



REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROMODELLING (CIAM) FOR 2009-2010

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Aeromodelling activity continues at a high level, even if the economic situation has had a damper on activities in most countries. The year under review has seen high levels of administrative, technical, and competitive activity. For most of the competitive classes, there is activity on each of the continents, and activity levels are increasing, with more countries participating than ever before.

The FAI aeromodelling commission supervises a full spectrum of model flying activities, with 12 fully-functioning sub-committees. Our education sub-committee is the only non-competitive activity and Gerhard Woebeking is in touch with Michiel Kastelijn. We have called in the services of Mady Delcroix to help with the increasing administrative workload. The agendas for our Plenary meetings are increasing and the associated volume is putting strain on our voluntary resources. The CIAM is looking at rationalization of our Sporting Code, to reduce the size.

It is with disappointment that we have had to accept that there will not be a WAG in 2011, simply because it was not economically viable. The CIAM hopes that suitable candidates will be accepting offers in the near future, since we have a tailor-made product to offer the media, public, and athletes. We look forward to participation in the World Games in Chile.

During the 2010 season, there were several well-attended and successful world and continental championships, in a variety of classes.

FAI Model Aircraft World Championships 2010

Free Flight for Juniors – Romania

Free Flight Indoor – Serbia

Control Line for Juniors and Seniors – Hungary

Radio Control Gliders for Juniors and Seniors (hand tow) - France

Scale Model Aircraft – Poland

Radio Control Electric Gliders and Pylon Racing – USA

Space Models for Juniors and Seniors – Serbia

FAI Model Aircraft Continental Championships 2010

Free Flight – Turkey

Gliders with automatic steering for Juniors and Seniors – Romania

Radio Control Aerobatics – Austria

Radio Control Aerobatics - Philippines

Radio Control multi-task Gliders – Czech Republic

Radio Control Helicopters – Romania

FAI Model Aircraft World Cup Events 2009

Free Flight

Control Line

Electrics

Radio Control Gliders

Radio Control Aerobatics

Space Models

On the technical front, important developments continue in the use of electrically-powered model aircraft. Active measures are being taken to limit emissions of internal-combustion engines, and to limit the noise footprint. The use of 2.4GHz for radio control transmissions has greatly improved the organisation and running of our championships. This equipment is now interference-free and allows for the use of multiple R/C sets in operation at one time.

My thanks to my fellow Commission Presidents for the cooperation during the period under review.

Bob Skinner, Bonaero Park, October 2010