

## CIAM F6 report, December 2012

### **World Games**

FAI has CIAM class F6B (AeroMusicals) included in the forthcoming **World Games 2013** taking place in Cali, Colombia, from July 25th to August 4th, 2013. World Games are a multi-sports event similar to the Olympic Games, but including only non-Olympic sports. AeroMusicals will be there as a demo sport and, if successful, will be permanently included in the future World Games schedules on a 4-year cycle.

In-country expenses are covered by the World Games organiser. Travel expenses are supported by the participants and/or their sponsors.

As discussed at the December, 2011 Bureau meeting, 5 pilots are expected to fly at the World Games. Three European pilots had been selected and are willing to enter. I recommended completing the team with two pilots from the USA, so as to emphasis the international, multi-continent nature of F6B competition.

According to FAI Sports Director Rob Hughes, the pilots do not represent their NAC (as it is not an official competition) but represent FAI in an endeavour to involve air sports in other sporting events, so as to improve promotion and communication towards the general public. A formal NAC agreement of the invited pilots is therefore not necessary.

### **World Artistic Games**

Last year I was advised that SportAccord was preparing a whole set of multi-sports events. SportAccord is the umbrella organisation uniting all international sports federations. Two such events (**World Combat Games** and **World Mind Games**) already took place or are taking place this year, while a third event, **World Beach Games**, was already scheduled. A fourth event, **World Artistic Games**, was due to take place in late 2012 or at the beginning of 2013. Due to delays coming from the initial bidder, the first World Artistic Games have been postponed to late 2013 or, more probably according to FAI Secretary General Jean-Marc Badan, to March/April or September/October 2014. In this indoor event the CIAM F6B (AeroMusicals) class has been proposed by FAI and accepted by SportAccord.

24 pilots are to take part in this competition. They have been selected according to the procedure submitted at the December, 2011 CIAM Bureau, although it is likely, due to the delay, that some of the selected competitors will not be able to take part for various reasons and that alternate competitors will have to be chosen through the same selection process.

As a departure from traditional CIAM Championships and due to the SportAccord constraints, while the *WArtGames* competitors do represent their Nation and NAC they cannot be directly selected by their NAC as the total number of competitors and the maximum number of competitors per Nation is limited.

For this event both in-country expenses and travel costs are to be covered by the organiser.

## **World Air Games**

The WAG 2015 bid process is presently running with a short list of possible organisers to be ready by the end of this month.

## **CIAM Air Sports Promotion**

As Media Consultant, I foresee serious difficulties in the coming years coming from the anti-doping WADA regulations to be implemented by FAI while an increasing number of aeromodelling competitors, especially in the newer classes such as F3K and F3P, do not consider championships as a high-level sporting competitive events where they represent their NAC and country but more of a social event to gather with fellow modellers and fly as much as possible. This was very prominent in the document [RC Groups GOLIKOV 2012.doc](#) forwarded by Antonis on November 29<sup>th</sup>. I fear that the WADA regulations will be, in many cases, considered as an intrusion in a social event and deter many competitors from entering international competitions. In my opinion there is no choice but working at improving the image of aeromodelling as a sport and implementing the conclusion from the CIAM Strategic Workshop, so as to make our sport more attractive to outsiders and sponsors.

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