



AGENDA ITEM 4

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CIVA

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The Year's Activities

2004 has been a busy year for CIVA officers, sub-committee members, and your various elected officials. Three FAI aerobatic championships were held this year:



- VI. Advanced World Aerobatic Championships; Ljungbyhed, Sweden
XIV. European Aerobatic Championships; Kaunas, Lithuania
VII. European Glider Aerobatic Championships; Moravska-Trebova, Czech Republic***

Reports from the various Jury Presidents, Chief Judges, and Contest Directors are included with the Agenda Packages. I want to pay special tribute to Jury Chairmen Karl Berger and Jiri Koblirle; Chief Judges John Gaillard, Pavol Kavka, and Helmut Stas; and Contest Directors L-G Arvidsson, Algimantas Zentelis, and Pavol Kavka for their excellent work. Organizing, running, and supervising championships is a difficult task and our sport owes all of these men a debt of gratitude as well as the huge number of volunteers who make these events possible.

Pavol Kavka's work is particularly noteworthy this year --- as it was in 2003 --- as he served as the Chief Judge of the EAC and the Contest Director of the EGAC. The same could be said of our Boards of Judges as some of them also worked more than one event.



All three of our Championships were safely conducted and completed the necessary flights to name World and European Champions in the various disciplines. A total of **160** pilots flew in these three World or European Championships. This is an increase from 147 pilots last year.

Our new Champions are as follows. My congratulations to all for their skills and fine airmanship!

Advanced World Aerobatic Champion

Glen Dell (South Africa)



European Aerobatic Champion

Mikhail Mamistov (Russia)

European Glider Aerobatic Champion

Jerzy Makula (Poland)





CIVA Sanction Fees Account

Liz Cook, CIVA Vice President of Finance, will report later in the Agenda on the CIVA Sanction Fees accounts including results for 2004 year-to-date and projections for 2005.

In 2002, CIVA voted to approve stipends for International Jury members as well as the Judges at World Championships. In 2004, there was only one World Championships (AWAC). However, the Bureau of CIVA took the decision to pay all 9 of the Judges, the Chief Judge, and their Assistants since they were all chosen to serve. This cost our accounts some \$12,500.

With two World Championships scheduled in 2005 (WGAC and WAC), it is obvious these expenses cannot be sustained. We do expect some agreement with FAI soon on the WPGA Sanction Fees, which have not been paid in some time, and the large number of competitors turning out for these events is also a huge benefit to our accounts.

In view of our need to conserve funds, I believe we should return to our program of selecting a maximum of seven FAI International Judges for the stipend and will recommend this to the Bureau for the 2005 contest season. Judge applications for the two world events next year will be sent to me and judges selected by the Bureau, as we did in 2004. Continental Championships judges are not required to do this, though their applications must be reviewed by the Bureau.

As a matter of note, I personally did not accept the \$500 stipend this year as Jury President at AWAC. As your President, my travel expenses are paid by CIVA and they were unusually high this year so I could not accept the stipend in good conscience. Instead, I took the decision to pay the second Assistant Chief Judge at AWAC. Fortunately, my travel to Spain will be much less expensive as I am using special company incentive passes provided by my employer and managed to find a cheap ticket on Iberia from Amsterdam to Madrid.

Corps of Judges

As most Delegates know, the Judges who serve at our various Championships are not a part of national teams. We changed Sporting Code, Section 6, to reflect this FAI rule back in 2000. Judges always serve as international officials and should not wear any national emblems, team uniforms, or parade with national teams during opening or closing ceremonies. This policy was carefully observed by the judges at AWAC who understood their role there.



Last year, we took a step further down the road to complete "internationalization" of our Board of Judges. CIVA approved the following new policy at our meeting in 2003:

Judges who wish to serve at World and Continental Championships must send their entry forms directly to the President of CIVA. These forms will be reviewed by the Judging Sub-Committee and the Bureau of CIVA. Judge qualification and currency will be checked. "FAI Judges" who are to be paid the stipend will be selected by the Bureau from these applications. Organizers will be advised of the composition of the Board of Judges as soon as possible.

CIVA received applications, screen, and selects all Judges for World Championships. Judges are international officials and it is CIVA's responsibility to take whatever steps it must to insure objective and fair competitions. I think the system is working very well.

The new JPI system has much promise --- as outlined in other reports in your Agenda Packages. It can now be used, in my view, to help in the judge selection process. I look forward to working closer with the Boards of Judges at WAC and WGAC next year. By putting them in direct touch with CIVA, we are forging even closer working relationships than in years past when the judges were segregated with their teams.

It will also continue to be my recommendation to organizers that judges and Jury members be housed in separate hotels than competitors.

The Matter of the Aerobatic Catalogue

It has been many months since we have heard from the attorney of the Aresti family. Earlier this year, we learned that the family had changed law firms. Other than an initial contact with new demands, nothing further has been heard.

I would request that CIVA approve the following. This was originally approved by CIVA in 2003 but I would seek your renewal of this authorization:

That the Bureau of CIVA be authorized to continue its work with FAI in resolving the matter of the aerobatic catalogue and to lend its support to the execution of an agreement with the Aresti family.

Unknown Appendixes in the Regulations

In my report as President of the International Jury for AWAC, I cited the protests that we received from various teams on the figures chosen by other teams for the



Unknowns. Of course, it is a common and well known tactic to try to hurt your competition to gain advantage and this is all of a part of the competitions we enjoy.

It is obvious to me, however, that we have reached a critical juncture in the Advanced category -- where we now have seen the most growth in competition aerobatics. Above all, we don't want to break anything --- we need to preserve and grow this important category.

It is critical now because of the potential we have in the Unknowns to chase away older, classic aerobatic airplanes like the CAPs and Zlins --- especially in view of the fact that on 1 January 2005, a new batch of aircraft types will come "on line" in Advanced. With teams equipped with these more powerful, newer aircraft and eager to smash the competition with Unknown figures, it is not hard to see Advanced moving toward a "mini-Unlimited" with all the shrinkage we have seen in that category over the past ten years. We must be sure there is a place in Advanced for all the twenty countries which participated in AWAC this year.

I am very proud of this category. It came to fruition after I had been President of CIVA for nine years --- a very long wait. I enjoy these competitions for their more relaxed atmosphere and friendliness. They bring great credit to FAI and CIVA and help fulfill our mission of expanding aerobatic competition among as many nations as we can. It is important that we do the right thing.

Please carefully consider the issues here and be prepared to discuss them in Madrid. As always, it will be interesting.

The CIVA Website

One of our most important tools for communication and the dissemination of our rules is the CIVA website. Since last year, under the direction of Thierry Montigneaux at FAI headquarters, it has undergone some cosmetic and operational improvements.


It is now possible for me to "weblog" from anywhere I can find a computer. The news items you see on the homepage are generated on the FAI website and posted immediately. I gain access to the system with a user name and password. It is also possible to embed links in the text. Unfortunately, the capability to include images directly is not available yet.

In addition to the weblogging capability, Christine Rousson at FAI is working on compiling all of the past results of FAI Aerobatic Championships into Excel spreadsheets. The results of past aerobatic competitions are incomplete or missing on our website. I hope to help Christine and Thierry with this over the winter. I have many of the contest results on disk in my office, sometimes on older, obsolete




computers I still have. But the results are digital only back to about 1994. Previous to that, they have to be entered manually.

Here is a sample page from the website of the “Championships Results” section:



International Air Sport Competitions
Fédération Aéronautique Internationale



20th FAI World Aerobatic Championships

Event classification:
1st Category Event

Type of Event:
World Championship

Place:
Muret (France)

Dates:
07/08/2000 - 19/08/2000

Individual Results

Overall Winners [\[Full Results \]](#)

Position	Pilot	Aircraft
1	Eric Vazeille (France)	CAP 232
2	Mikhail Mamistov (Russia)	Su-31
3	Eddy Dussau (France)	CAP 232

Men's Winners [\[Full Results \]](#)

Position	Pilot	Aircraft
1	Eric Vazeille (France)	CAP 232
2	Mikhail Mamistov (Russia)	Su-31
3	Eddy Dussau (France)	CAP 232

Women's Winners [\[Full Results \]](#)

Position	Pilot	Aircraft
1	Catherine Maunoury (France)	CAP 232
2	Elena Klimovitch (Russia)	Su-31
3	Svetlana Fedorenko (Russia)	Su-31

Aircraft Types used at the championship:

Manufacturer	Model	Nb of aircraft
Mudrv	CAP 232	3

Links:

- [FAI Events Site](#)
- [FAI Aerobatic Commission's Home Page](#)
- [FAI World Grand Prix of Aviation](#)
- [FAI Home Page](#)
- [Other Aerobatic Web Sites](#)

Calendar of FAI Competitions :

Select the discipline :

Meet our Air Sport Champions :

The pilot names in blue indicate a link to this pilot's competition record. This is very helpful and interesting. You can also click on “Full Results” for everything on that



contest. However, our database is incomplete and the website does not display all of even recent competitions. This needs to be fixed.

More work is also needed in the “Awards” section. We need more photos and lists of winners. I have a spreadsheet which lists winners back to 1960 which is largely complete, though some holes remain to be filled. Gradually, I hope we will have all results available back to the very first WAC held in Bratislava in 1960.

CIVA Archives

Madelyne Delcroix and Hans Vogtmann have been very good about donating photos or other material relating to FAI Championships to me for the CIVA archives. It is a wonderful, interesting project as I have long had an interest in aerobatic history. If you have anything from past Championships you would like to donate, be sure to contact me. I even have my car park pass from WAC 1986 in England! As minor as some of these things seem, they are all a part of FAI and CIVA history and should be preserved.





As an example, look at the photos above of WAC 1978 in Czechoslovakia, recently given to me by Hans Vogtmann on CD. He has scanned hundreds of old photos.

Please contact me with any materials you may have.

A New Look at FAI and the Commissions

Last year, FAI announced at our meeting that new logos were being prepared for FAI and its Commissions. The ones we displayed at last year's meeting were ultimately rejected by the FAI General Conference in Krakow and the process was opened up for further input.

I submitted some logo ideas to FAI that incorporated my view that its logo should retain its traditional elements of the eagle and the globe. While my logo was not adopted, these elements from the old logo were kept. The new FAI logo appears below:



New FAI Logo



Proposed CIVA Logo

FAI asked for comments on the Commission design prior to our meeting in Madrid. My comments were that the stylized aircraft needed some work in order to appear more "aerobatic". In addition, the letters "CIVA" must somehow be preserved as everyone in the aerobatic community will always know us by that abbreviation --- and it harkens back to the days when the French language was the official language of FAI. I do not wish to lose it and the alternatives are not acceptable. I look forward to your views on the matter as well.



Logos and “branding” can sometimes seem unimportant and new proposals result in countless hours of discussion and controversy --- this has certainly been true with this issue. But it is important that our organizations project a good image and this is publicly reflected in our logo. Incidentally, a new FAI flag is also under consideration. The proposed designs are too numerous to present here.

Nominations and Elections

As usual, we have a fine number of candidates running for various CIVA positions this year and I thank all of the Delegates who submitted nominations. I can tell you it is a great honor to be elected and I am extremely thankful for the trust you have placed in me in the past.

I must mention, however, that it is imperative when someone accepts nomination, they be willing to serve and attend all scheduled meetings. Sub-Committees in particular carry out much of CIVA’s important work. The Rules and Judging Sub-Committees review all rules proposals for powered aerobatics which greatly affect our sport. The Judging Sub-Committee has taken on new responsibilities in reviewing judge applications for World Championships. The Glider Aerobatics Sub-Committee has been doing very good work for years on both rules and sequences. But Sub-Committee members must “show up for work”.

Next year, a Rules and Judging Sub-Committee meeting will be scheduled in July in Burgos, Spain, just prior to the WAC. I am also certain that the Glider Sub-Committee will meet in Russia during the WGAC. If you are elected to one or more of these committees, you must be prepared and willing to attend the meetings. Otherwise, my recommendation is the nomination be declined. These are not “honorary” positions.

As an example, six members of the Rules and Judging Sub-Committees did not attend our meeting in Ljungbyhed, Sweden. This must not become common practice. I appreciate all of the problems with travel, especially for those members who live thousands of miles away. Some have expressed regret to me personally for not being there. I understand the difficulty. But CIVA must expect full participation in these meetings and it is sometimes difficult to understand when someone does not show up who lives a relatively short distance away – at least for those of us who fly thousands of miles to attend. I ask for your cooperation. If you are nominated for a Sub-Committee and do not plan to be in Spain or Russia next year, it is best to decline.

It should also be added that Officers of CIVA have even more responsibilities than Sub-Committee members. They are really “on call” throughout the year. I frequently consult with the Bureau on all sorts of issues. We need Officers with aerobatic experience but who are also good communicators, have business experience, and will always remember they are international officials as well.



World Grand Prix of Aerobatics

Delegates have previously been advised by e-mail of the Bureau's selection of Judges for the WPGA event in Al Ain, UAE at the end of January 2005. John Gaillard will have a report on the WPGA plans for 2005 at our meeting.



John Gaillard	Chief Judge, RSA
L-G Arvidsson	SWE
Greg Dungan	USA
Quintin Hawthorne	RSA
Graham Hill	GBR

Pavol Kavka	SVK (First Reserve)
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Osmo Jalovaara, Third Vice President of CIVA (FIN), will be our Jury chairman on the contest site.

I was particularly pleased that Jean-Louis Monnet has agreed to pay a \$500.00 stipend to all Judges and Jury members as we do at other World Championships. My thanks to Jean-Louis.

FAI has also asked us to participate in the Centenary celebrations next year. The WPGA will likely be our best vehicle for this. Jean-Louis Monnet plans a leg of the Grand Prix in Lausanne next year, perhaps in August. More information will be provided as we receive it.

Regulations for the WPGA events can be found at the following link:

<http://www.haute-voltige.com/inter/regulations/fwgp.htm>

I look forward to seeing you all in Madrid.

MRH
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