

Technical Secretary's Report to the 2010 CIAM Plenary Meeting

1. Sporting Code 2010 Edition

Eight of the volumes of the FAI Sporting Code were published before Christmas. It was unfortunate that the F3 Helicopter and F3 Soaring volumes were not published until the first week of January 2010 with the F2 revised volume following them. The ABR volume was delayed until the 20th January and the F3 Aerobatics volume was finally published in the last week of January with a revision published in early February.

There are now twelve volumes plus an annex to each the F2 and the F5 volumes. Fourteen documents, many of which are long and complex, take an extraordinary number of hours to update and check and even then it is occasionally necessary to publish revised editions, although I regret having to do this.

2. Proposal Submissions

2.1. Year of Submission

Again this year very many proposals could not be included on the Plenary Agenda as they had been submitted in the wrong year of the two-year cycle. Delegates and NACs are respectfully reminded that ABR A.12 is very clear regarding when rule changes may be submitted. Other than provisional classes, all rule changes for Championship or other Official classes are subject to a two-year rule cycle.

2.2. Method of Submission

After discussion with the FAI Secretariat it has been decided that hard copy signed & stamped proposals as confirmation of the electronically submitted proposal forms are no longer required. There is a Bureau proposal for the appropriate section of ABR volume on the Plenary agenda. When Plenary has approved this change it is intended that the new proposal form and submission guidelines will be available for download on the CIAM website from 1st May this year.

2.3. Format of Proposals

It was good to see that nearly all the proposals for this Plenary meeting were submitted on the correct forms. However, proposals are still being submitted by some NACs and Sub-committees in various formats and often in formats that either cannot, or cannot easily, be converted to Word, including in pdf format. This causes extra unnecessary work for the Secretary and Technical Secretary. Which format to use is explained very clearly in the information sheet that accompanies the downloadable file from the CIAM page of the FAI website: either MS-Word 97-2003 or rich text format (RTF). A sentence to this effect has been added to the end of ABR A.6.1 and a line to the bottom of ABR Annex A.2.b in the 2009 edition of the ABR Volume in an effort to help NACs remember for the future.

3. Forms on the Website

The new CIAM Scholarship application form was placed in the "Forms" section of the Documents page of the CIAM website in January where it can easily be downloaded. I am considering whether publication of the forms required in competition should also be made available to download from the website.

4. World Records

I am pleased to say that between April 2009 and March 2010, 14 new world records were homologated.

Finally I am pleased to have again been able to support the CIAM Secretary in the generation of Bureau and Plenary Minutes and the Plenary agenda.

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