



**FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)  
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I am certain that you all know of the sad death of Johann Gutmann, the President of the FAI General Aviation Commission, who died along with two other people in a fatal crash onboard his C 172 near Piacenza, Italy, on 18 June 2011. It has made a big impression on all of us, and our thoughts are with his family, friends and the Austrian Aero Club.

Hans Gutmann was elected President of the FAI GAC at our annual meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010. And we were looking forward to him working for us. Hans Gutmann had extensive experience in General Aviation especially for competition flying, where he was Chairmen of Precision Flying Subcommittee for several years. He was also the one who knew much about Long Range Air Racing and was an active member of Earthrounders and the Amateur build world. We will all miss Johann Gutmann.

After Johan's death our first vice president Hans Schwebel and the undersigned held a telephone meeting where we made the decision that I am to be the Acting President until our next annual meeting on the 19th November 2011 in Salzburg.

The GAC meeting 2010 took place from 28th to 30th of October in Lausanne, Switzerland. In this meeting we had 23 countries present, and also it was a pleasure for us to meet the sporting director Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI.

First of all, the delegates stood in silence to honor friends who had passed away since the last meeting: Mrs. Marisi Martinez [wife of Jesus Mas] (Spain), Mr. Alex McLean (Spain), and Roberto Manzaroli (Italy). God bless them.

The GAC meeting noted that only 5-6 countries have been responsible for organizing the various World and European Championships and commission meetings over the past 10 years. We encouraged other countries that have not recently organized a championship or meeting to please increase their participation and do so.

Mr. Cabanero stated that he would not accept the nomination for GAC President for the coming year. However, he will continue to be involved in GAC competitions and as the Delegate from Spain. He thanked everyone for their support over the year.

**Competition:**

8<sup>th</sup> FAI European Rally Flying Championship in Dunakeszi (Hungary), 29<sup>th</sup> August – 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2011.

43 crews from 13 countries took part in the Championships.

**Crew:**

1. Janus Darocha/Zbigniew Chrzaszcz (Poland)
2. Jiri Fillip/Michael Filip (Czech Republic)
3. Michael Wieczorek/Michael Osowski (Poland)
4. Jiri Jakes/Jiri Kadlec (Czech Republic)
5. Boleslaw Radoms./Dariusz Lichowski (Poland)