

Technical Secretary's Report to the 2013 CIAM Plenary Meeting

1. Sporting Code

All the volumes of the Sporting Code were published by the due date of 1st January 2013 and I would like to thank Ms Annick Hauser of the FAI office her very professional help in helping to achieve this target.

If the Delegates find errors in any of the volumes then I would be grateful if they would email me with the information so that it can be rectified for 2014.

2. World Records

Between April 2012 and the beginning of March 2013, eight new world records were homologated. This is a much smaller number of record homologations than in previous years but despite that, it is noted that there appears to be a surge of interest in RC Speed records. I would like to thank Ms Christine Rousson for the splendid work she is doing on Records and the Records database.

3. Sporting Calendar

The FAI has not yet been able to resolve the three concerns regarding the Sporting Calendar on the FAI/CIAM website that I highlighted in my report last year and I hope this can be rectified this year although I know that Visa-Matti Leinikki and Ms Faustine Carrera are working hard on other major projects.

4. Proposals

This agenda has a huge number of proposals – over 200 – with 35 proposals being so large that they have to be in Agenda Annexes. Each year the number of proposals increases. The automatic submission system works well.

5. Sporting Code Volumes

I did not receive any comments, either in support or against, the splitting of the Code as I described in my report of last year. With the latest analysis of the Sporting Calendar. Attached as Annex A, it appears that the idea will no longer give any real benefit. Of the 10 categories, only F4 Scale, F5 Electric and F7 Aerostats have enough classes that do not appear on the FAI Sporting Calendar to make splitting the Code into two sections - (i) International Classes (Main Code) and (ii) Other Classes (Sub Code). And it would have no real impact on the reduction of proposals to the Plenary meeting. So, the conclusion can only be to leave the Code as a single entity with its relevant volumes.

It would be preferable for the structure of classes that have a number of elements in common with earlier classes that for each common element the later class's rule should refer back to the original class leaving only the differences in the later class. This will reduce the updating work when the common rules are amended as only the one earlier class rule will need to be updated. This would have the added benefit of eliminating cross-reference updating errors or omissions. A good example of this system can be seen in the F2 Combat class F2E which is based on the Combat class F2D. The F3 Aerobatics volume is successfully incorporating this system.

6. Reduction of Championships

I regret that the Bureau has not yet been able to present any proposals for you to consider regarding the reduction of championships with which it was mandated to do by Plenary in 2010.

Jo Halman
CIAM Technical Secretary, 03 March 2013

Analysis of the classes that appear on the FAI Sporting Calendar with a view to splitting the volumes of the Code to make updating easier, to reduce the size of the volumes; to reduce Plenary Meeting time on non-Championship rule proposals, reduce the Plenary Agenda.

					N ^{os} of classes on FAI Sporting Calendar			To Split the Code**
Category	Total N ^o of Classes	Championships Classes	Provisional Classes	Official Classes*	2012	2013	Classes appearing once or never over 2012/13	
F1 Free Flight	15	6	9	0	9	6	4	No
F2 Control Line	7	4	3	0	2	2	2	No
F3 Aero	4	3	1	0	n/a	1	n/a	No
F3 Soaring	6	4	2	0	1	1	1	No
F3 Helicopter	2	2	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	No
F3 Pylon Racing	2	1	1	0	0	0	n/a	No
F4 Scale	9	1	7	1	1	1	6	Possible
F5 Electric	9	2	6	1	3	3	4	Possible
F7 Aerostats	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	Possible
S Space Modelling	15	8	3	4	Not researched			No

* Non-championships

**Split if classes are not on the FAI Sporting Calendar

Notes

F1 - F1K, F1L, F1M: over the last two years these three classes were either never on the Calendar or on only once. F1L & F1M exist for records.

F2 - F2E: not on the Calendar over the last two years.

F3 Soaring - F3H: over the last two years this class was not on the Calendar.

F3 Pylon Racing: the only provisional class F3R was effective only in 2012. Too early for data.

F4 - although there are six classes none of which appear on the Sporting Calendar neither do these classes take up Plenary time with rule proposals and one class was only effective in 2013. Removing to a sub-code would only save 6 pages of the volume.

F5 - F5A, F5E, F5G, F5H: over the last two years these classes have never appeared on the Calendar but neither do they take up Plenary time with rule proposals and one class was only effective in 2013. Removal to a sub-code would only save 8 pages of the volume.

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