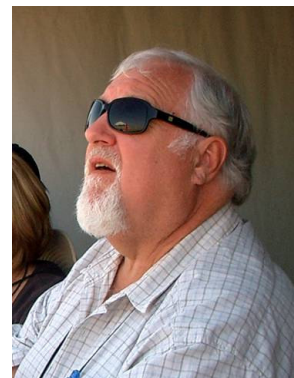


AGENDA ITEM 19.4

FAI/ARESTI COMMITTEE REPORT

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Background information

At the CIVA meeting held in Poland in 2011, the Catalogue Sub-Committee tabled recommendations for an extensive renumbering of the “Aresti Aerobatic Catalogue”. These recommendations were accepted by the CIVA plenary.

In terms of the agreement reached between FAI/CIVA and Aresti System S. L. in 2005, CIVA is allowed to publish changes on its website, until such time as Aresti System S.L. themselves publish such changes in the form of their hard copy catalogue.

In normal circumstances where minor changes are made involving the addition of figures, this procedure has worked well, since the signing of the agreement between FAI/CIVA and Aresti System S.L. as owners of the Aresti Catalogues could update their catalogues with information downloaded from the website and any persons buying a fresh catalogue would receive the changes as updated by Aresti S.L. themselves.

However as the changes as agreed by the CIVA Plenary involved changing nearly all the references to figures in the catalogue, it was now necessary to change virtually the entire catalogue except the cover pages and those pages with supporting information.

CIVA duly published the changes on its website, however not only were the pages published that had changed but also the cover pages, furthermore these were published with the Aresti name on it as if published by Aresti S.L. themselves. This provoked a reaction from Aresti System S.L. who insisted that FAI/CIVA immediately withdraw the catalogue from the website and threatening immediate legal action, FAI/CIVA complied with this request. This in effect was a potential disruptive situation to the CIVA contests for 2012, who needed the latest catalogue information to be published before the contests could proceed.

Following this series of events it was decided to reintroduce the Aresti Committee, which had not met since the original agreement, the Chairman appointed was the President of the Royal Spanish Aero Club, Jose Luis Olias. Aresti System S.L. was represented by Jose Luis Aresti and Mrs. Leticia Lopez, the FAI by Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon and CIVA by John Gaillard.

The FAI deemed it necessary to appoint an attorney to act and advise on their behalf, this was Paulo de Moura of Portugal the Portuguese Delegate to the FAI.

The Committee agreed to meet in Madrid on Tuesday, 31 January.

The Aresti Committee Meeting

Prior to the meeting it had been agreed by the CIVA Bureau that there was really no defence and justification in publishing the catalogue on the website with the Aresti name on it and the only possible course of action was to apologise for this action and then move forward. The meeting opened with an apology on behalf of CIVA for the manner in which the catalogue had been published on the website; however a point was then raised by Aresti System S.L., that in addition to the catalogue having been published in their name, the ISBN reference (covering their legal copyright registration) had been omitted or was illegible.

At this point Paulo de Moura asked the Chairman for a recess in the meeting in order for him to counsel the FAI and CIVA representatives.

On recommencing the meeting Paulo de Moura made a statement absolving the FAI from any liability in this matter. In turn I offered no explanation or defence on the issue involving the ISBN reference, stating that I had no pre-knowledge of this issue and could therefore not comment.

The importance of having the new version of the Aresti Catalogue was stressed and Aresti System S.L. asked for assistance in ensuring that the catalogue was distributed to CIVA participants, this was agreed.

It was then agreed on behalf of CIVA to endeavour to stick to the exact terms of the agreement for any future changes to the catalogue and from this point there was therefore no impediment for CIVA to use the revised catalogue for the current aerobatic season.

Subsequent Issues with the Aresti Catalogue

- a) Following the meeting, a message was subsequently received that certain details involving figures in family 8.5 which had been published on the CIVA website differed from the printed catalogue as issued by Aresti System S.L. Subsequent investigation showed that Aresti System S.L. had published accurately as they had received from the CIVA Catalogue Sub-Committee, but it was established that what was published on the CIVA website did in fact contain errors; the reasons for this are unknown.
- b) Subsequently a message was received from the Glider Aerobatic Sub-Committee asking me to contact Aresti System S.L. to correct an error in the Glider version of the Aresti Catalogue in certain figures in family 8.5 as these differed from the Power catalogue. Subsequent investigation revealed that Aresti System had published exactly what they had been sent by the CIVA Catalogue Sub-Committee and were in no way

at fault for the differences between the two catalogues. Whilst in principle the two catalogues should be identical, there is no practical solution to this problem and CIVA will have to accept the situation until the next reprint.

- c) From statistics of Aresti System S.L. sales of catalogues to the potential users worldwide who fly competition aerobatics, only a minority percentage appear to have a hard copy version of the Aresti Catalogue.
- d) We have no idea of how many copies of the Aresti Catalogue were downloaded from the CIVA website, which contain errors.

Summary

There are currently three versions of the Aresti Catalogue in circulation, all with minor differences in content with regards to family 8.5. The Power version of the printed Catalogue as issued by Aresti System S.L. is correct and should be used as the definitive source of information. The Glider version of the printed version as issued by Aresti System S.L., whilst differing from the power version should be taken as the definitive for Gliders until such time as the Catalogue is reprinted.