



REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROMODELLING (CIAM) FOR 2007-2008

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The year under review was filled with activity, from an administrative, technical, and competitive viewpoint.

This is my first report as the newly-elected president of the aeromodelling commission. At the Plenary meeting of the Commission in March 2008, Sandy Pimenoff retired after 40 years of diligent service to the aviation community. He has served the aeromodelling community with distinction, and has ensured that our activities are respected by the rest of the aviation fraternity.

With 12 fully-functioning sub-committees, the commission caters for a full spectrum of activities, only one being non-competitive. For most of the competitive disciplines, there is activity on each of the continents, and activity levels are increasing, with more countries participating than ever before.

The WAG selection contests and rule developments continue to enjoy a high profile, and the CIAM will be ready in 2009 with events that will be visually appealing to the public and the media, and will help to create better awareness of the FAI in the eyes of the public.

During 2007-8, there have been numerous well-attended and successful world and continental championships, in a variety of classes.

FAI Model Aircraft World Championships 2008

Free Flight for Juniors – Ukraine
Indoor Model Aircraft Juniors and Seniors – Serbia
Control Line for Juniors and Seniors – France
Radio Control Gliders for Juniors and Seniors (hand tow) - Turkey
Scale Model Aircraft – Poland
Radio Control Electric Gliders and Pylon Racing – Ukraine
Space Models for Juniors and Seniors - Spain

FAI Model Aircraft Continental Championships 2008

Free Flight – Bulgaria
Gliders with automatic steering for Juniors and Seniors - Germany
Radio Control Aerobatics – Italy
Radio Control Aerobatics – Asian Oceanic region – Chinese Taipei
Radio Control Helicopters – France
Radio Control Helicopters – Asian Oceanic region – Philippines

FAI Model Aircraft World Cup Events 2008

Free Flight
Control Line
Electrics
Radio Control Gliders
Radio Control Aerobatics
Space Models

On the technical front, there has been significant development and general acceptance of the use of 2.4GHz for radio control equipment. This equipment is almost interference-free and allows for the use of multiple R/C sets in operation at one time.

My thanks to my fellow Commission Presidents for the warm welcome. Thank you also to the Secretary General and the FAI staff for their continued support.

Bob Skinner, Alberton, September 2008