

FPV RACING & SIMILAR ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Report activities from April to November 2016

The April 2016 CIAM Plenary Meeting has unanimously approved effective 15 April 2016 the F3U class (RC Multi-rotor FPV Racing) as provisional and the establishment of a permanent subcommittee for this class named FPV Racing and similar activities S/C.

NAC's and CIAM Delegates have been contacted just after the Plenary Meeting in order to nominate a FPV Racing technical expert. 33 countries have nominated a technical expert.

According to the CIAM general rules, the members of the S/C have been selected from this technical experts list. The S/C includes 21 members (including the Chairman) from 4 continents (Asia, North America, Oceania and Europe).

In order to facilitate exchanges between the S/C members, a project 'CIAM FPV Racing' has been opened in Basecamp which is the collaborative tool used by FAI. Most of the discussions have covered F3U rules changes and race timing system.

An information letter dated 8 July 2016 has been sent to all S/C members by the S/C Chairman.

2016 F3U World Cup

April 2016 CIAM Plenary Meeting has adopted introduction of a FPV Racing World Cup (F3U class) effective for 2016.

10 events organised by 8 different countries were considered for the World Cup.

One has been cancelled and two others have not been considered for the World Cup results considering the participants were from one or two countries.

This first edition has been very successful with 229 participants from 17 countries placed for the World Cup. For more details, see the specific report.

A web page dedicated to the F3U World Cup (<http://www.fai.org/world-cups/f3u-fpv-racing>) has been published beginning of July on the FAI website and updated as necessary. This webpage includes the complete results and the report.

FAI and CIAM communication

A webpage 'FPV Racing - An attractive new air sport' (<http://www.fai.org/ciam-our-sport/fpv-racing>) has been published mid June on the FAI website.

Different news relative to drone has been published on the FAI website:

- 19 April CIAM news on decision taken at the 2016 CIAM Plenary Meeting to adopt rules for FPV racing and to launch a World Cup.
- 7 June CIAM news on the Memorandum of Agreement signed between FAI and EASA for promotion of radio control drone flying (FPV racing).
- 22 June FAI news relative to the FAI common strategy for drones.
- 10 October FAI news to announce for 2017 a 1st FAI International Conference and Expo on drones focused on sports, innovation and safety.
- 16 October FAI news to publish the FAI and Europe Air sports (EAS) response to EASA Prototype Rules for Unmanned Aircraft.
- 28 November FAI news to announce creation of a FAI Working Group on matters related to drones, comprised of members of the FAI Executive Board, CIAM Bureau and other senior FAI officials.

Common FAI strategy for drones

Based on replies to the survey "On the way to define a FAI Strategy for Drones" launched 18 May, the common FAI strategy for drones has been accepted mid June by the FAI Executive Board.

S/C members have been requested to propose actions in application of the guidelines of the strategy. No contributions have been received on the subject.

Conclusion

I want to thank you the S/C members who have contributed to the S/C tasks and to the exchanges on Basecamp.

My thanks also to those who are committed for a successful World Cup in a short delay (events organisers, officials and helpers) and to those who develop for drone racing video or race timing systems, or event management tools.

Finally, thank you to the FAI Head Office and Executive Board for their strong support to promote drone racing.

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