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To: Mr. President, all delegates and alternates of FAI/CIA Ballooning Commission

From: Michael Suchý, delegate, Czech Republic

Subject: Ballooning in the Czech Republic 2011 – delegate´s report

Sporting events: Czech National Championship – 12 participants, 17 tasks flown. Smaller weekend competition events appeared again.

Balloon meetings: 15 local balloon meetings, mostly smaller, 1 of them under sanction of the CBF – Czech Nationals.

Accidents: 1 accident with 3 injured due to fast wind at landing, 1 incident.

News at Federation: New Commercial section and Education section founded at the Czech Balloon Federation.

Figures: Ballooning on increase. 155 active pilots, 25 new under the training, approx 160 CofA balloons (increased number again), new competitors, young pilots, interest moves to larger sizes – commercial/passenger business grows rapidly. Thousands of passengers experienced balloon flight in 2011, increased number of total balloon flight hours in a country. Decreased price of ride tickets. Many Czech pilots flying in the Alps this winter.

Production: Czech balloon manufacturer Kubicek Balloons reached in total 73 pieces of balloons delivered into 19 world countries in 2011.

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