



## **REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL AEROMODELLING (CIAM) FOR 2008-2009**

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It certainly appears as if aeromodelling activity has increased on all levels, despite economic hardship. The year under review has seen high levels of administrative, technical, and competitive activity.

The aeromodelling commission caters for a full spectrum of activities, with 12 fully-functioning sub-committees. Our education sub-committee is the only non-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. It is hoped that Spacemodelling will soon be practiced with regularity also on the African continent.

The WAG in June 2009 was a resounding success for the aeromodelling disciplines, in spite of some organisational shortcomings. The CIAM management knows that the aeromodelling events created better awareness of the FAI in the eyes of the public, and fellow airports persons who attended. The CIAM is ready to improve and modify the existing classes to be even more spectacular, for spectators, media, and the athletes.

During 2008-2009, there were numerous well-attended and successful world and continental championships, in a variety of classes.

### **FAI Model Aircraft World Championships 2009**

Free Flight – Croatia  
Gliders with automatic steering for Juniors and Seniors – Germany  
Radio Control Aerobatics – Portugal  
Radio Control multi-task Gliders – Czech Republic  
Radio Control Helicopters – United States of America  
Radio Control Pylon Racing - Germany

### **FAI Model Aircraft Continental Championships 2009**

Free Flight for Juniors and Seniors – Romania  
Free Flight Indoor – Serbia  
Control Line for Juniors and Seniors (only two classes) – Serbia  
Radio Control Gliders for Juniors and Seniors (hand tow) - Poland  
Scale Model Aircraft – Norway  
Radio Control Electric Gliders and Pylon Racing – Romania  
Space Models for Juniors and Seniors - Serbia

### **FAI Model Aircraft World Cup Events 2009**

Free Flight  
Control Line  
Electrics  
Radio Control Gliders  
Radio Control Aerobatics  
Space Models

On the technical front, there has been significant strides in the use of electrically-powered model aircraft, which operate without damage to the environment. Steps have been taken to limit the 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. My grateful thanks to the Secretary General and the FAI staff for their valued support.

*Bob Skinner, Alberton, September 2009*