

AGENDA ITEM 14.3

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

**25th FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX
Zhukovski, Moscow, Russia
24-26 August 2007**



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When Haute Voltige approached CIVA for the selection of judges for this event, there was a specific request that no Jury member be appointed.

The FAI Sporting Code, General Section (4.3.2.1), however, states “An FAI First Category Event shall have an International Jury...” Therefore the CIVA Bureau insisted on appointing a Jury member. Haute Voltige agreed and the undersigned was elected.

Shortly before the event, one of the appointed Judges, Mr. Graham Hill, became ill and could not attend the event. By then it was impossible to appoint a new judge and get his visa arrangements completed during the time available. I was then asked whether I could double as the fifth judge, which I agreed on.

The contest went smoothly. No protests were filed.

However, the FAI Sporting Code, General Section 4.3.1.2 states further, “The International Official (Jury Member, Judge) may hold only one of the above offices in an event. He may not be a competitor, nor hold any operational position in the organization”. Therefore, if the WGPA is to remain as a First Category event and to maintain the appearance of a fair contest, it must have an independent Jury member in the future and the Chief Judge and Contest Director cannot replace him. This becomes even more important in light of the planned reduction of the number of judges, which will result in an even coarser judging result than until now. My acceptance of the Judge’s office in Moscow event cannot be construed as general approval for removal of the Jury member nor for double offices. It was made to solve an urgent problem in exceptional circumstances.

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