

CIAM SC Education

Technical Meeting April 16th, 2010

Dave Brown (USA), Martin Dilly (New Zealand), Kevin Dodd (Australia), Philipp Kolb (Germany), Paolo Panfilo (Italy), Serdar Sualp (Turkey), Gerhard Wöbbeking (Germany, Chairman). Mike Colling's (Great Britain) and Capt. Joe Dimble's (Ireland) flights were cancelled due to the current volcanic ash problem.

I. Questionnaire 2010

25 CIAM delegates replied February 2010 to the questionnaire with 29 questions regarding their national regulations. Almost 700 data were compiled within one first document, basis for further considerations within the Sub-committee. Main points:

- (I) Insurances differ widely in prices and conditions. One tool to keep the costs low seems to be an excess, up to which any claim is either rejected or covered by the NAC.
- (II) Most countries follow the FAI definition of model aircraft limiting the weight to 25 kg. Some already avoid any mix-up with UAV. On the other hand Kevin Dodd reported that the MAAA in Australia in May consider if they should take over the responsibility to regulate non-commercial UAV activities. Dave Brown recommended defining aeromodelling as "Visual Flight Rules"-traffic, helping to avoid restrictions especially in flight height.
- (III) Model flying regarded as a sport seems to be helpful to become recognized by authorities.
- (IV) In most countries self developed regulations prevent from disputes because of the noise in the vicinity of flying sites. Examples show that flying in fair distance to civil airports and in nature reserves is possible.
- (V) Most NAC of the sample introduced a proficiency scheme, some long time ago with good experiences.
- (VI) Almost all responding organisations established a dialogue with the authorities in charge of air space and civil aviation safety. Most were more or less satisfied with the regulations established.

II. Experts for Scholarships

By December the Sporting Code first time demands a Selection Group of world-wide Education Experts. To avoid any tendency of bias as an outcome of the applications, an even bigger group is to be recruited during the summer and autumn. The S/C is asked to identify these people.

III. Simple Models to attract children

Alongside of FAI events (like WAG) a program should be run with a building session of models afterwards to be flown in the hall or at the air field. Philipp Kolb proposed to launch a competition for appropriate models which could become an FAI-standard. They could be accompanied by virtual ones used in computer games designed for and delivered exclusively by the FAI. Using his experiences, Paolo Panfilo offered a contribution.

IV. "Limited classes" to introduce to Competition Classes

The current rulebook leaves simpler than FAI classes mainly to the discretion of the NAC. This is not in line with the mission of FAI and CIAM. 2009 Mike Colling raised already the question whether the related CIAM Sub-committees are willing to discuss their panels in order to integrate appropriate classes as guidance on the route to the classes of international championships. A new class nomenclature created by a Bureau discussion in 2010 will identify these classes and/or encourage introducing them into the Sporting Code.

IV. Use of 59 CIAM-Medals

Because of special circumstances there is a leftover of unused bronze, silver and gold medals, already paid by CIAM. The best use of them, suggested the Technical Meeting, would be the children's competition alongside of FAI events.