



COMMISSION REPORT – FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 2010

The uncertainty over the next World Air Games has caused difficulties in respect to the Commission's future events.

As part of our expansion the Commission agreed to the design and setting up of 'on-line' challenge competitions. This will allow crews to challenge each other across the world on single tasks to be competed for in the same 24 hour period. This will encourage crews who cannot, for any reason compete either at a World or a National Championship. These will be single one-to-one challenges and will be ongoing.

The final rules, points and format for competing will be completed during the forthcoming Autumn and ready to be launched in January 2011.

Interest has been noted from countries who do not at present participate in our major events.

A major revision of Section 9 – Rotorcraft Records is currently taking place. The Commission will consider this at the next meeting.

We have a new volunteer Web Master who will take up her duties very shortly.

At our February Plenary Meeting the Commission awarded the FAI Rotorcraft Gold Medal to Guenter Zimmer of Germany. Tragically on 8th August 2010 he was killed whilst participating in an Open Championship.

He is sorely missed by his fellow competing crews and the World Helicopter Family. Our deepest condolences to his wife Iryna, a competing helicopter pilot, and his son Alexander.

We extended a warm welcome Stéphane Desprez, the new Secretary-General, during our Plenary Meeting and are looking forward to working with him.

The Commission decided to appoint two Secretaries to reduce the work load. In this respect I welcome David Monks (UK) to the Bureau.

The Commission takes pride with the input given by every member of the Bureau. Again I take the opportunity of thanking our 1st Vice President Konrad Geissler, our 2nd Vice President Irina Grushina and our Chairman of the Rules Committee Wolfgang Perplies.

I have pleasure expressing my personal gratitude, and that of my Commission, to the Secretary-General and all his Staff who work so hard on our behalf.

David Hamilton
Commission President