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Dear CIG Delegates,

This is my first report at the plenary meeting as a CIG President which oversees Rotorcraft. A year ago - In the 10th March 2023 during the CIG plenary meeting in Lausanne I was elected as the president of the Rotorcraft Commission replacing Jacques Berlo on this position. This was the first year that the commission came together after the pandemic. Within the last years, due to covid pandemic and later due to the war in Ukraine, there was not much going on in the helicopter environment. The sporting calendar is affected substantially because the Cat 2 events planned are centred around RUS BEL UK POL. The last World Championship took place in 2018 in Belarus in Minsk. I urge delegates to be active and do not bring the arguments mentioned above on the table anymore.

In 2021 year, there were Heli Races in Plock in Poland.

Year 2023 - 31 August to 03 September, Germany has organized German Championship, with 6 teams: 3 from Germany, 2 from Switzerland and one crew from Hong Kong. There was a big event - in August in Poland - 1st Helicopter Rally with the eliminations to the Polish National Helicopter Team, that will be ready to compete this year. The event took place out of my personal afford and involvement, with 20 crews participating, 70 helicopters taking part in World Helicopter Rally and audience of 20.000 people.

As a president of CIG Commission, I took part in General Conference in Dayton, USA /in October 26-27, 2023. I presented report on the current situation in the rotorcraft commission in front of the general conference delegates. There are many delegates listed as member representatives' delegates and I appealed to the members to become active in the CIG commission. As a result of the appeal there are 2 new national commissions being in a process of creation - USA and India, which I'm assisting in the process. I was also a mediator between Czech teams, FAI and their NAC as there was an ongoing conflict resulting in expelling Czech delegates from FAI commission and losing the vice-president position of CIG Commission by Andy Migus. Consequently, the two Czech delegates - Andy Migus and Marek Vastak soon will be back to FAI.

I participated in the HAI Expo - helicopter Expo in Anaheim in California and visited Robinson company. I talked to the new Robinson CEO about creating special safety course dedicated to sport flying. The talks are in progress - first cooperation with Robinson is about to take place during the event cat. 2 in Poland this year. I work on creating a specialized group of heli judges. Made a two day trading for the judges and heli crews in Warsaw - 26 delegates took part in it - from Poland and Czech. I'm in contact with Nac's presidents - as a result of my discussions and involvement I have a bid for organizing the World Championship from the Polish side in 2025.

I would like also to remind You to promote the Certificates of Proficiency among Your pilots. The procedure and the requirements are listed on the FAI web. As a result of my activity there were 7 certificates of proficiency granted to the Polish pilots this year.

The current plans for the 2024 year are as follows:

Championships in Germany?

International Helicopter Rally FAI cat. 2 in Poland together with 2nd World helicopter Rally (14, 15, 16 of June in Zielona Góra in Przylep) - Polish delegate will introduce the event in a moment.

Swiss Championship in October

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I stress my support to clean and safe sport, and I also encourage You to the part in CASI Webinar - Training for FAI Events Officials Mar 23, 2024 09:30 Universal Time UTC.

I would like to underline the utility and amazing work of Commission Presidents Group with Mr David Monks as a head of FAI. Special thanks to Mr Markus Haggenev for guiding me into the position as a President of the Rotorcraft Commission.

Thank You for Your attention.

On behalf of the FAI CIG
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