

CIAM F6 technical meeting

Mövenpick, April 20, 2012

Attending:

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World Games 2013, Cali, Colombia

This multi-sports event, similar in its principle to the Olympic Games but featuring only non-olympic sports will include two FAI air sports (parachuting and paragliding) as regular sports and AeroMusicals (CIAM class F6B) as demo sport within the « trend sports » section. It will be the first time aeromodelling will be featured within a non-FAI high-level sporting event. If successful, AeroMusicals will then be included as a regular sport at future World Games, the following event taking place in Poland in 2017.

Multi-sports events

This kind of sporting events appears to be an ideal promotional means, enhancing spectators and media attractiveness, but is mostly restricted to sports able to take place in regular sporting arenas. Luxemburg provides information that they reached an agreement, featuring indoor RC aerobatics during intermission periods of basketball matches. This kind of action should be encouraged as it brings aeromodelling competition classes to spectators who wouldn't be attracted by an exclusively aeromodelling event.

Although indoor AeroMusicals benefits from a unique position as it is the only RC competition class taking place in sports arena and designed so as to enable short duration events more easily accepted by non-specialist spectators and media, it would be interesting to extend the concept to other classes, for which the difficulty resides in the fact that they have to take place at airfields at usually remote locations, not always easily accessible to spectators and usually devoid of any facility to seat spectators or at least manage their access. The technical meeting evoked the possibility to join forces with other airports so as to provide a variety of competition events when each of them would prove unsufficiently attractive. Soaring seems to be the most interesting path to follow as CIAM classes such as Artistic Aerobatics (F6A) or Hand Thrown Gliders (F6D) may be set as short duration events filling the lulls of the soaring competition and keeping spectators on the spot. Other airports such as ultralights, parachuting etc. could be considered. The technical meeting recommends getting in touch with its counterpart from the considered commissions and study the feasibility of such combined events, as well as approaching other sporting federations for the same purpose..