

Technical Secretary's Report to the 2014 CIAM Plenary Meeting

1. Sporting Code

In July 2014, it was decided to publish a revised ABR owing to the number of "early implementation" dates agreed at Plenary. This provided the FAI Juries for the remaining 2014 Championships with an up-to-date version. It was unfortunate that the 2015 volumes were not able to be published by the due date of 1st January as they were awaiting a new FAI disclaimer. Fortunately, this only delayed the publication by a couple of weeks.

In December 2014, the FAI Sporting Code General Section 2016 Edition was approved, necessitating a consequential revision of the CIAM ABR for 2016.

2. Subcommittees

I have been keeping in touch with Subcommittee Chairmen and have appreciated their advice and knowledgeable input into Bureau proposals.

3. World Records

Between April 2014 and March 2015, fourteen new world records were homologated.

4. Proposals

The automatic submission system worked very well again in 2014. From 2015, this system is mandated for all submissions.

5. Forms

During 2014, some CIAM forms were changed to fillable PDF forms. They may still be printed and filled in manually as was previously the case, but many will appreciate the capability to input their information electronically. This process will continue in 2015.

I have appreciated the assistance of Mrs Halman throughout the year as I transitioned into the role of Technical Secretary.

Kevin Dodd
CIAM Technical Secretary
1st March 2015

1. Sporting Code

It was unfortunate that the volumes of the Sporting Code were not able to be published by the due date of 1st January 2014.

A new volume, Electronic Devices in Competition (EDIC) was issued for the first time this year. This volume deals with the specification, manufacture and verification of electronic devices that affect competition scoring under the authority of the Chairman of the EDIC Working Group. Unlike the other volumes of the Sporting Code, this volume necessarily requires to be updated as appropriate throughout the year. By the time of the Plenary meeting, the website pages, with publications, should have been set up.

2. World Records

Between April 2013 and the beginning of March 2014, eighteen new world records were homologated. This is over twice the number of record homologations than in 2013 and it is very pleasing to note the increase.

3. Sporting Calendar

The Aeromodelling Sporting Calendar, as you know, is huge and our thanks must go to Visa-Matti Leinikki and Faustine Carrera of the FAI for making so many improvements that it is now very easy to use.

4. Proposals

The automatic submission system worked very well again this year. And, again, there is a very large number of proposals but, this year, only twelve needed to be published as separate Agenda Annexes.

Jo Halman
CIAM Technical Secretary
21st February 2014