

AGENDA ITEM 12.1a

REPORT OF THE CONTEST DIRECTOR

Proposals for New Grand Prix Events

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What solution do I propose? To be a cheap and performant platform of communication for CIVA and its members. It is something similar to what I already proposed unsuccessfully under the label "Challengers".

- ▶ Each CIVA member country could propose the organisation of a FAI GP contest with up to a maximum of 8 solo pilots (minimum 4): their national champions and, why not, a couple of foreigners.
- ▶ This contest could be part of any air show selected by the CIVA representative in this country. High profile air shows (including military) will have no problem in having a slot of 45 minutes occupied by an official FAI Unlimited aerobatic competition.
- ▶ The cost is lower than a national championship, although I guess the pilots will ask to be paid the average price of an air show pilot. But let's keep in mind that sponsors will come more easily if we have more events in different countries.
- ▶ We will maintain the programme to 4-minute Freestyle with music, especially that CIVA championships seem to have a problem with the 4-minute final free.

Therefore, the FAI GP would still be a complement to the CIVA championships, not a competitor.

With all these events in a year, we could select top pilots for the Grand Final that could be held near the end of every year at Motegi or another country where we could find an organiser as we do now (paying for all expenses, including aircraft freight and import of international pilots).

Well, this is the basic frame I have in mind. It could be easily achieved, it just requires a very small effort from national teams. The number of events and international coordination will be our strength.

President's Note: This proposal was originally received on 13 September 2006 from Jean-Louis Monnet in an e-mail addressed to the CIVA WGPA Working Group. No action was taken as it appears some members of the Working Group did not receive it. It is re-



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introduced at our 2007 Plenary Meeting for your consideration. The text above is an excerpt from the original e-mail.