

# **FAI Secretary General's Report to the 2009 CIAM Plenary Meeting**

## **FAI Members**

At the FAI General Conference 2008, Bahrain, Oman and Vietnam were approved as new Temporary Members. The Egyptian Sport Parachuting and Aeronautic Federation (ESPAF) was accepted as a new Associate Member for parachuting.

The General Conference agreed to keep the 2009 annual subscription fees paid by FAI Members unchanged.

## **Brazil**

A dispute arose a few years ago between the Aeroclub do Brasil and the Brazilian Airports Commission (CAB). The Aeroclub do Brasil remains the FAI Member in Brazil, but the General Conference has granted FAI sporting powers for Brasil to CAB for a trial period of maximum 2 years. (See item 10.6 and Annex 9 to the Minutes of the General Conference available at [http://www.fai.org/general\\_conference/2008](http://www.fai.org/general_conference/2008))

## **CANS – FAI Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems**

Airspace is a vital element all air sports need. The General Conference formally approved the creation of CANS, a new FAI Technical Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems. CANS' mission will be to coordinate and disseminate knowledge and information within and outside of FAI on airspace rules, regulations and policy affecting air sports, as well as on Air Navigation Systems.

## **World Air Games 2009 in Turin, Italy**

The selection process is complete and official invitation letters have been sent out to selected athletes. Each athlete has received an access code to a personal webpage where he will be asked to complete his « Athlete's Profile ». Information contained in the Athletes' Profiles will partly be made available to media representatives and commentators during the Games. Up to 360 athletes representing 40 FAI Member countries on 6 continents will compete in June in Turin.

## **Red Bull Air Race**

After a successful series of events which gathered hundreds of thousands of spectators in 2008, the General Conference approved the extension of FAI's cooperation with Red Bull. Official recognition was given to the Red Bull Air Races (including publication in the FAI Sporting Calendar), and Red Bull has been authorised to rename the event « Red Bull Air Race World Championship ». In return for FAI's recognition, Red Bull will pay an annual sanction fee to FAI and give more exposure to FAI flags and logos in connection with the Red Bull Air Races.

## **TV Production – airsports.tv**

After successful cooperation with Flying Aces Ltd in 2007/08, resulting in the production of two 13-episodes TV series covering the main FAI championships, cooperation with Flying Aces will be continued during the next five years. A contract has been signed to this effect. Video footage is available on-line at <http://www.airsports.tv>, and DVDs containing the complete 2007 TV series can be ordered at the promotional price of 9.99 GBP at Airsports.tv. The list of events covered by Flying Aces in 2009 is not yet finalised; event organisers will receive information in due course. Future event organisers should note that they will not now automatically be given media rights to the events.

## **FAI Sporting License Database**

The introduction of the on-line database for FAI Sporting Licenses has been slightly delayed to allow additional tests and fine-tuning of the system. Some 46 FAI member countries have already provided their Sporting License database. The system will be available for the northern hemisphere summer events in 2009.

## **Anti-Doping**

All CIAM Delegates had the duty to make sure that their competitors know that they are liable to be tested for drugs at any time during international competitions. Those on the FAI Registered Testing Pool (and they will know who they are) are also liable to be tested at any time out-of-competition. All competitors must avoid using any of the substances and methods listed in the WADA Prohibited Substances list :

< [http://www.wada-ama.org/rtecontent/document/2009\\_Prohibited\\_List\\_ENG\\_Final\\_20\\_Sept\\_08.pdf](http://www.wada-ama.org/rtecontent/document/2009_Prohibited_List_ENG_Final_20_Sept_08.pdf)>

If they have to take one of the prohibited substances for medical reasons, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) is required in accordance with FAI Anti-Doping Rules:

[http://www.fai.org/documents/otherdocs/antidoping\\_rules](http://www.fai.org/documents/otherdocs/antidoping_rules)

## **Elections**

Mr Pierre PORTMANN was re-elected for a third term as FAI President.

The FAI Executive Board now consists of :

- Mr Alvaro de ORLEANS-BORBON, Spain
- Robert CLIPSHAM, Canada
- LEE Jonghoon, Korea
- Robert HENDERSON, New Zealand
- Bengt-Eric FONSELL, Sweden, and
- Willi ARPAGAU, Switzerland.

## **New FAI Honorary Patron**

The General Conference appointed Mr Bertand PICCARD as Honorary Patron of FAI, in succession of late Jean Blériot. Mr. Piccard (SUI) was pilot-in-command of the first non-stop balloon flight around the world in 1999 with Brian Jones (GBR). He is the instigator of the « Solar Impulse » project to fly a solar-powered aircraft around the world.

## **Next FAI General Conferences**

6 to 11 October 2009, Incheon, Korea

5 to 10 October 2010, Dublin, Ireland