



Managing FAI in the future

A new strategies initiative by the FAI Executive Board

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Main «new» FAI challenges

- *Further airspace restrictions*
- *New and stricter regulations (more limiting; costlier)*
- *Reduced availability of airports and air sports facilities*
- *New and stricter environmental regulations; costlier*
- *Accidents/incidents; improved safety needed*
- *Difficulties of recruiting to air sports activities*
- *Impact and opportunity of new technology*

Our main consideration..



- Meeting these new challenges facing the FAI, by..
 - *Identifying a needed modification of scope and direction of the FAI*
 - *suggesting an adjustment of the the main purpose of the FAI*
 - *suggesting new «overall FAI goal»*

Areas considered the main purpose of the FAI

- *Supporting and guiding NACs and regional organizations*
- *Representing air sports at international organizations*
- *Arranging international competitions and administering records/championships*
- *Establishing and carrying out the FAI award procedures*
- *Conserving and protecting the air sports history*
- *Utilizing the FAI brand name and intellectual property to develop, market and produce specialist sports events aimed at promoting air sports to the public and produce income to FAI*

Adjusting the main purpose of the FAI

- Present overall purpose of FAI (as stated in the Statues)
 - *The FAI is a world organization that is concerned mainly with air sport competitions, records, including space activities, and other certified performances*
- The view presented for discussion at the EB:
 - ***Too limited; not meeting today's challenges for the FAI and the NACs; in strong need of revision***

Suggested overall FAI goal in relation to «new challenges»

- *«The FAI shall facilitate the development and promotion of air sports world wide, in order to achieve increased participation and improved public acceptance and awareness of air sports»*

Suggested focus of FAI activities to meet the «new challenges» - 1

- *Ensure improved availability of airspace (absence/removal of restrictions)*
- *Ensure practical and realistic regulations (safety improvement combined with reduced restrictions; improved and simpler oversight systems)*
- *Ensure improved availability/accessibility of/to airports; increased availability of air sports facilities*
- *Ensure improved availability of environmental friendly engines & fuels at acceptable prices*

Suggested focus of FAI activities to meet the «new challenges» - 2

- *Ensure higher level of environmental focus and adaption of sound environmental practices*
- *Ensure more attention to safety; improved safety record in all areas*
- *Ensure more effective promotion and recruitment activities, with focus on increasing the number of young people and women*
- *Ensure effective development and increased use of new technology*
- *Effectively utilize the FAI brand name and intellectual property to develop, market and produce specialist sports events aimed at promoting air sports to the public and produce income to FAI*

Draft strategies have been developed for eight main areas

- *NOTE: Covering areas of «new challenges» only..!*
 - *Airspace*
 - *Environment*
 - *Safety*
 - *Regulations*
 - *Air sports facilities*
 - *Promotion and recruitment*
 - *New technology*
 - *Business*

Examples of a strategy: Airspace

- *Airspace goal*
 - *The FAI shall support the NAC and regional organizations in securing adequate access to the airspace so that air sports can be conducted under the greatest possible freedom and in balanced interaction with other aviation activities.*
- *Airspace strategies*
 - *Strongly advocating the interests of air sports at the international level (mainly ICAO)*
 - *Working to ensure continued access to currently available airspace*