

Dear CIAM Delegates,

We are only few hours before 2014 and thanks to all CIAM family, 2013 was another successful year for Aeromodelling and Space Modelling activities.

Close to 300 Cat-1 or Cat-2 events were organized and a great number of competitors participated. Again on behalf of CIAM I would like to thank all the organizers and all the volunteers who assisted and made it possible to happen.

Briefly I would like to inform you about the main decisions taken at the December's Bureau Meeting

National Team Classification

After the discussion we had last year during the Plenary, the Bureau will prepare a proposal which, if adopted will be on the ABR volume. There are going to be two options. Each S-C will have to select one option.

Option 1 will be based on the scores and Option 2 will be based on the numerical final placing.

If adopted by the Plenary, the related parts of the various CIAM Sporting Code sections, will be modified accordingly.

Electronic Devices Working Group (EDWG)

The new version of the Sporting Code will include the amended version for the F5J class. Part of it, will be the electronic devices that are going to be used during the competitions.

Not only for this class but also for all the classes that are going to use electronic devices for scoring purposes, a new Working Group was established and will take care of all related actions.

Paul Newell from UK, was appointed as Chairman of this Working Group. Each S-C which is looking to approve electronic devices is invited to appoint two persons who are going to work together with the chairman. A ToR (Terms of Reference) document was also approved.

Reduction of number of CAT-1 Events

Bureau will develop a proposal for the next Plenary Meeting. The proposal will consider the documents prepared by our Technical Secretary, Mrs Jo Halman and by the President Mr. Antonis Papadopoulos. Currently on our rules we have procedures on how a class can progress from a provisional status up to a World Championship status. The new proposal will enhance the existing steps and in addition we will introduce procedures to work the other way.

F2C Silencer Rule

The Bureau decided to further evaluate an alternative proposal to reduce the noise level for the F2C class. This alternative is based on the reduction of the venturi size. If this alternative proves to be as effective as the silencer use, the Bureau will prepare an addition to the rule which is going to be implemented on 2015.

RC Gliders - Use of Gyro

The question raised by F3 Soaring S-C Chairman Mr. Tomas Bartovsky, was discussed during the December CIAM Bureau meeting and the members consider, that the current set of rules do not explicitly define that the use of gyros is forbidden for use in aeromodelling competitions.

However the CIAM Bureau members are also confident that the spirit of the

rules, in this respect, since they are coming from a long time ago, are against the use of gyros or any other electronic stabilizing devices. In some classes like F3C or F3N where the use of such devices is permitted, it is clearly defined in the Sporting Code.

We need also to include in this statement that CIAM during the next Bureau and next Plenary is going to address the issue in detail for future actions.

UAV

A working group was established with our VPs Mr. Gerhard Wobbeking, Mr. Kevin Dodd and the Swedish delegate to CIAM and CASI, Mr. Bengt Lindgren as members. The WG will examine all the UAV and similar activities such as FPV and how they can fit to CIAM scope and objectives.

CAT-1 Procedure to accept bids

CIAM Bureau decided to establish procedures in order to evaluate the bids submitted by NACs for future events prior to be presented for award by the Plenary. It is really important to keep the standards as high as possible and avoid cases where the organization proved to be below the acceptable standards.

CIAM Plenary 2014 - Open Forum Session subject

It was decided that for the next year, we will invite up to four RC systems manufacturers and discuss with them issues like telemetry, electronic stabilizing devices, FPV related functions. Since the technology is moving very fast, CIAM need to work much closer with the RC Systems manufacturers and if possible the evolution of the sporting code need to consider the currently offered technology.

I would like to also inform you about other matters that took place during the year.

The annual FAI General Conference was held last October in Kuala Lumpur. There were many announcements related to our activities. One thing I would like to point is that the cooperation between the other Air Sports Commissions was vastly improved and this is very promising not only for aeromodelling but for all FAI family.

FAI owned marketing company FAME, is under reconstruction in order to provide to all ASC's the expected kind of services.

FAI is going to appoint a new Secretary General, after the decision of Jean-Marc Badan to step down from this position. We expect the new appointment and we hope to be a good one since this position is very critical for the future of FAI.

I am sure that you all have read the email sent by our Technical Secretary, Mrs Jo Halman and her decision not to stand up for reelection. We all have to respect her decision and we all know what kind of improvement we had with her dedicated work on this very critical point of our activities, the Sporting Code, and not only. I don't think that the words "THANK YOU JO" are good enough. The election of our new CIAM Technical Secretary is part of our Plenary Meeting, but we all know that we need to work in advance for that.

With this opportunity I would like to thank all of the Bureau Members for their contribution to CIAM matters throughout the year and to thank all the FAI office staff for the excellent help and cooperation we received during the year.

Finally, I would like to wish you to have a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Looking forward to meet you next year.

With regards
Antonis Papadopoulos