

CIAM SC Education

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I. CIAM Scholarship

Is one page written by hand the right length for a personal statement, as demanded by the current rule? There was no clear vote in favour of leaving it to the discretion of the applicant whether he/she might deliver two pages. The meeting was convinced that a statement longer than one page will not reduce the prospects of any nominee to be selected by the panel of experts. But a written statement at all seemed to be a reasonable demand. Nevertheless, an opening of the rule to “one or two pages” would ease the applicant’s situation.

A recommendation for a new expert to complete these panel – in the moment composed of six education professionals out of six countries instead of seven – could not be given. The agenda-proposal to accept nominees not younger than 16 was unanimously supported.

The up to now little support of the scheme by the NAC might possibly be improved by noticing the submitting date via Facebook and Twitter.

II. Magazines and Aeromodelling

Aeromodelling and magazines belong together from the very beginning hundred years ago. Nowadays, this steady combination is quite often dominated by the industry filling the pages with advertisements and articles just presenting the products already advertised. Sport is missing in many mags, but CIAM is supposed to show their qualities to the average reader. Otherwise this sport is marginalised and commercial organisations with airshows take its place. “To be represented in magazines is vital for us.”

First step to understand that market is a survey comparable to the National Regulations as Education S/C published in 2010. Magazines differ a lot and with the ideas collected during the meeting a questionnaire will be developed soon.

III. “Limited classes” leading to Competition Classes

The current rulebook leaves simpler than FAI classes mainly to the discretion of the NAC. Before the Education S/C is going to encourage the different Sub-committees to introduce classes to be flown internationally, but never to be used for first and second category events, it needs a survey. Some S/C seem to be very well prepared (Space Modelling), some might introduce just schedules with manoeuvres to be piloted by beginners (Aerobatic with class F3P), others have to define new classes (Free Flight).

IV. Children’s competition

3 g rubber for a catapult are in Sweden a good start to be used with little gliders made of balsa and to be developed by students.

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