



**FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG)
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The continual uncertainty over the next World Air Games has caused difficulties in respect to the Commission's events and in particular encouraging bids for the ensuing World Championship. We had to defer the World Championship programmed for 2011. Steps need to be taken to ensure that Air Sport Commissions are fully appraised well in advance to avoid situations like this re-occurring.

The Commission reviewed and put in place a revision of its Sporting Code. This had not been carried out for 10 years. Within this the Commission set up Proficiency Diplomas allowing and encouraging both the experienced and the inexperienced to improve their standards.

Similarly we have finalised the Rules for the on-line competition. Discussions are taking place with a benefactor who it is hoped will underwrite the cost of an annual trophy together with associated expenses.

The Commission do not feel that they should go to the Executive Board to ask for funds however small they might be. The world is in financial crisis. The view is taken that we must "cut our coat according to our cloth".

At the last General Conference the Commission discovered, at the CASI Meeting, that CIMA had put forward proposals to remove from the Commission certain rotorcraft, particularly autogyros. The Commission reviewed this approach at its February Meeting being of the unanimous view that they were not prepared to relinquish part of their portfolio. It was the "thin edge of a wedge". Subsequently the Commission took steps to prepare tasks for all forms of autogyros and gyroplanes to participate in closely aligned events to the Commission's existing rules for Championships, encouraging the incorporation of them into the World Championships and lesser Category 2 Events. These proposals will be submitted for approval to the Commission at its meeting in March 2012.

Expansion is never the easiest. One country that participated many years ago has re-joined with great enthusiasm with participation in a Category 2 Event. Discussions are in progress with two other countries where there are great hopes of success.

NACs nominate Delegates to the Commission. However when letters are sent to these Delegates and their NACs it is rare for a response ever to be received. It seems pointless to nominate Delegates who do not, it appears, have any interest or experience. In a case where the Delegate does nothing, there are competitors who want to compete and cannot because the NAC is not addressing the situation. This cannot be right either for FAI, the NAC or the Commission. This is a subject which the Executive Board may wish to address with Commission Presidents.

We welcome Jean-Marc Badan as the new Secretary-General acknowledging how much help he has given in the past. We wish him, every success for the future taking this opportunity of thanking all our colleagues in Lausanne for their kindness, consideration and expert help.

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