



FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

As most of the recent years FAI Aeromodelling Commission is again, this reporting period, very active on the competitions stage, with a great number of FAI sanctioned events both for first and second category. It is important to emphasize the 1st World Drone Racing Championship which was organized in Shenzhen, China. One more activity was successfully added to CIAM Portfolio. This was the first event which was conducted having in mind modern sport presentation techniques and also the first event in aeromodelling with money prizes.

The CIAM is able to support the scheduled activities with a balanced budget as we are normally used to do and this can be seen by reviewing the annual CIAM budget.

During 2018, there were numerous well-attended and successful World and Continental championships, in many of the active classes.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events conducted in 2018

Last year CIAM had organized 14 World or Continental Championships and close to 380 category 2 events which include World Cups and Open International events. All the events were successfully organized and well attended.

FAI Model Aircraft Category 1 and 2 events planned for 2019

The running year on the CIAM calendar, we have 13 Category 1 events for most of the aeromodelling and space modeling classes we are practicing, and near to 380 Category 2 events. Although 2018 was very successful for Drone Sports and the plans for 2019 were quite promising, the decision of the organizer of the 1st WDRC not to host the event as agreed in Shenzhen for this year and the delay to announce the alternative proposal for the 2nd edition changed a lot the scheduled activities from CIAM side and caused a lot of hesitation to the potential organizers of the Master Series events. It is good that this unfortunate situation did not affect the Challenger Series which are going on with the same number of participants as last year.

Everybody understands that with such a big number of sanctioned events, what finally the number of participants will be and how big the number of volunteers involved, is. On behalf of CIAM I would like to thank everybody who is contributing to this effort.

Activities

In April, our Plenary Meeting was organized in Lausanne and 38 countries were present with more than 100 delegates or observers. Those numbers clearly show that NAC's are really interested for aeromodelling/space modelling/drones and support CIAM Bureau efforts. We also had two Bureau Meetings (December 2018 in Ankara and April 2019 in Lausanne) and a lot of job was performed by the various Sub-Committees.

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During the Plenary Meeting we continued to organize the Open Forum session where this year we discussed about IT Solutions which are under development for CIAM so to be used for this year and replace a lot of paper work currently consuming a lot of time not only from the office but for the NACs and the Bureau.

2. Positive and negative results:

CIAM participation to the execution of the Drone Racing World Championship proved to be a very positive experience. However the Live Broadcasting of the event together with the Prize Money offered, added a lot of unexpected frustration to the competitors and the officials in order to run the event following the very limited time offered by the broadcasting company. But this kind of experience will be an asset for similar future events.

3. Main problem(s) encountered and solutions adopted :

Transportation of models still remains a problem affecting the participation in competitions and Increase the cost. The cost of organizing the events is also a key element that needs to be reconsidered very soon. It is also essential to spread our events all over the world.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

- Effort to implement technological solutions to the flow of our well established classes so to increase the visibility of the competitors efforts and make the events more attractive for the spectators.
- Software used in competition approval process.

5. Proposals (if any) to FAI Executive Board, FAI Head Office or for the next General Conference :

CIAM as mentioned on our report last year was and still is in favor of the One FAI project as defined during the workshop in August 2018. However the outcome of the WG which was appointed by the EB is not yet visible and this is something that the EB has to consider very seriously for next year. The recent announcements from FAI President regarding the current financial situation are an additional factor that makes mandatory to think all together for a different way of managing the Federation.

6. Free reporting:

Ending this report, I would like to thank FAI President, EB Directors and Airports Commissions Presidents for the cooperation we had during the period. Also I would like to thank all CIAM Bureau members for their devotion and finally my thanks to the FAI staff for their support.