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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order at 9:00, 18 March 2016.

CIA President, Jean-Claude Weber, announced that he will not stand for President and this is the last plenary that he will chair. Welcomed Delegates and thanked Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work during the past year.

He introduced and welcomed:

- FAI President – John Grubbstrom
- FAI Executive Director – Gyllian Rayner
- FAI Sports and Marketing Director – Markus Haggenev

Thanks to FAI and Ricardo Aracil for organizing this Plenary.

Thanks to FAI Lausanne and Annick Hauser for her help.

Karl Stefan Birthday 100 years old

Thanks to all Bureau members for all their hard work throughout the year.

2 IN MEMORIAM

The Plenary Meeting then commenced with a moment of silence in respect of the recently departed members of the ballooning community.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Sanne Haarhuis (NED), Alex Nagorski (CAN), Claude Weber (LUX), Marina Posch-Kalousdian (BRA)

4 DELEGATES ROLL CALL

CIA OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES, SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS ATTENDANCE

CIA PRESIDENT			Jean-Claude WEBER (LUX)
CIA SECRETARY			Paolo OGGIONI (ITA)
FAI PRESIDENT			John Grubbstrom
FAI Executive Director			Gillian RAYNER
FAI Sport and Marketing Director			Markus HAGGENEY
COUNTRY	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE	Subcommittee/Working Group Members and Observers
AUSTRALIA (AUS)	IRELAND, Steve		Proxy from Chinese Taipei
AUSTRIA (AUT)	STÜRZLINGER, Gerald		HERNDL, Thomas FRAISL, Christoph
BELGIUM (BEL)	VAN GEYTE, Luc		DOBBELAERE, Marnix FOUACHE, Brigitte
BRAZIL (BRA)			
CANADA (CAN)	LOCKYER, Garry	GLEED, David	
CHINA (People's Republic of)		TONG, Li	Proxy from Thailand
CHINESE - TAIPEI			
CROATIA (CRO)	MIKLOUSIC, Tom		
CZECH REP (CZE)	SUCHY, Michael		Proxy from South Africa
DENMARK (DEN)	MUNDT, Christoffer		
EGYPT		FARGHAL, Ahmed	LABIB, Samir

FINLAND (FIN)	LINDHOLM, Max		Proxy from Philippines	
FRANCE (FRA)	BESNAINOU, Martine		PELARD, Benoit	
GERMANY (GER)	SCHNEIDER, Uwe		MEINL, Silvia Proxy from Slovenia	
HONG KONG		Andy Chau	Proxy from Saudi Arabia	
HUNGARY (HUN)	HIDAS, Sandor	VEGH, Sandor	Proxy from Ukraine	
ITALY (ITA)	OGGIONI, Paolo			
JAPAN (JPN)	ICHIYOSHI, Sabu	SOEJIMA, Hiropon	Proxy from Indonesia	
LATVIA (LAT)	GAILIS, Gints		STAMURS, Kasper	
LITHUANIA (LTU)	KAZLAUSKAS, Zydrunas			
LUXEMBOURG (LUX)	WEBER, Claude (day 2)			
NETHERLANDS (NED)	DE BRUIJN, Mathijs		PELLEGROM, Erwin	
POLAND	CZERNIAWSKI, Jerzy			
RUSSIA (URS)		MITYAGIN, Yury	Proxy from South Korea	
SLOVENIA				
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	BREZAN, Juraj			
SOUTH AFRICA, Rep. (RSA)				
SPAIN (ESP)	ARACIL, Ricardo			
SWEDEN (SWE)	ÅKERSTEDT, Hans	STENER, Bengt		
SWITZERLAND (SUI)	ANDRÉ, Marc		MAGNIN, Anne COLLAUD, Serge Proxy from Luxembourg	
TURKEY (TUR)				
UKRAINE (UKR)				
UK (GBR)	BAREFORD, David	MUIR, Lindsay	PURFIELD, Les	
USA (USA)	SULLIVAN, Mark	BAIRD, Andy	SULLIVAN, Maury BRADLEY, Troy Proxy from Mexico	
		Day one	Day Two	
			9:00 am	10:25 am
	Total Attendees	54		
Total CIA Members		34		
VOTE Count	Delegates Voting	23	24	24
	Alternates Voting	4	4	4
	Proxies	10	9	10
TOTAL VOTES		37	37	38
Absolute Majority		19	19	20
2/3 Majority		25	25	26

NOTE: Delegate from Turkey was unable to attend

Delegate from Luxembourg arrived Saturday so proxy no more valid on the 19th March 2016

FAI Members List of Voters – March 2016

Attachment 01

5 PROXIES

- Thailand proxy to China (07 March 2016)
- Saudi Arabia proxy to Hong Kong (07 March 2016)
- South Korea proxy to Russia (07 March 2016)

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| • Luxembourg | proxy to | Switzerland | (08 March 2016) |
| • South Africa | proxy to | Czech Rep | (10 March 2016) |
| • Chinese Taipei | proxy to | Australia | (11 March 2016) |
| • Slovenia | proxy to | Germany | (14 March 2016) |
| • Philippines | proxy to | Finland | (15 March 2016) |
| • Mexico | proxy to | USA | (18 March 2016) |
| • Ukraine | proxy to | Hungary | (19 March 2016) |
| • Indonesia | proxy to | Japan | (17 March 2016) |

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 AGENDA ORDER

The chair states that the agenda may be changed and adapted to the needs of the delegates to show their presentations.

Delegates were reminded that the agenda order would be established by the President (IR 3.6.1).

6.2 REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

Delegates were reminded of the procedures in respect of:

- Motions (IR 3.7)
- Rules of Debate (IR 3.8), delegates are encouraged to speak once on each topic.
- Items not on the agenda need 2/3's majority to be discussed but no decision may be made on these items

6.3 COUNTING COMMITTEE

Brigitte FOUACHE (BEL), Gyllian Rayner (FAI) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4)

Approved by the Plenary unanimously on a motion from the Chair

6.4 CIA POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Delegates were reminded of the CIA Policy Documents in force for the meeting.

6.5 NEW BUSINESS

Poland: *requests having two additional places for organizing countries in CAT1 events.*

CIA President– *this is not new business but needs a motion to be discussed and needs a 2/3'd majority to vote on.*

Egypt: *we would like to have a couple of minutes to announce a balloon event in Egypt*

6.6 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

The number of votes required to achieve an absolute majority was declared as 19

The number of votes required for a New Motion (2/3 majority) was declared as 24

The Chair announced the numbers for the absolute and two-thirds majorities and that these numbers will only change as a result of delegates arriving late or leaving early who formally notify the chair.

6.7 VOTING PROCEDURES

Described by CIA President as outlined in the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and CIA IRs.

New document from FAI for nomination of candidates for any position will be distributed and must be returned before lunch break on the 18th march.

6.8 FAI ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

Not applied during this meeting

6.9 FAI CODE OF ETHICS

Code applies to the CIA meeting. CIA members concerned should declare their respective conflict of interest to the FAI General Secretary.

6.10 DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

Coffee brakes will be served just outside the meeting room

Lunch to be served at Cala Millor Park only for the 18th March 2016

CIA President: *All costs to this meeting are financed by CIA, normally we have an organizer on site. In this case the plenary decided we did not need an organizer and to come to Mallorca (not in line with normal procedures).*

FAI President: *Commented on this issue. Due to the fact that the meeting was not sanctioned and that the CIA has sufficient funds the FAI did not and will not fund ASC meetings outside Lausanne.*

7 MINUTES OF THE 2015 PLENARY MEETING

No discussion

Minutes were approved as presented unanimously

7.1 POINTS FOR ACTION FROM 2015 PLENARY

The Chair stated that Subcommittee actions would be taken during the Subcommittee Reports.

'Points for Action' from 2015 Plenary Meeting

Attachment 02

8 CIA BUREAU ACTIONS**Appendix 01**

The Chair reported on the actions taken by the Bureau in the previous 12 months. The complete file includes the report as published in the Autumn CIA Newsletter and the Bureau Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Discussion:

Switzerland: Thank you for publishing.

Bureau decisions 2015-2016

Attachment 03

9 CIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES

Jean Claude Weber, CIA President reported on FAI activities and meetings.

CIA President: In the last few years we have witnessed a change in culture in the FAI communications and way of conducting meetings. There are a lot of difficulties in getting our ideas and points of view across to FAI. ASC meetings went very well. Our recommendations were not always taken up and we have not been that successful as we would have liked to see.

There has been a radical change of the Sporting code General Section. This is a major evolution and recommended to study the new SC GS.

Another issue that really concerned the ASC Presidents was upon the change of the sporting licence registration. These regulations create some problems as many NAC's do not register per time their Sporting License holders on the DB. We have had pilots with valid sporting licenses that were not registered. An amendment to the SC GS now does not require the registration anymore. The CIA President deems it is an error and has not received any reply from the CASI President. Discussion is ongoing.

10 REPORT ON THE FAI ACTIVITIES AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**Rotterdam, Netherlands, Sept 2015**

John Grubbstrom, FAI President presented and reported on the FAI activities and FAI General Conference with a very thorough presentation.

FAI President: *The Sporting License must be in the DB if there is something to be changed, corrected or updated it will be done. Emphasis to staying with the written rules was given to avoid law cases and heavy costs for the FAI.*

Spain: *Comment on marketing and communication and sponsors.*

FAI President: *FAI is expanding head office with a new Marketing Director.*

Next FAI General Conferences

14 – 15 October 2016, Bali

11 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Delegates were reminded that they should return the CIA ANNUAL STATISTICS questionnaire to the Secretary so that current information is available on ballooning around the world. Statistics did arrive very late and practically all in the last week before the Plenary instead of 60 days before.

CIA Annual Statistics questionnaire results: Was not possible to prepare in advance as the Delegates statistics, that should have arrived 60 days before the Plenary, were not delivered in time. The Secretary received 75% of the national statistics during the week before the Plenary and 15% of them the night before the Plenary.

COUNTRY	Statistics	Country Reports
ALBANIA		
ARGENTINA		
AUSTRALIA (AUS)	yes	yes
AUSTRIA (AUT)		verbal
BELARUS		
BELGIUM (BEL)	yes	yes
BRAZIL (BRA)		
CANADA (CAN)		yes
CHINA (People's Republic of)	yes	
CHINESE TAIPEI		
COLUMBIA		
CROATIA (CRO)		verbal
CZECH REP (CZE)	yes	verbal
DENMARK (DEN)	yes	
EGYPT		verbal
FINLAND	yes	
FORMER REPUBLIC OF MACDEDONIA		
FRANCE (FRA)	yes	
GERMANY (GER)	yes	verbal
GREECE		
HONG KONG, China		verbal
HUNGARY (HUN)	yes	yes
ICELAND		
INDIA		

IRELAND		
ITALY (ITA)	yes	
JAPAN (JPN)	yes	yes
KOREA		
LATVIA	yes	yes
LITHUANIA (LTU)	yes	yes
LUXEMBOURG (LUX)		
MALAYSIA		
MEXICO		
NETHERLANDS (NED)		verbal
NEW ZEALAND		
NORWAY		
PHILIPPINES		
POLAND	yes	yes
PORTUGAL		
ROMANIA		
RUSSIA (RUS)	yes	verbal
SERBIA		
SLOVAK REPUBLIC		verbal
SLOVENIA		
SOUTH AFRICA	yes	yes
SPAIN (ESP)		verbal
SWEDEN (SWE)	yes	
SWITZERLAND (SUI)	yes	yes
THAILAND		
TURKEY		
UKRAINE (UKR)		
UK (GBR)	yes	yes
USA (USA)		verbal
VENEZUELA		

12 REPORT OF THE JURY BOARD**Appendix 02**

Hans Åkerstedt reported on the work of the Jury Board. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Event Juries 2016

Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
3rd FAI European Hot Air Airship Championship	24-29 Feb	Jean Claude WEBER	S2	LUX	Pres., appointed 2015
Bad Wiessee, Germany		Jakob BURKHARD	S2	SUI	Appointed 2015
ED: Helmut Seitz		Luc van GEYTE	E3	BEL	Appointed 2015
CIA del.: Uwe Schneider					
office@airship-champions.eu					

Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
3rd FAI Junior World Hot Air BalloonCHAMPIONSHIP	28 June – 4 July	Thomas FINK	S4	GER	President
		Moniek vande VELDE	I3	BEL	Member

Marijampole, Lithuania ED: Eugenijas Komaskas CIA del.: Zydrunas Kazlauskas rimasrokas@gmail.com	Paolo OGGIONI	E4	ITA	Member
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Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
2nd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon CHAMPIONSHIP Birstonas, Lithuania ED: Garry Lockyer CIA del.: Zydrunas Kazlauskas zydriusk@gmail.com	5 – 10 July	Hans ÅKERSTEDT Hiromi FURUKAWA Eugenijus KOMAS	S4 E2 I4	SWE ITA LTU	President Member Member

Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
Luxembourg Balloon Trophy (Cat 1) Mersch, GD of Luxembourg ED: Claude Weber CIA del.: Claude Weber claudeweber@lbt.lu Contact: info@lbt.lu	21-24 July	Les PURFIELD Jean Claude WEBER Mike MEINL	S4 S4 E4	GBR LUX GER	President Member Member

Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
60th COUPE AÉRONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT Gladbeck, Germany ED: Stefan Handl CIA del.: Uwe Schneider Contact: Sebastian Eimers s.eimers@carmody.de	15-24 September	Risto JALAVA Jakob BURKHARD Johann FÜRSTNER	S3 S2 I3	FIN SUI AUT	President Member Member

Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon CHAMPIONSHIP Saga, Japan ED: Les Purfield CIA del.: Sabu Ichiyoshi Contact: Hiromori Soejima hiropon@air-b.com	30 Oct-7 Nov, 2015	Hans ÅKERSTEDT Lindsay MUIR Gren PUTLAND	S4 I2 E2	SWE GBR AUS	President Member Member

New Jurors 2016

Ilona Gizatulina, RUS	New Entry
Yury Mityagin, RUS	New Entry
Stephen Jones, GBR	New Entry

On a motion from the Chair the new entries were accepted unanimously

List of Jurors for 2016

Attachment 04

Key points discussed

- No discussion

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

CIA President: we have the most efficient and best jury system in FAI

After the coffee break the debate continues with a request from Poland to add the following motion to the agenda: requesting two additional places in CAT1 events for the organizing country.

No secret vote – 26 in favour (2/3 Majority is 24) the item was added to the agenda

13 REPORT OF THE OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE**Appendix 03**

Steve Ireland **reported** on the work of the Subcommittee. Detailed discussions and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Modification to the selection criteria for the event directors which added a complete ballooning CV and or any relevant information.

Question from the President: *when will we migrate the electronic notice boards to FAI server?*

SC Chair: *It is difficult to force event directors to migrate the ENB to FAI servers. Further talks with the New Technology Chair*

CIA President: What about the FAI Identity card?

SC Chair: *FAI identity card still exists but very little information.*

CIA President: *Sporting licence costs are very high in some countries and may not be available to officials so we could make the ID card available to these.*

Markus: *It is important that also officials abide by our rules with a sporting licence. Acknowledges that the cost of sporting licenses vary a lot across NACs. FAI will look into the possibility to issue FAI-ID-cards as an alternative for officials who do not have a SL. . It will be kept on the agenda so officials may have a sporting licence or a replacement like the ID.*

Hans Akerstedt: *Andrew Holly passed the Jury entry test and results were passed on to this SC because needed for the ED list.*

EDS Chair: *asked to add Markus Haggenev to the list of approved ED's. It was agreed to add him and put him in the status "suspended" because of his employment at FAI*

FAI President: *the Executive board is looking in to finding a solution to the issue of the costs of the Sporting Licences*

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Chief Observer list 2016

Attachment 05**14 REPORT OF THE EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE****Appendix 04**

Paolo Oggioni (ITA) reported on the work of the Event Development Service. Previously sanctioned events along with new sanction applications were reviewed. Event sanction applications will be handled later in the Plenary meeting. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Sanction fees should be invoiced not later than 15 days after the sanction is granted and invoice should be settled within 15 days (30 days may also be accepted) of receipt. EDS will work with the FAI offices to follow this procedure.

German Delegate: *There are no intention to bid? No, well I just said we have an intention to bid.*

EDS Chair: *We cannot accept a verbal Intention to bid.*

No discussion

On a motion from the Chair the EDS report was accepted unanimously**15 FAI ORGANIZERS AGREEMENT 2016**

The OA is long standing and ongoing project.

Markus Haggeney gave a report on the advancement of the new OA document. The Sanction Application will become an annex to Organizer Agreement.

CIA President: Question about the Annex and the Performance Bond

Markus Haggeney: The Annex will have the Sanction Application and Performance bond as it will be an ASC document.

16 COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT SUBTITLE ISSUE

CIA President: *The GB has the optional subtitle "FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship", in some cases some organizers has been using it as a Title and not Subtitle. FAI has questioned the title and subtitle. This event should stay as a CAT1 event, "Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett", and not a World Championship. The subtitle can be used for promotional purposes.*

Markus Haggeney: *In some countries the name "World Championship" is very essential to raise interest amongst the media, the authorities, the National Olympic Committees and even will expedite on visa-procedures.*

USA: *agrees with the Chair to not change the title of the GB. Changing the title would be a very bad move and we should keep the 110 year tradition and keep the name as is.*

CIA President: *recommends to leave the title as it is and as it has been determined by the 2011 motion.*

No other discussion

17 REPORT OF THE RECORDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 05

Lindsay Muir (GBR) reported on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

- Troy Bradley (USA) and Leonid Tyukhtyaev (RUS) transpacific gas balloon ratified at the moment as AA13 but should be also AA14 and AA15.
- Two record claims for 2015:
 1. Gregory Winker (USA) for an AX03 Duration 9 hours 26 minutes, No claim documents yet submitted.
 2. Ivan Menyaylo and Fedor Konyukhov (RUS) for an AX9 duration of 32 hours 12 minutes 47 seconds, no claim documents yet submitted.
- Proposal to change the general conditions of the awarding of badges – only rewording.

CIA badges were handed out.

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

18 REPORT OF THE SAFETY AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 06

Bengt Stener (SWE) reported on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

On a motion from the Chair the Safety and Education SC report was accepted unanimously

Motion: approve Safety Handbook 2016

Attachment 06

No discussion

Safety handbook was accepted unanimously

Motion: to update AXMER rule 3.3 with:

- All flight cylinders shall be carried inside the basket in the nominated balloon during the event.
- Propane hoses shall be at a minimum strapped to the burner support inside the basket.

Discussion:

NED: *Agree with the aim of this motion but we should not change the rules now or recommend to the AX to study a correct way of putting in the rules. Would the Safety SC reword the motion.*

CIA President: *Asked the Safety SC Chair if he was willing to discuss this and come back later with a decision. Safety SC Chair: accepted*

CRO: *The idea was to add immediately*

ITA: *If the Balloon has a valid airworthy certificate then this may be discriminating although Fully understand the safety issue.*

After private discussions:

GER: *Agree with the aim*

SUI: *We cannot discriminate a certified balloon*

CRO: *Safety first. As a sporting commission why can't we decide what is safe and what not like they do in Formula one cars.*

GBR: *Agree with the aim but I do not agree with the wording*

Safety SC Chair: *We have to enhance safety and certification is different from country to country and we would like to prevent a potential incident*

FAI President: *commented on the accident in WAG and another incident. I understand that the decision may affect pilots and for coming events.*

CAN: *Some concern also with inflation tanks with raw propane been venting out with public in CLP's*

ITA: *We must be careful of not starting to ban also fans that may be unsafe. I believe inflation tanks are pretty safe it is the pilot who should not vent raw propane on the CLP.*

3rd VP: *what is the penalty for carrying cylinders outside?*

AUT: *The wording on the definition of Out or in is not correct.*

End of discussion

The Motion failed

19	REPORT OF THE COMPETITORS SUBCOMMITTEE
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Appendix 07

Andy Baird (USA) reported on the work of the Competitors Subcommittee (CSC). Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee Report.

Discussion on the extra costs from Dubai:

FAI President: *the vast majority of the problems come from speeding tickets. One known problem from shipping costs.*

GER: *question was made to local organizer to look in to my extra costs and they checked that there was no fines. We challenged the LOC to look in to this but at the moment we do not have any answer. Now Germany has more than five handling costs as well.*

CSC SC Chair: *acknowledges what referred from GER and also he had extra charges that were not justified at all.*

SWI: *We also have problem with the customs for the shipping of the FAI loggers, documents were not handled correctly by Dubai customs.*

FAI President: *willing to help Lindsay Muir with collecting of data and handling the various issues.*

As decided by the Bureau and in the Bureau minutes Lindsay Muir has volunteered to collect information from the pilots in order to address to the proper offices (FAI or WAG Organizers etc)

On a motion from the Chair the Competitors SC report was accepted unanimously

Motion: To present a CIA Diploma to Mike Howard and Stephanie von Guillaume to recognize their extreme efforts in facilitating some incredible flights at the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015

The FAI President volunteered to look in to this and deliver a future WAG Diploma

20 NO-SHOW MOTION**attachment 07**

Motion 1 presented by the UK Delegate:

"The penalty as defined by 5.6.6.4 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code which was imposed on the Czech NAC and 2 Czech entrants following their withdrawal from the 2014 World Hot Air Balloon championship should be considered as having been served and the prohibition on the competitors and the NAC from competing in the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship should be removed with immediate effect."

A brief presentation was given by Lindsay Muir.

CIA President: *the motion will not be allowed on the floor as it is against the SC1*

GBR: *We are not asking to change the sporting code but to remove the penalty*

CIA President: *Yes but the penalty is in the Sporting code*

NED: *Favours the motion and stated that we are the law and can decide how to apply.*

CIA President: *If you do not like the rules do not brake them change them. We cannot brake our rules on a decision from this Plenary.*

POL: *I would like to support this motion but this motion is not fair at all it states only one nation, how can we write one nation and not take in consideration also other nations like Poland. There is something wrong in the motion.*

1st VP: *If you are not satisfied with the rule you can appeal. This was decide last year as there was no appeal to the jury decision. We have a procedure, follow the procedure.*

CRO: *we have no power to do something in the interest of the sport?*

CIA President: *We have procedures to change the sporting code, if you want to change follow the procedures*

GBR: *I am disappointed the motion is not going to be voted on. I apologize of not including other nations, but it does apply to all nations. We will have to propose a change of the SC1.*

NED: *Question to the FAI President. You explained to us how much lawyers cost to the FAI and this is a good example to save money by changing the rules.*

FAI President: *If you listened carefully this morning I asked you very severely to follow the procedures written in your books whether its the safety handbook, the organizer handbook, the Internal regulations, the By-Laws or your Sporting Code section. So it's when we start deviating from the rules that's when the lawyers start buying new cars.*

CZE: *disappointed that it is the first time after 30 years the Czech Republic will not be present in a World Championship.*

Motion 2: That section 5.6.6.1 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code should be modified as follows:

Existing wording: *"5.6.6.1 An entrant who fails to appear at an FAI World Air Games, World or Continental Regional Championship events is defined as an entrant who is absent at the time of the roll call of the General Briefing of the event, without giving valid reason of force majeure (see note) after the time limits stated in 5.6.2.2, and has not been replaced by another competitor from the same NAC. An absent entrant shall be qualified "No-Show" only by decision of the International Jury."*

Additional wording: *"The Jury shall consider waiving or reducing this penalty if at the start of the event:*

- *there are still places which have not been taken up by competitors and*
- *that the entrant(s) have notified the organiser at least 15 days before the General Briefing of their non-attendance."*

CIA President: *this motion is acceptable*

SUI: *How do you define the spaces available can someone else turn u and take the space?*

GBR: *it is not the scope of this motion which only considers a no show.*

1st VP: *I do not agree with the wording and would like to remove the 15 days and say before the time limits. Would suggest if there were places available 60 days before a world and 45 days before a continental then the penalty be reduced, not 15 days before. I suggest that you modify the motion.*

CIA President: *I do not favour the changing of the rules on the spot, it is always a very bad move. We might end up having a worse rule than what intended. Would you consider sending it to the proper WG to have it worded correctly and then approved by the bureau?*

GBR: *I will consider taking the motion but would like to have a discussion now.*

USA: *the timing should be to the end of the invitation process so that a pilot may be able to take up one of those available spots. If you postpone this may affect other competitions this year.*

CAN: *there are other events that received no show penalties. Maybe we are too harsh on the NAC's as it is the pilots decision to not show up. Maybe we should limit the no show penalty to one per country instead of two. I would then leave it to the NAC the sanction the individual as we as a sporting body do not need to sanction the individual.*

CIA President: *this motion is not tabled but the subject in the agenda item is tabled to next year.*

GBR: *The Sporting Code Section One WG will look in to this rule. Following the discussion the GBR Delegate considered to send to the appropriate WG.*

AUT: *what is the intention, table to next year or have a Bureau approval?*

CIA President: *It is tabled to next year.*

21	2016 WORLD AX CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATION PROCESS - MOTION	Attachment 08
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Motion 1: *The "Ranking Method" (5.4.6.2) used to determine the additional invitations to each eligible NAC for the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship shall be determined by using the results of the 2012 World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event.*

- This motion shall be effective immediately.
- The modification of Rule 5.4.6.2 shall only be effective for determining additional invitations to the 2016 World Hot Air Balloon Championship.

Motion not presentable

Motion 2: Rule 5.4.6.2 Ranking Method shall be modified as follows:

Original wording: *"The number of additional invitations to each eligible NAC shall be determined by the results of the previous similar event. Additional places will be allocated according to each NAC's ranking positions and in the same order as in the final results of this event."*

Additional wording: *"In exceptional circumstance and following a decision made by the delegates at the CIA Plenary meeting, the event used to determine the allocation of additional places may be changed from that normally dictated."*

CIA President: *We can discuss a Sporting code change and change the rule*

GBR: *If this passes could we apply here and now to the 2016 World Championship?*

CIA President: *Although I do not favour we can apply the change.*

Lindsay Muir gave a brief introduction to the motion with some statistics from the 2014 WC

ESP: *in case we add this wording will we consider also the World Ranking List?*

GBR: *this rule simply changes the additional places and will not change the order of the pilots that go in the WRL*

USA: *I agree Brazil was exceptional circumstances. My question would be what would be exceptional circumstances?*

GBR: *that is why I presented the statistics. You're right it is difficult to define what is exceptional. I don't think this will happen very often.*

AUT: *As the invitation process has started already I informed the pilots under the present rule so if you change the round two invitation for the WC 2016 I think it is a bit too late.*

GER: *this will be a substantial change to the invitation process for many nations. We had already decided in the past on this issue (march 2014) so we now would like to change the decision already made.*

SUI: *I have many doubts on the wording Exceptional circumstances. I am also very surprised having this discussion now two years after it was supposed to be done.*

GBR: *FAI stated that we should do our best to have events affordable to all pilots and brazil was not affordable.*

USA: *point of order: will this affect the WC2016?*

CIA President: *It might, as once adopted we will need to decide if this affects this year or future events*

End of discussion

The Motion failed

21.a MOTION FROM POLAND

Poland Motion: *requesting two additional places in CAT1 Events for the organizing country.*

POL: *Poland promotes this motion.*

CIA President: *it is a sporting code modification*

USA: *Seconds the motion. An organizer that knows they have a couple of extra slots for an event they may be to*

NED: *It may be easier to get sponsors and local media for an organizer. We already have five seats, now we are giving away seven, maybe we need further study for this within the correct SC's.*

SUI: *I have sympathy with this but I do not favour a change on the fly but remit to the appropriate SC*

USA (Baird): *This concept has some positive feature, I think it needs a little more study. We need also to know if the two extra slots will count towards the 10% calculation as well.*

GBR: *Why should an NAC go thru all the organization only for two extra place. They do not qualify.*

Markus Haggeney: *Also WAG gave away wild cards. I agree with the principal but it needs more thoughts*

POL: *if it goes to the SC and proposed next year will it have immediate effect?*

CIA President: *It will be decided during next year's Plenary.*

The Motion will be considered by the pertinent WG's and SC's and proposed at next years Plenary

22 REPORT OF THE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 08

Uwe Schneider (GER) reported on the work of the Rules Subcommittee. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in each Working Group Report.

AA/AM Working Group

Appendix 08a

Working Group report presented by Mark Sullivan (USA). See Working Group minutes for details.

SWE: *There were rumours of a completion handbook can you confirm?*

WG CHAIR: *Well it is only a two page document so we cannot call it a handbook so it was added to the back of our rule book. So any organizer who receives our rules will have the organizers guidelines to the organization of a GB.*

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously.

AX Working Group

Appendix 08b

Working Group report presented by Uwe Schneider (GER). See Working Group minutes for details.

Event Rules submitted.

- 22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Saga, Japan
- 2nd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Birstonas, Lithuania
- 3rd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Marjampole, Lithuania
- CAT1 - Luxembourg Balloon Trophy

Motion: To accept all rules above as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Details on rule changes can be found in the Working Group minutes.

Discussion:

SWE: *Rules that are in conflict with other rules and common sense. Modification of Rule 14.1 in conflict with common sense and with 14.6.1, with an accuracy of two decimal places there is no way you can calculate this accuracy for an angle with a GPS.*

Scoring WG Chair: *in the COH we have taken in account what said but has not been modified in the rules*

SWE: *It is not a mathematical problem but a fairness problem.*

WG Chair: *the Chair proposed to delete the wording "accuracy of decimal places" in rule 14.1 effective with the approval of the AXMER*

On a motion from the Chair the report was adopted unanimously.

Motion: That the AXMER are approved including the variation of the rule 14.1, as presented in the AX Rules WG Minutes.

Attachment 09

The motion was carried unanimously.

Scoring Working Group

Appendix 08c

Working Group report presented by Garry Lockyer (CAN). See Working Group minutes for details.

On a motion from the Chair the report was adopted unanimously.

Motion: That the Plenary adopt the Competitions Operations Handbook 2016 as updated and approved by the Scoring Working Group.

The motion was carried unanimously.

BA/BX Working Group

Appendix 08d

Working Group report presented. See Working Group minutes for details.

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously.

Motion: That the BXMER are approved as presented in the BX Rules WG Minutes.

Attachment 10

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously.

Statutes, Bylaws and Sporting Code Working Group

Appendix 08e

Working Group report presented by Mark Sullivan (USA)

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously

Motion: to accept the new SC1 Version 2016 that has been updated to bring in compliance with the new General Section version 2016 which includes a new Annex 6 Instruments and Procedures for Aerostat Records under the following process: to update and publish by May 1st 2016.

The motion was carried unanimously.

23	NEW TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE
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Appendix 09

Tabled to 19 March 2016

24	FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS
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20.1 FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)

Attachment 11

The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) reported on the commission meeting

20.2 FAI Environmental Commission

No report - FAI President gave a short verbal report
The CIA representative Steve Ireland (AUS)

20.3 Europe Air Sports

No report, we have no delegate

The European Balloon Federation has been called to represent Ballooning. The CIA has not been involved at all and no reply has been given to our many enquiries. Some concern about this situation so we do not know what is going on. On a recommendation from the CIA President the FAI should talk to the EAS to have representation.

ITA: a question to the EBF: you should represent all European Balloonists but only 7 out of 28 nations are represented. Who do you really represent?

GBR: The UK BBAC has two people there and represent us on training and maintenance.

20.4 CASI

See published CASI Meeting Minutes
Clarification of the sporting license issues.

Reports approved unanimously

Nominations for Commission representatives for 2016:

FAI Medico-Physiological Commission	David Bareford (GBR)
FAI Environmental Commission	Steve Ireland (AUS)
Europe Air Sports	
CIA Representative to CASI.	Jean Claude Weber (LUX)

Nominees elected unanimously

25 ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

No other nominations from the floor the following were elected as Chairs of the CIA Subcommittees for 2016 by acclamation:

SUBCOMMITTEE

Jury Board
Officials
Public and Media Relations
Records
Rules
Safety and Education
Event Development Services
Competitors
New Technology

CHAIRMAN

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Steve Ireland (AUS)
Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
Uwe Schneider (GER)
Bengt Stener (SWE)
Les Purfield (GBR)
Andy Baird (USA)
Claude Weber (LUX)

On a motion from the Chair the Subcommittee Chairs were approved unanimously

26 SANCTIONED EVENTS

26.1 UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY SANCTIONED EVENTS 2015

- 59th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett
No Discussion, no questions

- 19th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship
No Discussion, no questions
- 3rd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship
No Discussion, no questions
- Pre-World Hot Air Balloon Championship
No Discussion, no questions
- Coupe d'Europe de montgolfiers - Coupe de Monde de Dames
No Discussion, no questions
- FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015
No Discussion, no questions
- Canowindra International Balloon Challenge
No Discussion, no questions

CZE: *Where are the Jury reports?*

EDS SC Chair: *this is an extract from the Jury minutes that are on the cloud, not from the jury reports.*

1st VP: *The Jury Minutes are an extract from the Jury reports.*

CAN: *Comment on the 19th Europeans in Hungary, I think that the event had many positive aspects and not only bad things.*

EDS SC Chair: *Acknowledge that there were very positive aspects to the event as well. Having participated as I can confirm that hotel, food and other aspects were well sorted and the refuelling went very well and was conducted correctly, despite the cost.*

FRA: *the event director of the GB must communicate in English to the pilot and not all in German.*

ESP: *I understand we are doing a debriefing of the event now and I must say that as a competitor I was very happy with Dubai and I am sorry with all the problems with the transportation now. We will work with Lindsay and FAI and I will like to know how it is going on?*

EDS SC Chair: *We have already discussed this earlier. In the Bureau meeting Lindsay Muir had volunteered to contact all the pilots and collect all the information necessary to solve issues. Once all the data is collected she will forward to the proper body for solution (FAI or Local Organizer).*

SUI: *I very much appreciate receiving these reports but I would also like to have EDS technical Delegate reports where EDS was present at those events.*

EDS SC Chair: *It is very difficult to have reports from TD's as they do not always do their job and send them in. It is also very difficult to work with reluctant organizers who do not want the help of a TD. TD's do not always participate in those events so they collect the data from other sources. For example I was TD for the event in Drenthe and was able to collect a lot of data and give you an extensive report on the event thanks also to the interaction I had with the organizers although I was not present.*

NED: *Comment I made in the past if you read the jury report of the event in Debrecen it is very negative and then you talk with the competitors and everyone says it was Ok. I think you should standardize questions on every event and then you can have a comparison and then hand out to the pilots so that they can be collected by the event debriefing.*

CIA President: *If you have read all the documents you will have noticed that it is not all negative. During the debriefing all documents are follow the same standard and are all available.*

HUN: *I have the feeling that with Debrecen there are always problems. It seems again also from the extracts of the Jury minutes that it was always negative, but we now know that there were also positive things. I think a more equal commenting from the jury and jury president should be done.*

CAN: *I am not disputing anything that Jury reported I am just suggesting that the number of words stated there should be more extensive stating also improvements and positive aspects.*

26.2 REPORT ON SANCTIONED EVENTS

CATEGORY ONE 2016-2017

2 nd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship	
Places/Dates	Birstonas, Lithuania (05 July - 10 July 2016)
Type of event	AX – Category one

Sanction Fee		2.650 CHF	
Performance Bond		8.000 CHF	
Rules		Submitted and approved	
Event Director Garry Lockyer (CAN)		Deputy Director Robertas Komza (LTU)	Safety Officer Ramunas Stundzia (LTU)
Jury members		Hans Akerstedt , Hiromi Furukawa, Eugenijus Komaz	
Entry fee		300 euro	
Sanction Application OK	Organizer Agreement Signed	Sanction fee (Paid)	Performance Bond (Paid)

- Request from organizer to extend flying window – please confirm and explain – otherwise all proceeding well

EDS SC Chair: *the extension of the flying window will have to be approved by the Plenary.*

LTU: *We would like to extend the event and have two flights on the 5th. We just finished the first round of invitation with 36 pilots. Second round is starting now and all is proceeding well.*

CAN: *in the motion I prepared, we do not want to extend the event but rearrange the days in the middle to have 10 plus one slots instead of 7 plus one. We ask that you allow us to extend the slots.*

EDS SC Chair: *nothing against.*

SUI: *Registration was planned for the 4th and GB on the 5th now all is on the 4th, may we table until tomorrow so we can ask our competitors?*

EDS SC Chair: *there was no registration on the 5th so nothing really changes.*

Can: *We can table until tomorrow if this is in the benefit of the competitors.*

EDS SC Chair: *We will leave the motion as is, to change of the flying window as proposed by the organizer.*

Two abstentions

The motion was carried by majority.

EDS SC Chair: *We move to approve the Jury members and the Safety officer*

The Jury and Safety officer approved unanimously

3 rd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship		
Places/Dates	Marijampole, Lithuania (29 June - 04 July 2016)	
Type of event	AX – Category one	
Sanction Fee	2.150 CHF	
Performance Bond	8.000 CHF	
Rules	Submitted and approved	
Event Director Eugenijus Komaz (LIT)	Deputy Director Jaroslav Baran (SLK)	Safety Officer Ramunas Stundzia (LTU)
Jury members	Thomas Fink, Moniek Vande Velde, Paolo Oggioni	
Entry fee		

Sanction Application OK	Organizer Agreement Signed	Sanction fee (Paid)	Performance Bond (Paid)
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- No concern – all proceeding well

GBR: *concern if the pilots may have enough time to participate in both the events*

EDS SC Chair: *These dates were sanctioned already last year so we cannot change the dates*

USA (Baird): *The maximum number of competitors have not been reached will you invite extra competitors to fill the slots*

LTU: *I was told by the organizer that the invitation process has finished*

ESP: *how many pilots do you expect to have in the Junior and women's (40 and 48) what is it they we do these championship but no European, maybe you can tell us why we do this what is our mistake of not making it for the sponsors?*

EDS SC Chair: *we are not discussing this now as we are discussing the event. It is a very good discussion but will need to be addressed in the appropriate committee or time frame.*

EDS SC Chair: *We move to approve the Jury members and the Safety officer*

The Jury and Safety officer approved unanimously

22nd World Hot Air Balloon Championship			
Places/Dates		Saga, Japan (30 October -07 November 2016)	
Type of event		AX – Category one	
Sanction Fee		5.250 CHF	
Performance Bond		18.000 CHF	
Rules		Submitted and approved	
Event Director Les Purfield (GBR)		Deputy Director Hiromori Soejima (JAP)	Safety Officer Bengt Stener (SWE)
Jury members		Hans Akerstedt, Lindsay Muir, Gren Putland	
Entry fee		50.000 Yen	
Sanction Application OK	Organizer Agreement Signed	Sanction fee (to be Paid)	Performance Bond (to be Paid)

- Concerns about use of cylinders else all proceeding well

Short presentation of the event from the organizers.

EDS SC Chair: *We move to approve the Jury members and the Safety officer*

The Jury and Safety officer approved unanimously

3rd FAI European Hot Air Airship Championship, Kreuth - Germany	
Places/Dates	Kreuth, Germany (24 February - 29 February 2016)
Type of event	BX – Category one
Sanction Fee	1.500 CHF

Performance Bond		5.000 CHF	
Rules		Submitted and approved	
Event Director Helmut Seitz (GER)		Deputy Director Rainer Hasenclever (GER)	Safety Officer Harry Roland (GER)
Jury members		Jean Claude WEBER, Jakob BURKHARD, Luc van GEYTE	
Entry fee		840 Euro	
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee Paid	Performance Bond Paid

- all OK

GER: *Presented a short video of the event*

60 th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Gladbeck - Germany			
Places/Dates		Gladbeck, Germany (15 September - 24 September 2016)	
Type of event		AA – Category one	
Sanction Fee		1.500 CHF	
Performance Bond		7.000 CHF	
Rules		Submitted and approved	
Event Director Stefan Handl (GER)		Deputy Director Volker Loschhorn (GER)	Safety Officer Sabrina Handl (GER)
Jury members		Risto Jalava, Jakob Burkhard, Johann, Furstner	
Entry fee		750 Euro	
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee Paid	Performance Bond Paid 6.905,62

- all proceeding well – bank expenses

EDS SC Chair: *Rules not yet approved*

CAN: *we cannot see what costs your bank applies*

EDS SC Chair: *on a bank transfer you can choose to pay the expenses both for the originating bank and for the receiving bank.*

GER: *Made a short presentation*

EDS SC Chair: *we move to approve the Jury members and the safety officer*

The Jury and Safety officer approved unanimously

4th FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship	
Places/Dates	Leszno, Poland (05 September – 09 September 2017)
Type of event	AX – Category one

Sanction Fee		2.500 CHF	
Performance Bond		8.000 CHF	
Rules		To be Submitted	
Event Director Mathjis De Bruijn (NED)		Deputy Director Robertas Komza (LTU)	Safety Officer Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)
Jury members		2016	
Entry fee		200 euro	
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee Paid 08/04/2015	Performance Bond To be paid

- all proceeding well – possible change of ED (Moniek vande Velde) and DeD

POL: *This year will have a non sanctioned test event*

NED: *The event is well known and on a private basis I am gradually going to retire from ballooning. I think we should have a women director so we propose to change the director from me to Moniek vande Velde and I will be the Deputy Director in order to help her with the procedures. I would leave it as an announcement for now and we table the change to next year.*

EDS SC Chair: *I second the tabling to next year.*

End of day one at 18:52 on Friday 18th march 2016

Start of day two at 9:00 Saturday 19th March 2016**Presentation from the Swiss delegation organizers of the GB2017****Presentation from the Lithuanian Delegate for the FAI Junior and Women's World Championship 2016**

FAI President: Reminded all organizers the importance of having the FAI logo on all communication media, logo etc

New majority: 9 proxies 28 countries majority 19 2/3's 25 for the awards majority 15

26.3 SANCTION PROPOSALS: CAT1 EVENTS**FAI Category 1**

Luxembourg Balloon Trophy			
Places/Dates		Mersch, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (21 July- 24 July 2016)	
Type of event		AX– Category one	
Sanction Fee		1.750 CHF	
Deposit		5.000 CHF	
Rules		Submitted and approved	
Event Director Claude Weber (LUX)		Deputy Director TBA	Safety Officer Pascal Bourkel (LUX)
Jury members		Les Purfield, Jean Claude Weber, Mike Meinl	
Entry fee		750 euro	
Sanction Application OK	Organizer Agreement Signed	Sanction fee (to be Paid)	Performance Bond (to be paid)

NED: question about the amount of the entry fee and what included

LUX: explained what was included in the entry fee.

The event was approved unanimously

The jury and Safety officer were approved unanimously

Discussion over the 20th FAI European HABC 2017

EDS DC Chair: read the motivation behind the decision to not recommend the bids received for the Europeans 2017: "It was determined that the Plenary be advised that the Sanction Applications have been received although not submitted within the timelines in SC1 5.3.4.1. For this reason and also concerns about the Organizers' abilities to complete a successful event in the available time, EDS recommends that these applications not be presented for vote at this time."

CRO: I believe Croatia has the right to present the bid as it was in the agenda, in the interest of good sportsmanship and fair competition. I believe that under the SC1 5.3.4.1. "(omissis) ... unless these time limits are changed by the CIA under special circumstances ... (omissis)" I feel that in this moment we are not doing anything good and the delegate should be able to vote on the bid.

CIA President: We have already discussed this and your bid was late so we cannot accept your bid according to the rule 5.3.4.1. We may discuss but not vote because it is against the rules.

GBR (Bareford): *I fully support Croatia and its bid and I think the plenary or EDS should ask the organizer to review their bid and present it so that we can vote it under the special circumstances.*

ESP: *I agree with Croatia and UK, we should do anything to benefit the sport and the competitors.*

NED: *I understand we cannot go against the rules but I represent my country and my competitors that might not understand the books, they want to go and compete and I think there is a chance, I think the Plenary is the highest body to decide this.*

CIA President: *I have the impression most of you that spoke up right now favour that we break the rules. As I believe we are part of a civilized society there are rules that need to be respected, without rules a civilized society will no longer be in existence. If we can change the rules on fly just because we don't like them I do not see a future, I am afraid this is the wrong way to go. I am prepared to table this to after the voting of the CIA President role, so we can table it and the new President can handle it. I can move the agenda items as I wish.*

HUN: *After explaining the reasons why the bids are late proposed, if the Worlds 2018 is sanctioned to Hungary, they are willing to organize a test event in 2017 as a European Championship.*

23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship			
Places/Dates		Wloclawek, Poland (02 September - 05 September 2018)	
Type of event		AX– Category one	
Sanction Fee		5.200 CHF	
Deposit		18.000 CHF	
Rules		2018	
Event Director Eugenijus Komar (LTU)		Deputy Director TBA	Safety Officer TBA
Jury members		2018	
Entry fee		400 euro or 800 euro	
Sanction Application	Organizer Agreement To be Signed	Sanction fee (to be Paid)	Performance Bond (to be paid)
EDS has some concerns about a World Championship of only 4 days or 8 max flights – Need to change number of max entrants from 104 to 100+5 (suggestion) – no invitation process dates			

A presentation was given by the Polish Delegate

ESP: *why 400 and 800 euro?*

POL: *With observers 800 without observers 400*

23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship		
Places/Dates	Gros-Siegharts, Austria (18 August - 26 August 2018)	
Type of event	AX– Category one	
Sanction Fee	4.500 CHF	
Deposit	18.000 CHF	
Rules	2018	
Event Director Claude Weber (LUX)	Deputy Director Thomas Herndl (AUS)	Safety Officer Nikolaus Binder (AUS)
Jury members	2018	

Entry fee	400 euro		
SA See comments below	OA to be Signed received to be signed	Sanction fee (to be paid)	Performance Bond (to be paid)
Review wording of the invitation process - by rules As S1, 5.6.3			

A presentation was given by the Austrian organizer

CZE: *will the organizers change the equal number of competitors to 3 at first round?*

AUT: *We can move to 3 per NAC*

23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship			
Places/Dates		Debrecen, Hungary (09 July- 15 July 2018)	
Type of event		AX– Category one	
Sanction Fee		4.500 CHF	
Deposit		18.000 CHF	
Rules		2018	
Event Director Claude Weber (LUX)		Deputy Director TBA	Safety Officer Laszlo Meszaros (HUN)
Jury members		2018	
Entry fee		50 euro + propane	
SA See comments below	OA to be Signed received to be signed	Sanction fee (to be paid)	Performance Bond (to be paid)
Organizer would like to change number of entrants to 100+5 (sanction fee would then be 5.200)			

A presentation was given by the Hungarian organizer

HUN: *We will give a 150 euro discount on the amount of propane bought*

3rd VP: *Will the propane have to be paid in cash?*

HUN: *The answer is yes*

JPN: *The minimum number of participants in the first round will the organizer fulfill this obligation?*

CIA President: *The Sanction bid says 3 per NAC so if every delegate here present sends 3 the organizer must be prepared to accept more than 100+5 in the first round of invitation.*

New majority: 10 proxies 28 countries majority 20 2/3's 26 for the awards majority 15

The 23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2018 will be held in Austria

4th FAI Junior World Championship – Mondovì, Italy bid has been withdrawn

3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship	
Places/Dates	Naleczow, Poland (07 August - 11 August 2018)
Type of event	AX– Category one

Sanction Fee		2.050 CHF	
Deposit		8.000 CHF	
Rules		2018	
Event Director Eugenijus Komars (LTU)		Deputy Director TBA	Safety Officer TBA
Jury members		2018	
Entry fee		200 euro or 700 euro	
SA See comments below	OA to be Signed signed	Sanction fee (to be paid)	Performance Bond (to be paid)
Verify number of entrants at 40+1			

The 3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2018 will be held in Poland

The event will be a logger only event. The entry fee will be 200 euro's

27 CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN FOR PROPOSAL

- World and Continental Championships of the same sub-class, age and gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
- Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age and gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent, or in the same year as a World Championship in that sub-class.
- White background indicates open for bids, Green background are sanctioned events, orange background are bids, light blu background are intentions to bid
- Grey back ground indicates NOT open for bid in that year

			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hot Air Balloons (AX)	General	World	Japan - sanctioned		Poland – Bid Austria – Bid Hungary - Bid		OPEN
		Continental		OPEN		OPEN	
	Women's	World	Lithuania - sanctioned		Poland -Bid		OPEN
		Continental		Poland - sanctioned		OPEN	
	Junior	World	Lithuania - sanctioned		ITA – intention Withdrawn		OPEN
		Continental		OPEN		OPEN	
Gas Balloons (AA)	General	World					
		Continental					
	Women's	World					
		Continental					
	Junior	World					
		Continental					
	Gordon Bennett		Germany – sanctioned	Switzerland – Bid			
Hot Air Airships (BX)	General	World					
		Continental	Germany – sanctioned				
	Women's	World					
		Continental					
	Junior	World					
		Continental					

27.1 Bids Received (vote in 2017)

No bids received

27.2 Intention to Bid

No Intention to bid have been received this year

23 NEW TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE**Appendix 09**

Tabled from 18 March 2016

Claude Weber (LUX) reported on the work of the Competitors Subcommittee (CSC). Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee Report.

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion: NTSC moves that at least 75% of the logger project profit to be re-invest for replacing the loggers in about 5-7 years from now and for other new technology projects

The motion was carried unanimously

28 CIA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

Requests for financial support:

- 16th International Youth Camp 2016 - Balleroy – France
- Youth Camp 2016 - USA

A brief presentation was done by both the proposing committee's

*On a motion from the Chair to finance with 2.500 Swiss Francs for both Youth Camps was carried unanimously
The subsidy to be paid only after having received a full report of the events.*

29 CIA FINANCIAL REPORTS

The CIA President reported that the last version of the figures had been received from FAI Head Office shortly before the Plenary. The preliminary (raw) figures have been made available in the cloud for delegates to download and review these. The CIA Financial Statement and the CIA 2016/2017 Budget will have to be done by the next President and approved by the Bureau and will be published asap. The financial situation is very positive at the moment with a balance of 143.355 Swiss francs.

On a motion from the Chair the Financial Report as presented was approved unanimously

CIA Inventory

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30 AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS

On a motion from the Chair to award the Diploma this year was carried unanimously

31.1 Best Performance – Gas Balloons: Troy Bradley (USA)/Leonid Tiukhtyaev (RUS) **Attachment 13**

The Montgolfier Diploma Best Performance – Gas Balloons was awarded unanimously

31.2 Best Performance – Hot Air Balloons: There were no nominations

31.3 Best Performance – Rozière Balloons: There were no nominations

31.4 Contribution to the Sport:

- **Ruth Wilson (AUS)**
 - CV
- **Ales Kubicek (CZE)**
 - CV
- **Mathijs DeBruijn (NED)**
 - CV

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The Montgolfier Diploma Contribution to the Sport was awarded to Mathijs DeBruijn (NED)

31 AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

There were no nominations

32 NOMINATIONS FOR FAI AWARDS

1. Prince Alvaro de Orleans Borbon Fund for Technical Advances
2. FAI Silver Medal
3. BREITLING Youngster Award

No Nominations

33 CIA HALL OF FAME
Appendix 10
1. CIA HALL of FAME

The SC Chair gave a brief report

Hans Åkerstedt and Alex Nagorski have been working to revise and update all the info on the web site.

The CIA's Hall of Fame website is still operational and can be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.fai.org/cia-our-sport/hall-of-fame>.

The AAIBM Hall of Fame website: <http://www.balloonmuseum.com/fai-ballooning-commission.aspx>

2. 2016 Inductees

- Troy Bradley (USA), Living
- Isaburo Yamada (JPN),

3. 2016 Nominations

- No nominations

4. Selection Committee members

CIA Selection Committee's members proposal to the Plenary for the election of the CIA 3 members for 2016/20175:

- Hans Akerstedt, member
- Martine Besnainou, member
- Sabu Ichiyoshi, member

The Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Selection Committee members will be:

- Mick Murphy, member
- Jacques Soukup, member
- Marilee Nason, member

The Plenary unanimously approved the proposed members of the Selection Committee.

The CIA President is an ex-officio member and chairman of the Selection Committee.

34 ELECTION OF CIA OFFICERS

a. President

There were 4 candidates for the position.

David Bareford (GBR)

Garry Lockyer (CAN)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Mark Sullivan (USA) was elected President.

1st VP: *as you all know Jean Claude Weber has been President for the last 18 years and a lot has been developed. I may ask Mark Sullivan as your first act to give Jean Claude a little present.*

On a motion from the new President to nominate Jean Claude Weber Honorary President of the CIA Ballooning Commission the Plenary voted unanimously

FAI President: *Consigned the CIA President PIN to the new President*

b. 1st Vice President

There was 1 candidate for the position:

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) was elected by acclamation

It was decided to vote for the 2nd and 3rd Vice President separately

c. 2nd Vice President

There were 4 candidates for the position:

Uwe Schneider (GER) was elected

Ricardo Aracil (ESP)

Martine Besnainou (FRA)

Garry Lockyer (CAN)

d. 3rd Vice President

There were 2 candidates for the position:

Ricardo Aracil (ESP) was elected

Garry Lockyer (CAN)

e. Secretary

There was 1 candidate for the position

Paolo Oggioni (ITA) was elected by acclamation.

35 ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Note: The Chairs of the Subcommittees are listed here for information only, they were elected under minute 25.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Records subcommittee

Chairman: Lindsay Muir (GBR)
 Members: Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
 Troy Bradley (USA)
 Don Cameron (GBR)
 Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN)
 Rich Jaworski (USA)

Officials subcommittee

Chairman: Steve Ireland (AUS)
 Members: Martine Besnainou (FRA)
 Hiromi Furukawa (JPN)
 Hiromori Soejima (JPN)

WORKING GROUPS

Sanne Haarhuis (NED)
Li Tong (CHN)

Public & Media Relations subcommittee

Chairman: Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Members: Jan Suchy (CZE)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Event Development Service subcommittee

Chairman: Les Purfield (GBR)
Members: Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
Sabrina Handl (GER)
Christian Kalousdian (BRA)
Martine Besnainou (FRA)
Maury Sullivan (USA)
Tom Miklousic (CRO)
Andy Baird (USA)

Safety & Education subcommittee

Chairman: Bengt Stener (SWE)
Members: Rudy Paenen (BEL)
Felicity Clegg (USA)
Andy Chau (HKG)
David Gleed (CAN)
Michael Suchy (CZE)
Tom Miklousic (CRO)

Jury Board subcommittee

Chairman: Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Members: Les Purfield (GBR)
Jean Claude Weber (LUX)
Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Sandor Hidas (HUN)

New Technology subcommittee

Chairman: Claude Weber (LUX)
Members: Marc André (SUI)
Steve Ireland (AUS)
Lukas André (SUI)
Bengt Stener (SWE)
Erwin Pellegrom (NED)

Competitors subcommittee

Chairman: Andy Baird (USA)
Members: Maury Sullivan (USA)
Sabrina Handl (GER)
Uwe Schneider (GER)
Tadas Gegevcicius (LTU)
Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Sam Parks (USA)
David Strasman (GER)
Silvia Meini (GER)
Markus Kalousdian (BRA)
Tom Miklousic (CRO)

World ranking list keepers

Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
Uwe Schneider (GER)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Rules subcommittee

Chairman: Uwe Schneider (GER)
 Members: Maury Sullivan (USA)
 Luc Van Geyte (BEL)
 Jean Claude Weber (LUX)
 Marc André (SUI)

AA/AM working group

Chairman Mark Sullivan (USA)
 Members Luc van Geyte (BEL)
 Martine Besnainou (FRA)
 Troy Bradley (USA)
 Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT)
 Benoit Pelard (FRA)

AX working group

Chairman Uwe Schneider (GER)
 Mathijs de Bruijn (NED)
 David Bareford (GBR)
 Maury Sullivan (USA)
 Claude Weber (LUX)

BA/BX working group

Chairman Luc Van Geyte (BEL)
 Oscar Lindstrom (SWE)
 Frank Schaer (GER)
 Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)
 Patrick Kearly (GBR)

Statutes, by-laws & sporting code working group

Chairman Jean Claude Weber (LUX)
 Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
 Lindsay Muir (GBR)
 Mark Sullivan (USA)
 Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
 Les Purfield (UK)

Scoring working group

Co-Chair Marc André (SUI)
 Co-Chair Erwin Pellegrom (NED)
 David Bareford (GBR)
 Steve Ireland (AUS)
 Aline Kalousdian (BRA)
 Bengt Stener (SWE)

Awards Working Group

Chairman Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
 Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
 Mark Sullivan (USA)
 Lindsay Muir (GBR)
 Alex Nagorski (CAN)

Subcommittee and Working Group Members approved unanimously

36 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Egypt – Gave a presentation of a ballooning event in Egypt

37 NEXT MEETING

The 2017 CIA Conference meeting dates are:

SC and WG - March 15 – 16, 2017
 Plenary - March 17 – 18, 2017

Motion: to move out of Lausanne for the 2017 CIA Meeting.

Motion Carried by absolute majority

Bid received from Hong Kong

No other bid from the floor

ESP: *Everybody knows that I always wanted to go out of Lausanne as I told every time Mallorca can always be a plan B because I have very good contacts but Mallorca is never a plan A that is why I am not putting anything here as I am not against anyone who is meditating to organize something so we are ready as plan B or if there is no plan. It is only that you understand which is the philosophy of thinking of our plan.*

Chair: *We have a plan A so we stick with our plan A*

Motion: to move have the Plenary 2017 to Hong Kong

Motion Carried 36 in favour

38 NEW BUSINESS

39 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Jean Claude Weber: addressed the Plenary with a few words of farewell.

Mark Sullivan: *Thank you all of you for your support, I promise to do my best.*

Tabled discussion on 20th FAI European HABC 2017

The new President takes chair for this tabled point in agenda.

Chair: First order of business is to pull this motion off the table or not.

No objection the motion is on the floor

Secretary: *I would just like to give headlights on how EDS came to this conclusion. We received two bids one from Croatia and one from Hungary. The bid from Croatia arrived 56 days before this plenary and the bid from Hungary 5 days before the Plenary. The only reason why the bid from Croatia was on the agenda is because the Plenary agenda was published 45 days before the Plenary. Both of the bids were incomplete, there was not Director, no Deputy Director, no information on how they were going to run the event, etc. During the EDS meeting we asked both bidders to go back and do their homework in one day, and they did. They came up with an event Director and they completed the major part of the Sanction Application with the needed information to run the event. EDS then had to decide what to do, we read and reread the paragraph in the SC1 and we decided that EDS is not the CIA as stated in the Sporting Code so we could not say we are not going to present these bids but we could only give a recommendation to not break our rules and therefore not accept the late bids. It is now the Plenary to decide if they want to go against the Sporting Code because the CIA is the Plenary. I would like to invite all delegates to go and read the two bids before making any decision. In fairness we probably can only discuss one of the two bids as it was the only one in the agenda.*

Chair: Thank you Paolo. I think everyone appreciates your following the rules.

Secretary: *It was a EDS decision not only mine and a very difficult decision on which we debated a lot with different opinions.*

Chair: maybe we should have a vote that this is under exceptional circumstances and then discuss the two bids.

JC Weber: The German bid as well for the BX World Championship so three events

Secretary: *Also the German Intention to bid is late and it is a verbal intention stated earlier during this Plenary so maybe we should table it next year as it was not in the agenda.*

Les Purfield: *Regarding this rule you are taking out of context the statement. It is all one rule the 5.3.4.1 it is a two year process and it is not retrospective. It allows the CIA to decide, in the absence of a bid two calendar years before the event, to open the bid process and allow a bid one year before, but must be decided by the Plenary two years before and it is not retrospective now. The idea of that is that, if you open the process to bid in time, it allows other NAC's to do that. As I said before we are getting into a race to the bottom to who can deliver a bid at the shortest notice at the least price, and I think it is diluting the sport and we should not be doing it. Back to the status, it is all one rule and should not be taken out of context.*

NED: *I fully appreciate what you say, but there is no bid and therefore the consequence is that there will be no Championship. I heard my pilots and they want a championship and i heard the floor and many think the same*

way. I would like to go home and tell my pilots we are going to compete somewhere instead of not competing because the paper work was not done correctly. If there is no bid it is legitimate to use this rule to have a chance to bid on it.

CAN: I do not want to make this more complicated than it needs to be, but I think we need to understand the rules first. Looking at one, the duties and powers of the bureau, it says the Bureau shall have the authority to discuss on any matter arising between CIA Plenary meetings which need urgent response. My question becomes is the sanctioning of an event reserved to the Plenary or can in fact the bureau make a decision?

Secretary: My interpretation to that is the CIA is the Plenary in the absence of the Plenary the Bureau takes the decision. The Bureau decide from the end of this Plenary to the beginning of the next Plenary.

CAN: the wording says "not explicitly reserved" that suggests there are a set of decisions that are explicitly reserved for the Plenary and I'm not sure if we understand what those rules are.

Chair: It is reasonable to accept a motion from the floor to accept these bids. The bureau is empowered to sanction an event as it has done in the past.

Secretary: I think we should first decide if we are going to accept a bid, going against the SC1, and then discuss the two bids.

FRA: I don't understand why we can only accept one because both of them were late.

Secretary: the reason is because the Hungarian bid is not on the agenda. Different procedures.

JPN: I believe the Sporting Code is written to allow the organizer to have enough time to organize the event, I am not blaming Croatia or Hungary because they are late but the timing less than two or three years before is not enough. If we have a bad event we will lose credibility in the future so, as Japan, I don't want to have an event which is against our rules because that will allow other organizers to break the rules.

LUX: these rules were not made simply to make rules but there was thinking behind them so I agree with Japan. Why 60 days before the Plenary, because people need to be informed on what they are going to vote on. Many countries actually go back and ask their pilots, even during the Plenary, when there are changes and we shouldn't change last minute even having now complete bids last minute. I think this is dangerous, if we do this once we will probably do this every year and then we will have bids one year before the event and then last minutes all the time. I think these rules have certain sense and reason to be there.

ESP: I think we have a very big responsibility, I have never had so many pilots from Spain waiting for this. We want to compete, we want to fly, we do not want to wait three or four years for the next European Championship. We want to compete, it is the first sentence that we have, we want to fly we want to compete. Even with three years I am not able to organize an event like in Saga we are talking about the best maybe if they have the will I will support them. It doesn't matter which rules we have, if it is against it is against but at least we need to have the chance to vote.

HUN: I fully understand and agree what Japan and Luxembourg said that we need time to organize a big event, but I would like to remind you that last year in Debrecen we organized a European Championship with 99 balloons, it means that the infrastructure and a lot of things are ready. I think that in this case the time doesn't play an important role. We are ready, we could organize this European championship this summer.

USA: I have two hats EDS and CSC. We have three situations we have three different bids that we are talking about each one has not made the deadline. It is a bit dangerous to start comparing them, which is the latest, which one is the earliest, I think if you are going to compare these bids you need to look at which one is the most favourable, the most complete, or which one has then biggest chance of success. It would be foolish to eliminate one or two just because they are more or less late. Have a look at the EDS recommendation and decide if the bid is not sufficiently strong and does not stand a chance of success. It's a two step process; if you decide to consider late bids and then the real decision to be made on the strength of those bids.

ITA: Also the Italian competitors want to have an event there is no doubt about that but they also want to have a guarantee the event will be run correctly. As EDS member I do not understand those delegates who want to accept late bids as, in the past years, you have requested that all documents be online at least 60 days before the plenary, so that your competitors have sufficient time to view them and make a decision of which one is the voice. No document has been changed since I have been on EDS from 60 days before the Plenary to the start of the Plenary. As a matter of fact all changes that were requested this year from the organizers or from EDS have been presented today, to the Plenary, for approval, because your competitors and you have the right to read those documents for 60 days so that your competitors give you authorization to vote on one or the other bid. Once the document has been approved by you any change will have to be a bureau decision.

FAI President: I shouldn't interfere in your business but I am also a balloonist. Now we are talking about European Championship 2017, many pilots have already planned there time next year. These are your rules and you wrote these rules, so if you do not like them you can change them but please do not break your rules.

CRO: My intention was last year I told I was going to it but they are not in minutes.

Secretary: yes a verbal intention to bid, some as the German verbal intention. We need a written intention to bid

CRO: I know, so after my intention to bid I was working to come to the point where I am. I 'm a sportsman in my heart in my soul, I am not afraid to stand here and asking you to support my bid. My bid was in the minutes (agenda) and theirs not and I think we need 2/3rd majority and I want you to hear both of us but we will remain friends if not.

CZE: *I have a feeling that there is hesitation about those bids before we break the rules. Why EDS doesn't inform us why are they nervous about these events?*

Secretary: *We are not nervous and I want to repeat myself, we want these events Event Development Service is not Event Destroy Service, we want the events, we were almost ready to recommend the plenary to vote on these events but unfortunately we cannot do that, we have rules, and we have to decide by the rules and write our minutes based on the rules. Now, first of all we need to decide if we want to go against our rules then we can discuss the bids. As an Italian Delegate I have to favour a competition, as EDS I have to stick to the rules else you will blame me for not respecting them.*

Chair: *I think Paolo is right, as a Plenary we can decide to pull the rules so I am going to call the vote right now we are going to do a secret ballot to open this up and look at these bids.*

EDS SC Chair: *I would just like to address the question from the Czech Republic as EDS, I think the answer to your question is in the minutes but I will add just a little bit more; in EDS we had a discussion whether to even mention these two bids as part of the EDS report and I think we all felt strongly that it was not EDS authority to deny the Plenary to know about these bids, it was not in our authority to deny competitors about these bids. I think it would have been wrong to let everybody go home with no European Championship and then find out later that there were two bids that had not been presented. That's on the plus side. Our concern was that two days before the Plenary the sanction applications were not complete, there was not even enough information on the SA to consider the application. Concern n.2 was that we have a very very short time frame in order to have the event in 2017 and a test event in 2016 and therefore there is not enough time to produce a category one level event.*

End of discussions

The Chair called the motion to have a secret ballot if you think we should open this up to review these bids you vote YES, if you vote NO the matter is closed.

The Motion: **YES** to open the bidding process and start the discussion on the bids.

NO, we do not accept the late bids

Chair: *We will need a two thirds majority for a yes vote*

The motion failed 23 to 14

Chair: *I am not even sure we should have done this vote but I have been pulled in. Maybe I made my first mistake but I think we had a clear message from the delegates that they wanted to discuss this issue and I am not sorry that we did.*

Following thanks to the Conference organisers, and wishes for a safe trip home, the Chairman closed the meeting at **16:32** on Saturday, 19th March 2016.

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