

FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (version 22 SEP 2025)

Day	Time	Event
Monday 20 Oct 2025		Executive Board, Commission Presidents - Arrival
	PM	Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday 21 Oct 2025	AM	Executive Board Meeting
	PM	Commission Presidents Meeting
Wednesday 22 Oct 2025		Joint Meeting: Executive Board & Commission Presidents
	08:30-12:00	FAI Forum Session A: FAI Admin Lab: Enhancing Administrative Efficiency <i>This session is run in parallel with CASI Meeting</i> FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) Plenary Meeting <i>Meeting dedicated for CASI Delegates and potential observers</i>
	13:00-17:00	FAI Forum Session B: Going Behind the Horizon: Storytelling for Air Sports <i>Strategic session is dedicated to advancing the visibility and engagement of air sports</i> FAI Forum Session C: Women in Air Sports: Building a Supportive Community <i>Interactive workshop is dedicated to increase female participation within air sports</i>
	18:45-22:00	FAI General Conference Opening Dinner and FAI Awards Ceremony
Thursday 23 Oct 2025	08:30-12:00	FAI General Conference, Day 1 <i>Report of FAI President and Secretary General, financial, statutory and memberships matters. More details with the published agenda.</i>
	13:00-17:00	FAI Forum Session D: Committed to Advancing Air Sport Safety <i>Comprehensive session addresses the critical themes of safety, integrity, and well-being within air sports communities</i> FAI Forum Session E: One Airspace, Shared Responsibility: Navigating Regulatory Challenges <i>Session brings together stakeholders from across the aviation sector - including civil aviation authorities, and sporting organisations to address shared regulatory challenges</i>
	18:00-21:00	Finnish Aviation Museum Presentation by Director Pia Illikainen on the new museum project, followed by buffet dinner, guided museum visit, simulator experience, and engagement with Finnish Aeronautical Association discipline committees.
Friday 24 Oct 2025	08:30-12:15	FAI Forum Session F: Innovation in Air Sports: Success Stories <i>Session will showcase recent technological advancements and innovative practices in FAI events</i> FAI Forum Session G: The Road Ahead: Shaping a Resilient and Future-Ready FAI <i>Interactive town hall session offers all participants the opportunity to engage directly with the FAI President, NAC Representatives, FAI Commission Representatives.</i>
	13:00-19:00	FAI General Conference, Day 2 <i>Election to CASI, reports of Commissions and future general conferences. More details with the published agenda.</i>

Wednesday 22 OCT 2025

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From 08:30	FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI) Plenary Meeting		View
10:00-12:00	FAI Forum Session A: FAI Admin Lab: Enhancing Administrative Efficiency <i>This interactive workshop is tailored for NAC representatives seeking to strengthen their administrative capabilities. Participants will receive practical guidance on FAI Sporting Licence management, record process submission, delegate and awards nominations, and effective use of the FAI members' communication platform. The session aims to assist best use of FAI existing tools and service across the air sports community</i>	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Visa-Matti Leinikki (FAI IT Manager) <i>Sporting licence and record submission tools</i> Kamila Vokoun Hajkova (FAI Members and Commissions Relation Manager) <i>Delegates nomination tool</i> The second part of the session features an Q&A with Agust Gudmundsson (FAI Executive Director)	Process
12:00-12:45	Lunch		Hotel Clarion
13:00-14:30	FAI Forum Session B: Going Behind the Horizon: Storytelling for Air Sports <i>This strategic session is dedicated to advancing the visibility and engagement of air sports through effective communication and outreach. Attendees will benefit from the insights of experts, including best practices from multi-sport environments and keynote perspectives on communication at major international air sports events. A featured case study will highlight the remarkable growth of young glider pilots in Finland, demonstrating the transformative power of targeted youth engagement. Participants will leave inspired and better equipped to amplify their own air sports narratives</i>	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Anna Jakobson (IWGA Communication Manager) Faustine Carrera (FAI Communication Manager) Ed Ewing (Editor Cross Country Magazine) Hyvinkaa Flying Club (FIN - National Air Sports Club) The second part of the session features a panel discussion with speakers and Timo Hyvönen (FAI Executive Director)	View

15:00-17:00	FAI Forum Session C: Women in Air Sports: Building a Supportive Community <i>This interactive workshop is dedicated to increase female participation within air sports by encouraging collaboration among all participants.</i>	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Rebecca Hansen (NOR – NAC President), Jenny Buck (GBR – NAC Vice Chair) Rahaf Al Judaie (KSA – NAC admin) Serafina Ogończyk-Mąkowska (POL – Commission President Rotorcraft) Amy Spowart (USA – NAC President) Wrap up by Gillian Rayner (FAI Deputy President)	View
19:00 –22:00	FAI General Conference Opening Dinner and Award Ceremony		Clarion Hotel

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13:00-15:00	FAI Forum Session D: Committed to Advancing Air Sport Safety This comprehensive session addresses the critical themes of safety, integrity, and well-being within air sports communities.	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Dr Thomas Drekonja (AUT– FAI Medical Commission) Dr Melchor J. Antuñano (Aerospace Medicine Specialist), Michael Kattrup Lassen & Michael Hitchcock (Air Sports Safety Group) Hannu Halonen (FIN – safety group) The second part of the session features a panel discussion with presenters and Mark Sullivan (USA Balloonist) and Marina Vigorito (FAI Executive Director)	View
15:30-17:00	FAI Forum Session E: One Airspace, Shared Responsibility: Navigating Regulatory Challenges <i>This session brings together stakeholders from across the aviation sector - including civil aviation authorities, and sporting organisations to address shared regulatory challenges. Topics will include environmental sustainability, emissions and noise regulation, and advocacy for equitable airspace access. Expert speakers from EASA and EAS will provide policy updates and outline collaborative strategies to preserve and protect shared airspace for the global air sports community.</i>	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Vladimir Foltin (EU Aviation Safety Agency) Manfred Kunschitz (Europe Air Sports) The second part of the session features a panel discussion with speakers and Captain Arvind Badoni (NAC India – Sec. General), Vinícius Santos Matuk Ferreira (NAC Brazil – Vice President) Mary Anne Stevens (FAI Executive Director)	View

18:00-21:00

Finnish Aviation Museum

FAI GC 2025 aviation enthusiasts are warmly invited to an informal gathering that offers a fantastic opportunity to connect and chat with fellow enthusiasts from Finland and around the world and delve into the world of aviation. At 1900 hrs museum director Pia Illikainen gives a presentation on the new museum project. After the presentation, a delightful buffet dinner is served. Throughout the evening, you'll have free access to explore museum collection, guided by our knowledgeable volunteers. Test your piloting skills in the Messerschmitt 109 simulator and engage with representatives from the Finnish Aeronautical Association's discipline committees. Don't miss this special evening of exploration, learning, and community at the Finnish Aviation Museum. Please note that with FAI badge you have free entrance to the museum during the whole general conference week.

Friday 24 OCT 2025

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08:30-10:00	FAI Forum Session F: Innovation in Air Sports: Success Stories <i>Highlighting air sports as a dynamic and forward-thinking sector, this session will showcase recent technological advancements and innovative practices in FAI events. Presentations will feature new tools for competition safety, event management, and community engagement, as well as successful initiatives in tracking and broadcast technology. Participants will hear directly from FAI commissions and partners, gaining insight into how innovation is driving progress and opening new opportunities within air sports.</i>	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Claude Weber (FAI Ballooning Commission) Bill Hughes (FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding) Antoine Havret (Virtual Gliding) Peter Erikson (FAI Gliding Commission) Alberto Paracuellos Martin (FAI Skydiving Commission) The second part of the session features a panel discussion with speakers and Igor Erzen (FAI Executive Director)	View
10:30-12:15	FAI Forum Session G: The Road Ahead: Shaping a Resilient and Future-Ready FAI <i>Concluding the FAI Forum, this interactive town hall session offers all participants the opportunity to engage directly with the FAI President, NAC Representatives, FAI Commission Representatives. In a relaxed Q&A format, delegates and stakeholders are invited to raise questions, share perspectives, and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing FAI and the global air sports community. This session is designed to encourage transparent dialogue, foster collective problem-solving, and support a shared vision for a resilient and future-ready FAI.</i>	Moderator: Ana Jelusic Black Greg Principato (FAI President) Flemming Olson (NAC Denmark - President), Ann Sophie Tersmeden (NAC Sweden) Dr. Ahmed F. Alfahaid (NAC Saudi Arabia - Director) Antonis Papadopoulos (FAI Aeromodelling Commission) Ralf Grunwald (FAI General Aviation Commission) The second part of the session will feature a panel discussion and Q&A with the FAI Executive Board	View
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