



FAI

FAI Report 2014



**FAI President
John GRUBBSTRÖM**

Executive Board

- *Elections at 2014 General Conference*
- President: John GRUBBSTRÖM (SWE)
- Alvaro DE ORLEANS BORBON (ESP)
- Robert CLIPSHAM (CAN / Finance)
- Frederik (Frits) BRINK (NED)
- Robert HENDERSON (NZL)
- Otto LAGARHUS (NOR)
- Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (SUI)

Statistics

Membership

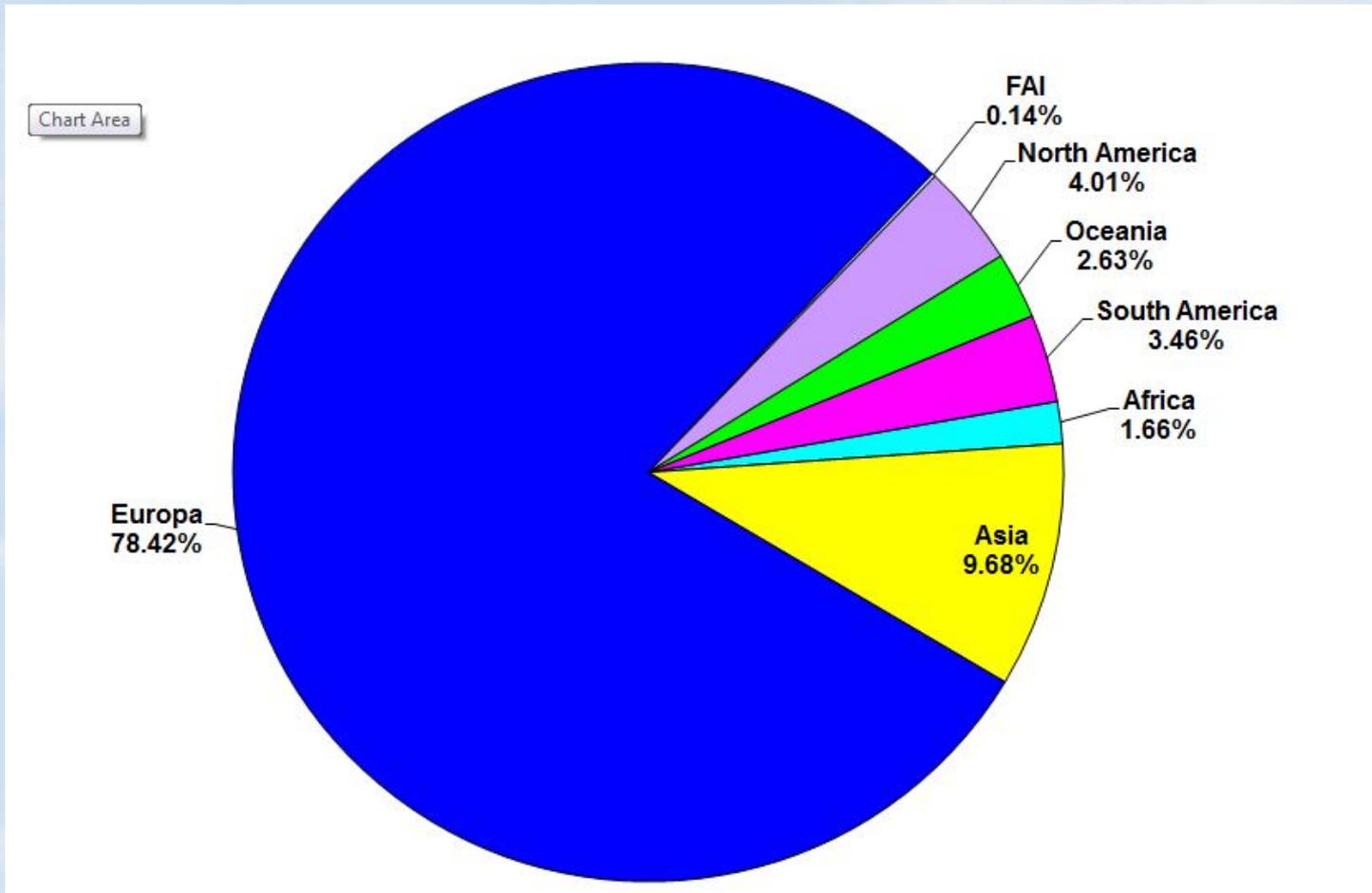
➤ Active Members	87	(85)
➤ Associate Members	14	(7)
➤ Temporary Members	8	(10)
➤ International Affiliate Members	4	(3)
TOTAL	113	(105)

Competitions 2013

➤ First Category Events	48	(39)
▪ incl. World Championships	25	(18)
➤ Held in	26 countries	(21)
➤ Held on	5 continents	(6)
➤ Held with	79 participating countries	(66)
➤ Held with	4638 athletes	(2875)



Statistics



FAI General Conference

- **Companions of Honour**
 - Mike HEUER (USA) [26 years as President of CIVA]
- **Future FAI General Conferences**
 - 2014 Bangkok (THA)
 - 2015 Rotterdam (NED)
- **New Regional Vice President (RVP)**
 - Africa - John GAILLARD
 - (Also South America & South East Asia)

Finances

- 2013 budget \approx +CHF13k for 2013
- 2014 budget \approx -CHF70k for 2014
 - ASC expenditure of CHF73k more than income
 - HO and other activities under budget of CHF3k
- Commercial income increasing
 - Sponsors!
- New accounting system in place (ABACUS)
 - New bank account system for ASCs
- Western Union payment system
 - Tailored to international federations
 - Trials to reduce banking transaction costs

FAI Services

- IT Service Centre

- Able to host ASC websites at no cost, full control with ASC
- New email system, discussion groups
- Videoconferencing
- E-voting
- Online registration, forms, surveys

- FAI Annual Report

- Available as .pdf on FAI website
 - <http://www.fai.org/fai-documents> and then “Other FAI Documents”

FAI Annual Report

Air Sport Commissions Hang Gliding & Paragliding CIVL

www.fai.org/hang-gliding-and-paragliding



In both Hang Gliding and Paragliding, activity was strong in 2012 with more than 8,500 pilots registered in the World Ranking Database to compete in almost 300 FAI sanctioned events. The growing interest for these air sports is particularly visible in the Eastern part of the globe, which saw for the first time Asian Paragliding Accuracy pilots test their skills at a continental Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS

In 2012 the Commission oversaw 5 Category 1 events:

- 18th FAI European Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship in Kayseri (TUR)
- 3rd FAI Asian Paragliding Championship in Linzhou (CHN)
- 1st FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Waikao (TPE)
- 3rd FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Ohrid (MKD)
- 12th FAI European Paragliding Championship in Saint-André-Les-Alpes (FRA) [\[photo\]](#)

In addition, a total of 217 Paragliding and 64 Hang Gliding Category 2 events were held in 2012, including 4 Test Events for world championships and the 2013 World Games.

WORLDXC ONLINE CONTEST (WXC)

The Commission has been running WorldXC Online contest as a test for some years and 2011 was the first official contest season. The 2012 season which ended on 30 September had approximately 6,000 pilots participating in 14 national and international online contests, with pilots from 66 nations and about 70,000 flights (tracklogs) this season alone. The longest registered flight was 352 km.

SAFETY

Paragliding safety has been the most important and debated part of the Commission's activity in the last few years. At the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Bureau decision from July 2011 to accept only certified Paragliders in Category 1 competitions was confirmed and changes in the Sporting Code were established at the Annual Meeting to enforce that decision. However the Commission also announced their intention to work towards new competition class paragliders with a target date of 2014.

Ensuring that pilots flying in Category 1 events have top level skills, finding ways of slowing down the last leg of tasks are also amongst the Commission's priorities. Proposals to the coming Annual Meeting have been made.

RECORDS

New world and continental records have been set by pilots of various Hang and Paragliding classes in the past year, including a Hang Gliding 784 km straight flight. It is now possible to claim a continental record separately from a world record. The Commission will continue to promote continental records in the coming years.

MEETINGS

The Members of the Commission met on 18-19 February 2012 in Yilan County, Chinese Taipei. This meeting was preceded by a Bureau Meeting on 16-17 February. The Bureau also met in November in Reykjavik, Iceland.

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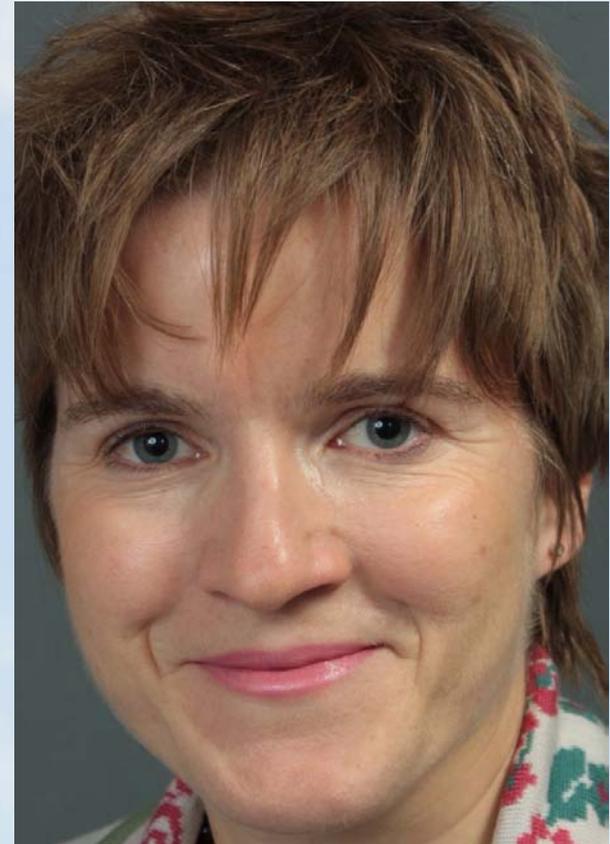


FAI Services

- FAI database renewal
 - Evolved into 5 separate databases using Microsoft Access
 - Inaccurate information, double entries
 - New format, includes cleaning up old data
 - New services in 2014
- FAI Sporting Licence Management
 - System already online on FAI website under “About FAI”
 - Mandatory use in 2014 – SL not valid if not on the database!!
 - **Ask your NACs to upload their SL data**

FAI Head Office

- New Secretary General
 - Susanne SCHÖDEL (GER)
 - World gliding champion
 - World record holder
 - SSC for short
- Start 03 March 2014
- 4th SecGen in 4 years



Anti-Doping



- 2013 experiences
 - No significant problems
 - Working well with SportAccord, our service provider
- RTP 2014 - ASCs that were not selected in 2013
 - CIA, CIG, CIVL, IGC, IPC
- FAQs on FAI website
 - Adopted by WADA – excellent feedback!
- Anti-Doping Manager
 - Ségolène Rouillon, antidoping@fai.org

Anti-Doping



T U S

FAME



- FAI Air Sports Marketing & Events
 - Cycle of failure
 - CEO resigned
 - Re-birth, re-focus
- Concentration on creating revenue-generating events
- Support to existing event organisers to increase revenue possibilities

Sponsorship & Partnership

- **Breitling** (Global Sponsor)
 - Activation Guide will be released soon
 - Strategy for 2014 in progress
 - Handled by FAI Head Office (and not FAME)



- **Red Bull Air Race** (Partner)
 - Re-starting in 2014, 7 events
 - FAI provides safety supervision services



Multi-sport events

- The World Games 2013
 - Strong media coverage
 - Presentation of our sports
 - Focus on the audience! Show them why we love air sports
- Asian Beach Games 2014
 - Regional Olympic Games
 - CIVL (paragliding), CIMA (paramotoring)
- World Air Games 2015
 - Still work in progress





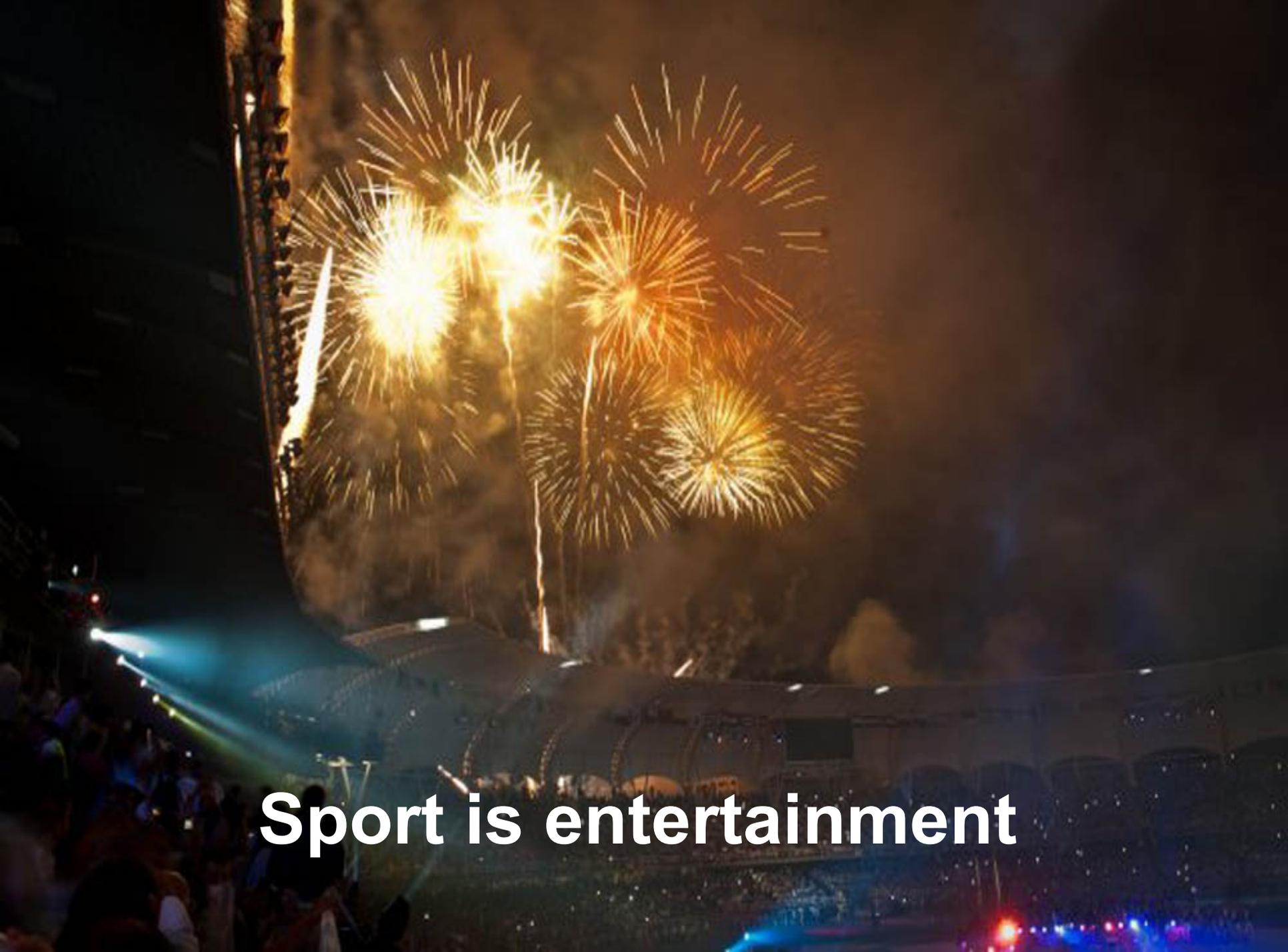




Christophe Dubi

Sports Director at the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Full stadiums, enthusiastic crowds, flashy colours, historic and new iconic buildings, rock music, theatrical lighting and, above all, outstanding athletic performances: Sport was clearly at its best during the London 2012 Games! Every jump, every stride, every muscle, every drop of perspiration is now captured on super HD TV cameras. Sport in stadiums or in front of a TV is, more than ever, a captivating and totally emotional experience.

A night scene at a stadium with fireworks exploding in the sky and a crowd of spectators in the foreground. The fireworks are bright yellow and orange, creating a large, glowing display against the dark night sky. The stadium is filled with people, and there are blue lights visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

Sport is entertainment



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