



## **Air Sport General Commission**

### **Report on Activities since the last General Conference – Rhodes**

The Air Sport General Commission has comprised the 10 elected NAC's of Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA plus the representatives of the Air Sport Commissions.

The Air Sport General Commission Bureau has comprised:

Henk Meertens	President,	Australia
Sandy Pimenoff	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	CIAM
Graeme Windsor	Vice President	IPC
John Aldridge	Vice President	CIVL
Jean-Francois Schwarz	Vice President	France
Gillian Winter	Secretary	France

### **Appeals against Jury decisions World Parachute Championships Stupino**

The Commission received appeals from Russia against jury decisions made at the World Parachute Championships held in Stupino, Russia. The Commission appointed an International Appeals Tribunal comprising Eiliff Ness as Chairman, Screcko Medvin and Jean-Charles Portier. The International Appeals Tribunal received all relevant documentation and information. A hearing was held in Lausanne on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at which the appeals were further expanded by the representative of Russia with all jury members present. Following the deliberations by the jury all the appeals were rejected.

### **World Air Games General Rules**

The World Air Games General Rules were amended in accordance with the resolutions of the Air Sport General Commission meeting in Rhodes and have been circulated. The forthcoming meeting of the Air Sport General Commission will be asked to adopt the changes.

### **Working Group Paragraph 5 of General Rules of the World Air Games**

A working Group was constituted to deal with the wording of Paragraph 5 of the General Rules of the World Air Games. The final wording of the paragraph has been circulated and approved by vote. The forthcoming meeting of the Air Sport General Commission will be asked to adopt the approved wording of Paragraph 5.

### **FAI Anti Doping Rules and Procedures version 2.0**

The FAI Anti Doping Rules and Procedures version 2.0 have been prepared to be consistent with the latest version of WADA rules. The forthcoming meeting of the Commission will be asked to adopt the changes.

### **Modification General Section of the Sporting Code Rule 5.2.23**

A request has been received from the Ballooning Commission for modification of the General Section of the Sporting Code to change the definition of unsporting behaviour in Rule 5.2.23 with regard to violation of air space. This matter will be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Commission.

**Working Group UK proposals on amendments to the General Section of the Sporting Code.**

A Working Group was established to advise and make recommendations on changes proposed by the UK to the General Section of the Sporting Code. It is regrettable and frustrating that I have to report that for the second year in a row, the Working Group made no progress on this important matter.

**Attendance at Commission Presidents Meeting**

Regrettably I was unable to attend the Commission Presidents meeting held in Lausanne during the year. Whilst I was able to allocate the time for travel and attendance at the meetings which in my case amounts to about a week, I have no outside financial assistance for such activities and would have to personally finance the travel and accommodation necessary. Being based in Australia this is substantial. I considered it unreasonable to be personally liable for the expense and thus had to tender my apologies.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission members will need to determine whether in the circumstances it is appropriate for me to stand again for the role of President of the Commission.

Unlike the other Sport Commissions, The Air Sport General Commission does not appear to have access to any funds to be able to independently fulfil its obligations. This is a matter the Commission may wish to address.

**Support from FAI Secretariat**

I wish to acknowledge the considerable support & cooperation the Commission has received from the FAI Secretariat throughout the year.

Henk Meertens

President FAI Air Sport General Commission