people into air sports activity in Russia.

Recipient of the Leon Biancotto Diploma – Jose Luis Aresti

Presented posthumously to Sr. Aresti, the award is given for outstanding contributions to

aerobatics and was voted at the 2011 plenary meeting in Krakow.

The author of the Aresti Aerocryptographic System, Sr. Aresti's work is the basis of competition aerobatics throughout the world and has been the international standard for nearly 50 years. The Catalogue is now published and sold by Aresti System SL in Madrid.



Born in 1917, Sr. Aresti passed away in 2003. He became a pilot in the 1930s and flew the Polikarpov 1-16 "Rata" aircraft during the civil war in Spain. After the war, he became a test pilot in Madrid and founded various civilian flying schools while flying airshows around Europe. By 1971, he had trained over 2,000 pilots.

He was President of the International Jury at WAC in the early years and elected CIVA President in 1967. His other awards include the Spanish Sports Merit Gold Medal and the FAI Gold Medal. He donated the Aresti Cup to FAI in 1964 and it remains one of the most beautiful and prestigious trophies in air sports.

Our congratulations to these fine people from the international aerobatics community!

Aresti Catalogue

The report of John Gaillard, the CIVA representative on the FAI-Aresti Committee, can be found in the Agenda packages. John discusses the problems we had with the Catalogue late last year. A meeting of the Committee was held in Madrid on 31 January and those problems resolved.

Under an agreement signed with Aresti System SL in 2005, the Committee was formed to resolve any differences. It is chaired by Jose Luis Olias. Two members represent FAI and two are from the Aresti System SL organization.

In accordance with the agreement, CIVA is allowed to publish changes to the Aresti Catalogue after our plenary meeting in November. Aresti System SL then publishes a new Catalogue and once it is available, the "changed pages" are pulled down from the CIVA website. In December 2011, Aresti System SL objected to the "changed pages" document we posted and that was the source of the issue between us.

In future, the CIVA document that presents



the new figures that are to be introduced in the Catalogue will be different and not appear to be similar to actual pages from the Catalogue. I invite your attention to the Catalogue Sub-Committee report this year as an example of how new figures will be presented.

There were also two different “changed pages” documents that appeared on our website. After the publication of the first document, two people contacted Alan and I and pointed out errors. The second version was then published. After the objection by Aresti System SL, it was pulled down from the website in early December.

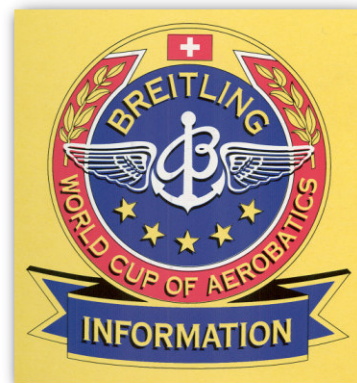
The aerobatic community is reminded that there is only one “official” document that must be used with regards to sequence construction. That document is the latest version of the *Aresti Aerobatic Catalogue (Condensed)*, published by Aresti System SL. I encourage you to order one and not depend on other documents. There is a link to Aresti System SL’s website on the CIVA homepage.

I ordered my own copies of both the Power and Glider Catalogues some months ago and the manuals were delivered promptly from Spain. They are very reasonable in price at €13.50 plus shipping. The Aresti website is www.arestisystem.com.

Breitling

There are many new and interesting developments this year in air sports. The Breitling company is now a corporate partner of FAI and I believe this could lead to great things for aerobatics.

In the FAI report, you will receive information on FAME, the new commercial sports agency formed by FAI. Its Chairman is Bob Henderson of New Zealand, an FAI Executive Director, and CEO is Giancarlo Sergi, who I hope will visit the CIVA plenary.



Breitling has been involved in aviation for decades and in the 1990s, sponsored very high quality special aerobatic competitions that were seen at many of the major airshows around the world including Le Bourget, Farnborough, San Diego, Vancouver, and Oshkosh. These “Breitling World Cup of Aerobatics” events (see logo right) were top quality and featured some of the world’s best aerobatic pilots of the time.

Breitling has shown interest again in aerobatics and the FAI Secretary General, Jean-Marc Badan; Giancarlo Sergi, and a representative of Breitling attended the EAC in Dubnica. Breitling provided some clothing items and banners for the EAC. I am hopeful the relationship can be developed far beyond t-shirts and caps. You will see in the FAME presentation that the WGAC and WAC are targeted next year as possibilities for Breitling involvement.

As Rob Hughes will tell you, the relationship is very much in its infancy but Breitling is interested in a long-term partnership. They have always done things in a first-class manner and I regard this as a huge opportunity for our sport.

While there may be support for classical, FAI First Category Championships, I also hope we will develop what FAI calls “third level” events as well. You will recall that I introduced a set of proposed rules for FAI Special Aerobatic Events (FSAEs) at last year’s plenary. That document remains on hold. It would be a new Part 4 to Section 6 and can be further developed in partnership with Breitling and FAME.

I would ask for your close cooperation with Breitling and FAI in these matters as I am confident it will be in the long-term best interests of our sport. I also believe that a corporate partner like Breitling is one of the keys to the sustainability of our special events, as some have disappeared after a short time due to lack of support by local organizers or other entities.

Recognition of FAI Judges

Earlier this year, I proposed to FAI that they provide FAI Judges Pins free-of-charge to our Judges. Due to budgetary constraints and the numbers required if all Commissions were provided these pins, FAI declined the request.

Therefore, I will propose we include this expense in future CIVA budgets. FAI also supplies Diplomas and with a template adapted for our officials, the Judge would be presented with a document as well, certifying his or her qualification. I hope you agree. Our Judges put in many hours at our Championships and deserve our recognition and support.



In the past, NACs have been expected to purchase these pins. Few have bought them. Judges can also buy them and in the past, I have presented them at my own personal expense at Championships. In the future, this should be a CIVA responsibility as Judges are international officials and not tied to their national teams.

CIVA President’s Council

I created a new CIVA President’s Council several months ago. An informal body, it consists of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Honour. These men have accumulated decades of experience between them in aerobatics and air sports and their vast knowledge and skills should not go to waste.

They do not have a vote but they have a voice and this is important to CIVA, its President, and its Bureau. I have relied on all of them in the past and I hope future Presidents will do the same. They are included in various communications where their counsel would be

appropriate.

My thanks to James Black, Karl Berger, Jiri Koblirle, Osmo Jalovaara, Alan Cassidy, and Bob Chomono for serving on the Council.

Travel Allowances

CIVA's only income today comes from Sanction Fees received from FAI Aerobatic Championships. The fee is 150€ per pilot and organizers are invoiced immediately after a Championships.

We have also realized Sanction Fee income from special aerobatic events in the past but there was no income from this source in 2012.

The vast majority of these funds are spent on CIVA Travel Allowances (TAs) for Judges, Assistant Judges, and Jury members as well as the FAI and CIVA Medals presented at all classical FAI Aerobatic Championships. In the recent past, expenses have exceeded income, especially since 2010 when CIVA agreed to fund all 10 Judges and Assistants (7 at Yak-52 events). Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to provide clear guidelines and limits to the payment of TAs. A "Guidelines for Payment of Expenses" document does exist and was sent to all concerned in April 2012, well in advance of this year's contest season.

Those eligible for the TAs were requested to purchase airline tickets in advance and would be reimbursed immediately. The use of private cars was prohibited unless it served an approved purpose. When cars were used, a limit of 1,000 km was placed on the reimbursement.

Unfortunately, problems have continued with the TA program. Private cars have been used without prior authorization (no requests were even received by the President), especially by Glider Judges, and there were other problems.

The Bureau will be discussing the TA program on 2 November at its meeting in Lausanne and will report to the plenary.

The International Juries

As the FAI Sporting Calendar of Aerobatic Championships has expanded over the past two decades with new Glider and Power events, the demands on a small number of people within CIVA has increased greatly.



The current version of Section 6, Part 1 includes this section:

1.4.1.2. Appointment

- a) The International Jury at World and Continental Championships will be appointed by the FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA) and will consist of a chairman and at least 2 members with adequate reserves, who must be members of different NACs. The Chief Judge shall be an advisory member of the International Jury and the Contest Director shall be adviser to it. The President of CIVA or one of the Vice Presidents will be chairman of the International Jury and will supervise its activities. Detailed duties of the International Jury are contained in Section 3.

As it stands today, Jury Presidents must be the President or a Vice President of CIVA – one of only five people.

We have many knowledgeable and skilled people among our Delegates. I will introduce a proposal next year to open the Jury Presidents' positions to any CIVA Delegate. The workload should be spread and it would be beneficial to CIVA and organizers if more people were involved. It would also be a way to develop future leaders of the Commission as well.

Glider rules regarding the Jury Presidency are similar but open up the President's position to the President of GASC as well. Thus, only a total of six people are eligible. This should also be changed.

Summary of President's Proposals

1. Beginning with the 2013 budget, pay for FAI Judges Pins for all Judges added to the FAI International Judges List at the 2012 plenary and after. All Judges who participate in 2013 Championships and do not currently own a pin will also be provided one free of charge.
2. Starting in 2014, Jury Presidents for all FAI Aerobatic Championships can be selected from among current CIVA Delegates.
3. Discuss way to improve the selection of Knowns. This may be discussed within the Bureau at by Sub-Committees with proposals to be developed for the 2013 plenary.

Finally ...

It has been my honor to serve as your President since 1986. It has enriched my life and brought me in contact with people from all over the world. This would never have been possible with FAI, CIVA, and the sport of aerobatics.

My thanks to all of those who have worked alongside me in various projects, competitions, committees, and at meetings. Without a strong cadre of volunteers, deeply dedicated to air



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sports, FAI would not have survived these last 107 years. CIVA is 52 years old and though well into maturity, it is more vital than ever.

I also owe a debt of gratitude to the FAI staff: Jean-Marc, Rob, Christine, Cosette, Faustine, Segolene, and Annick. They are all delightful to work with.

My best wishes to all for 2013!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean-Marc', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Collierville, Tennessee USA
25 October 2012

2012 CHAMPIONSHIPS LOGOS



10th FAI WORLD ADVANCED AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
26TH JULY – 05TH AUGUST – NYIREGYHAZA



18th FAI European Aerobatic Championship
Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovakia
September 1st – 9th 2012



Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovakia, August 9th – 18th 2012