

Summary of discussions between CIAM and AMA (USA)

On February 10 and then on February 18, CIAM Bureau represented by Antonis Papadopoulos (President), Peter Uhlig (F3 Aerobatics S/C Chairman) and Rob Metkemeijer (F3 Pylon S/C Chairman) met via zoom with AMA represented by Rich Hanson (AMA President), Tim Jesky (USA delegate to CIAM), Chad Budreau (AMA Executive Director) and Colleen Pierce (AMA FAI Coordinator) in order to discuss about the two FAI Aeromodelling World Championships which are included on the FAI Annual Sporting Calendar for 2021.

The reason for both meetings was to evaluate the current status due to the COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting most of world, including also sporting activities.

During the first meeting we discussed the current status. AMA officials presented the input they have collected from the preliminary entry forms. It was agreed that the two CIAM S/C chairmen were going to discuss the possible options with the S/C's members and it was decided to meet again on February 18 for the conclusion of the discussion.

On February 18 we met via zoom again and the various options were discussed.

For the Pylon World Championships, the S/C Chairman presented the result of the discussion within the S/C. The two parties unanimous concluded that the best option is to shift the date of the event for one year later (2022). There is no conflict with other scheduled events for this class.

For the Aerobatics World Championship, the S/C Chairman prepared a document with the various options discussed within the S/C. The two parties unanimous concluded to reschedule the event for 2025. The option for 2022 is not possible because a Continental Championship is already scheduled and for 2023 the World Championship is already awarded to Australia.

For both events the option to move the date to September 2021 was not considered as an option because both CIAM and AMA are not expecting that the situation will be improved in such a way to allow us to be optimistic.

In order to finally decide the following actions are required:

AMA – A decision of the Executive Council has to be announced to CIAM confirming the options selected and if possible, to specify the dates especially for the Pylon event.

CIAM – Confirmation that new bid will not be required and also that the event for 2025 will be included on the FAI calendar in place of the event of this year.

Both parties thanked each other for the spirit of both meetings and for the excellent cooperation.