



# **REPORT FROM THE 112TH FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE**

26-27 OCTOBER 2018

LUXOR, EGYPT

**at the FAI CIAM Plenary Meeting 2019**

**FAI Secretary General  
Susanne SCHÖDEL**



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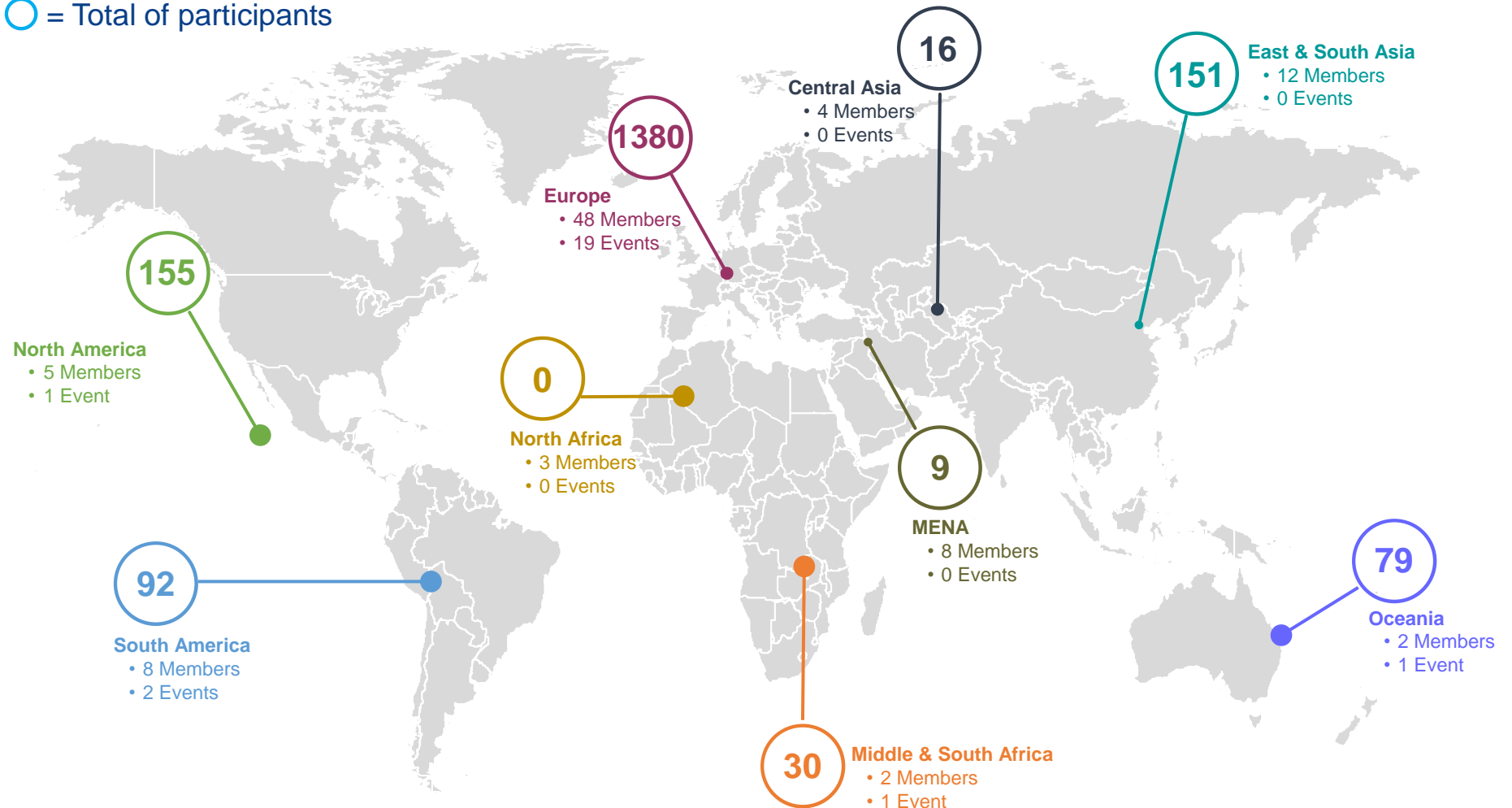
## **FAI President of Honour**

Frits Brink, Netherlands

# FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Geographical spread of FAI's competitors, NACs and events

○ = Total of participants



AIR SPORTS  
STATISTICS

EVENTS 2017



## AIR SPORTS STATISTICS

## FAI CALENDAR 2018

# FAI CALENDAR 2018

	Total	World	Continental	Others	Cat 2
CIA	8	4	0	2	2
CIACA	0	0	0	0	0
CIAM	358	9	5	0	344
CIG	5	1	0	0	4
CIMA	3	3	0	0	0
CIVA	4	3	1	0	0
CIVL	300	1	5	0	294
GAC	2	1	0	0	1
RBAR	8	7	0	0	0
IGC	30	3	0	0	27
IPC	27	9	1	3	14
TOTAL	745	41	12	5	686



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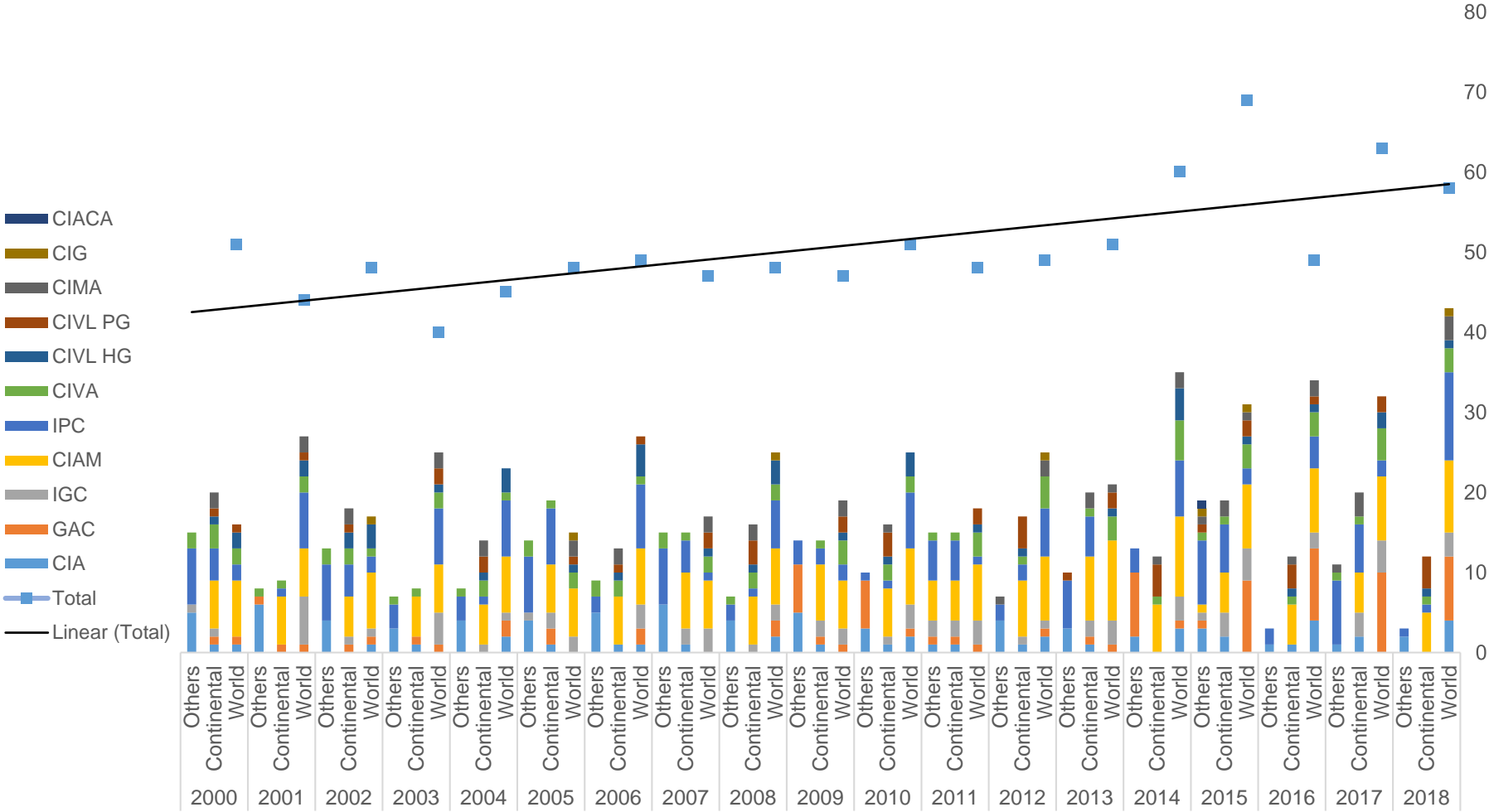
## FAI CALENDAR 2019 (Prevision)

	Total	World	Continental	Others	Cat 2
CIA	7	0	1	1	5
CIACA	0	0	0	0	0
CIAM	367	12	6	0	349
CIG	5	0	1	0	4
CIMA	4	3	1	0	0
CIVA	3	3	0	0	0
CIVL	279	3	0	0	276
GAC	3	2	0	0	1
RBAR	10	0	0	0	7
IGC	28	4	3	0	21
IPC	23	3	1	5	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>677</b>

# FAI CALENDAR – CAT 1 EVENTS

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DEVELOPMENTS  
SINCE 2000





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OFFICIALS IN FAI

## OFFICIALS IN FAI

- 2,423 Officials in FAI functions
- 1,069 Delegates in FAI Commissions
- 1,179 Judges, Experts, etc.



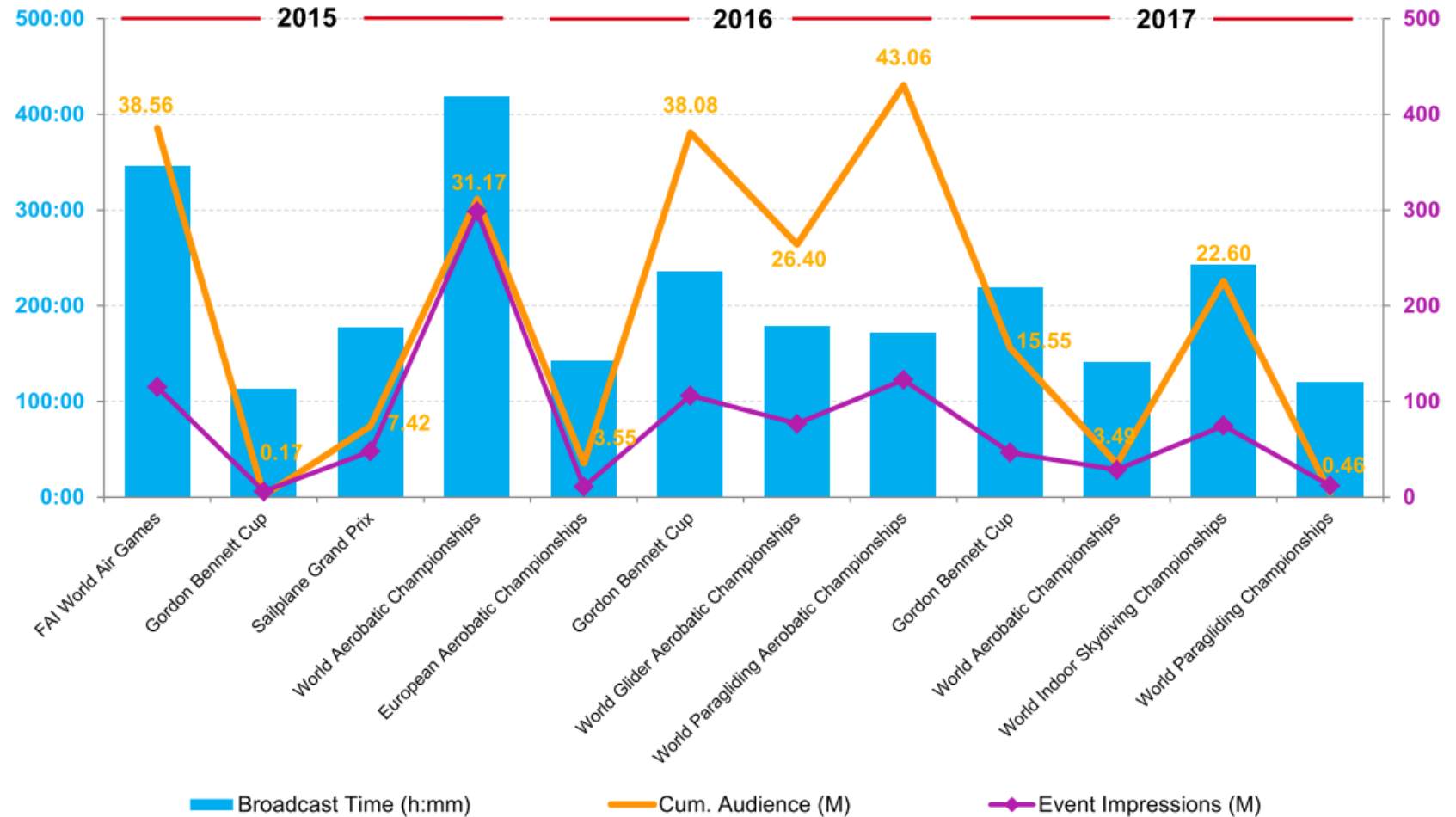
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**“Thank you”**  
to all  
***FAI event Organizers,***  
***FAI Officials***  
***and FAI NACs***  
involved  
around the world!



# TV PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION 2015-2017

## EVENTS COMMUNICATION



Media analysis by Nielsen with qualified numbers for broadcast hours etc.

# TV PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION 2018 (1)

## EVENTS COMMUNICATION

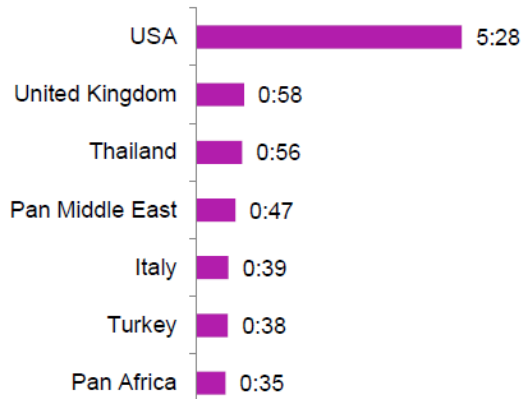
### FAI WORLD DRONE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS - TV MEDIA MONITORING FACTSHEET



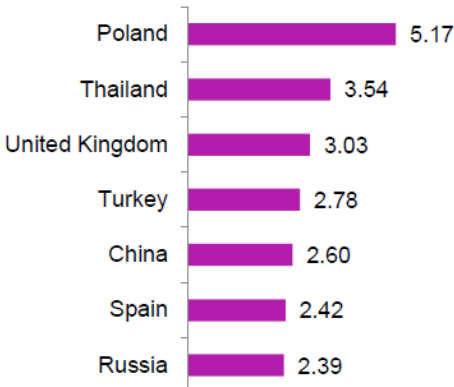
TV MEDIA MONITORING	SHORT REPORTS	NEWS	TOTAL
CUMULATIVE AUDIENCE (M)	2.87	31.47	34.34
BROADCAST TIME (h:mm:ss)	9:27:31	11:17:20	20:44:51
EVENT IMPRESSIONS (M)	22.82	56.63	79.46
BROADCASTS (#)	143	856	999
TERRITORIES WITH COVERAGE (#)	40	52	70

Only news and short report.  
Highlight show of 26 min was distributed end of December, complete results to follow.

#### TOP-10 MARKETS BY BROADCAST TIME (H:MM)



#### TOP-10 MARKETS BY CUM. AUDIENCE (M)



Final report for all events available end of March.

# TV PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION 2018 (2)

## EVENTS COMMUNICATION



## BBC Breakfast TV

All material produced by FAI  
available on request for  
NACs for promotional  
purposes!





## MEMBERS

# MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Current Membership	
Active Members	91
Associate Members	13
Temporary Members	3
International Affiliate Members	2
FAI Recognized Organisations with regional scope	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>

### New Members in 2018:

- Palestine (PLE) – Active Member

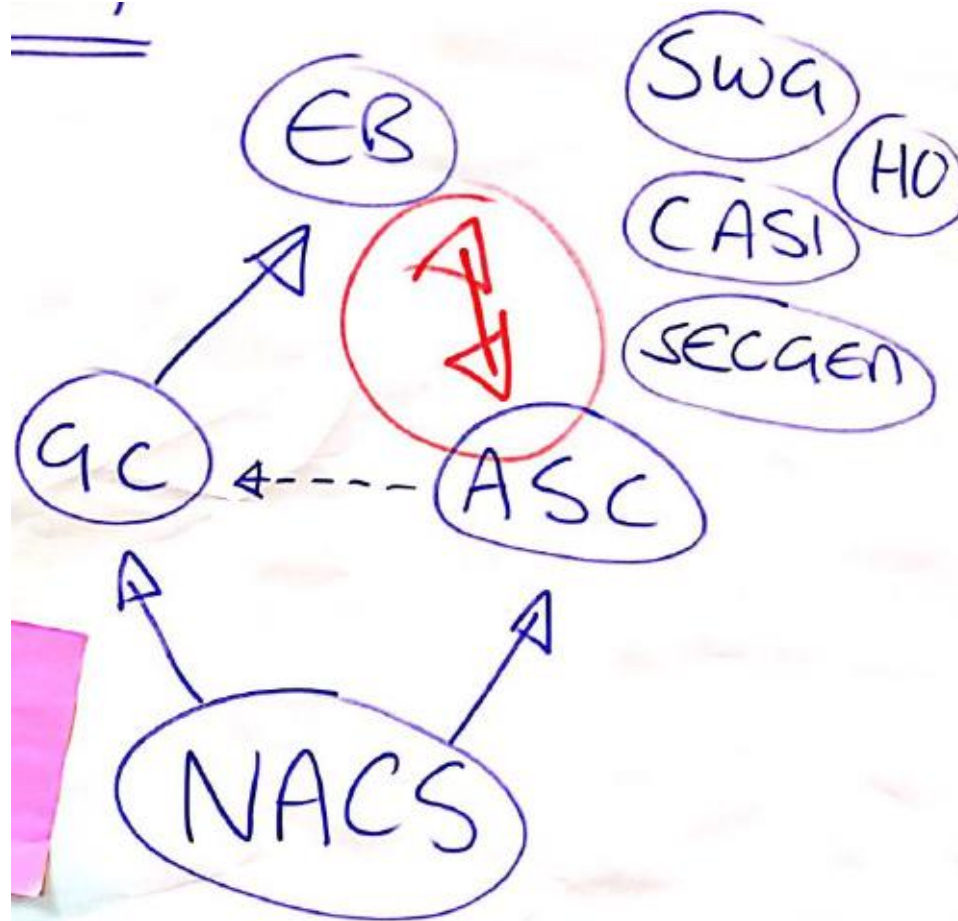
Air Sports and its national entities are developing and changing.

FAI Membership will continue to expand.

Important to actively involve the NACs and their air sports in FAI, e.g. in the FAI Commissions.

# FAI – FRAGMENTED LANDSCAPE – ONE FAI

ONE FAI



Source:

*EB Workshop with representatives  
from NACs and ASCs*

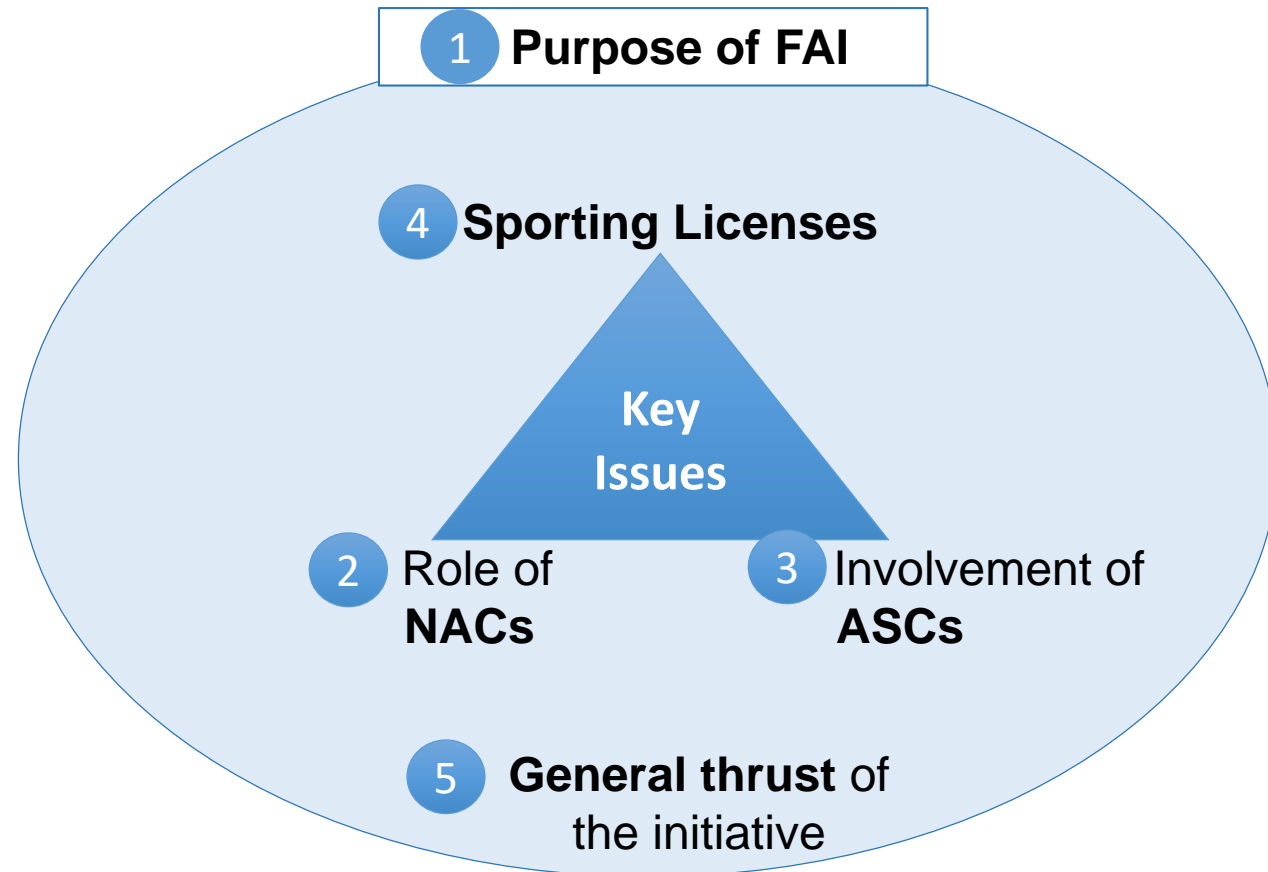
*Lausanne, 9 August 2018*

Under the overarching idea of ONE FAI we are currently discussing change in five areas



## ONE FAI

ONE FAI



# With ONE FAI, we want everyone to recommit to FAI as an organization ...



- ... that is **beneficial for all countries and all air sports**
- ... where **countries give and get support from each other**
- ... where **air sports exchange innovative idea and avoid re-inventing wheels**
- ... where we **all work together toward a common goal**

This idea we call **ONE FAI**

***ONE FAI is..... All of us!!***



## 1 FAI Purpose

# A working start for a refined purpose of FAI



### What FAI does

- Determines and recognizes air sport achievements and performances
- Develops and maintains frameworks to support air sport events
- Develops and promotes air sports
- Gathers air sports experts
- Represents air sports interests internationally

### For whom FAI exists

- Exists for all those who want to demonstrate their performance in air sports and those who support that objective
- Acknowledging that these people come from the larger community of people with interest in air sports

### What benefits FAI brings

- Facilitated quality competitions
- Formally recognized records and achievements
- Developed and evolving rules
- A growing air sport community



# For NACs and FAI, we want to facilitate collaboration by creating a *NAC Handbook*



## 2 Key Issue a) - Role of NACs in FAI

- **Currently, NACs often know little about FAI and vice versa**
  - For NACs, it is difficult to find key information about FAI
    - FAI is a complex structure
    - Each ASC has its own way of working
- **Since each NAC has its own structure and offers very different services to their members and stakeholders, we want to increase mutual understanding by creating an easy-to-read NAC Handbook**
  - Compilation of relevant information about FAI (FAI structure, Air Sports Commissions, Technical Commissions, expert groups, General Conference, important dates) which will make it easier for NACs to reach out
  - Description of different NAC types will help NACs and FAI understand each other better
- **Bengt Lindgren, Ronald Schnitker and Antonis Papadopoulos have volunteered to draft the handbook by spring 2019**

# We believe ASCs should get more involved in FAI beyond their particular sport

## 3 Key Issue b) – Involvement of Air Sports Commissions

### Premise

Air Sports Commissions should be more involved in ...

- Development of FAI wide initiatives and
- Decision-making of FAI

### Questions we are examining

What does “more involvement” mean?

- More involvement in financial decisions?
- More involved in decisions about sport events?
- Would the above affect NAC involvement?
- Should both ASCs and NACs take a more active role in decisions?
- Or is decision making what the EB is for?

# There are multiple options on *how* to involve ASCs more

## 3 Key Issue b) – Involvement of Air Sports Commissions

### Options

- Appointment of ASC Presidents or other ASC representatives to the Executive Board
- Creation of a new body in the governance structure
- New formal consultation structures
- Optimization of the existing structure

### Considerations

- **Improved communication and collaboration** between EB, NACs and ASCs
- **Levels of decision-making complexity and time needed**
  - Manageable size of the EB
  - Role of EB members – accountable to FAI as a whole or accountable to NACs or ASCs
- **Cost**

# Sporting licenses are fundamentally useful for organizing our sports – but there are problems



## 4 Key Issue c) - Sporting Licenses

- **Sporting licenses are very useful for organizing our sports**
  - By acquiring a sporting license, airport persons declare that they abide by NAC/FAI rules and accept NAC/FAI authority
  - Airport persons also declare which country they represent
  - NACs and FAI benefit from the sporting licenses because this way they can manage their competitive members
    - Unique ID for each individual
    - Personal data from each individual
- **But it's not easy to manage sporting licenses fairly and consistently across countries**
  - **Costs for airport persons** : High costs for sporting licenses in some cases weigh heavy on airport persons with little financial means
  - **Data management**: License data is often outdated or wrong - the management of mass data requires more robust processes and systems

# We can learn from other sports and develop new solutions



## 4 Key Issue c) - Sporting Licenses

### What other sports do

- Sailing Federation – Sailors ID
- Football Federation – Blue Card
- Orienteering Federation – Different levels of sporting licenses

### One option moving forward: Level system

#### **Different levels correspond to different service levels from NAC/FAI**

- Level 1 – Simple access to information, no access to competition, records or badges
- Level 2 – access to CAT-2 events
- Level 3 – access to CAT-1 events, records and badges

#### **Simple processes keep controls easy**

- Level 1 – AP inputs data, no control needed
- Level 2 – AP request upgrade to level 2, NAC confirms
- Level 3 – same as today

#### **Level based pricing increase reach and is fair**

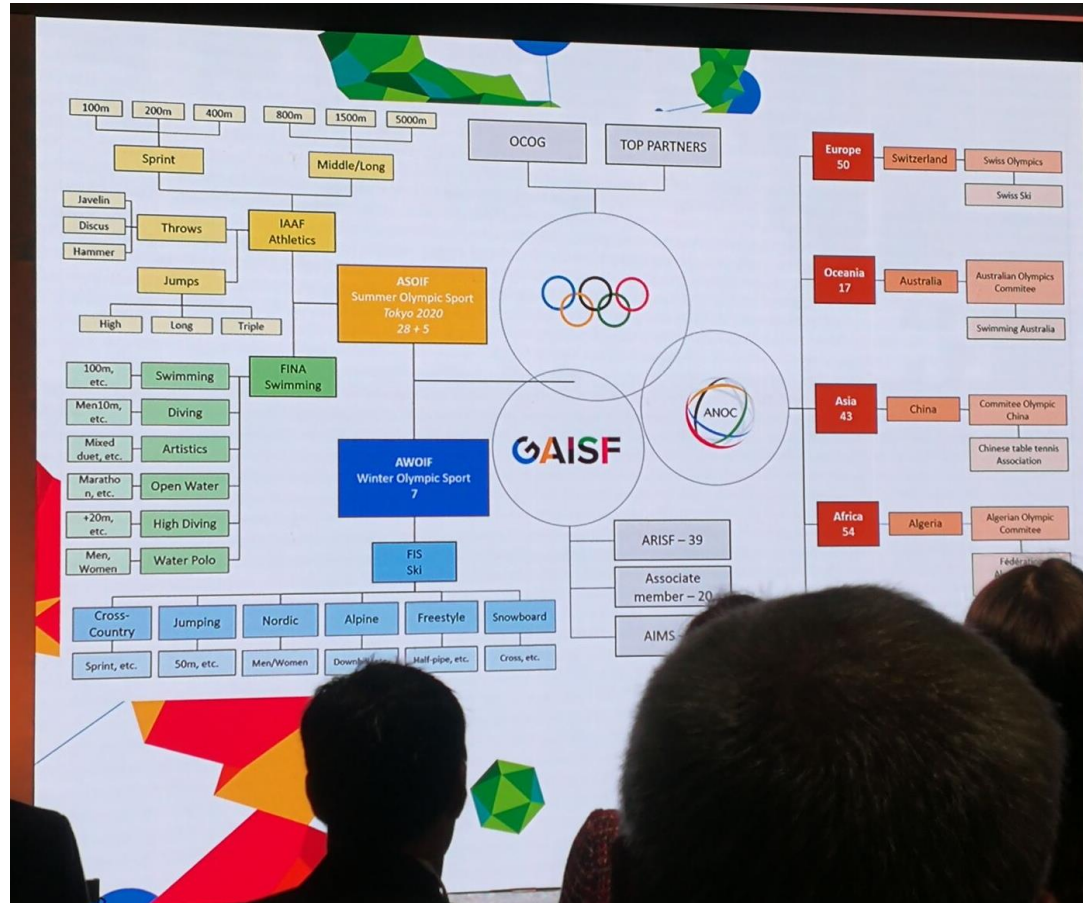
- Level 1 – nominal fee to cover cost of the system
- Level 2 – annual fee, e. g. additional 15 SFR/year
- Level 3 – same as today, perhaps with high/low limits

## More work is needed before we can reap the benefits of a level system



- **Benefits of a level system**
  - Increased reach into the large numbers of Hobby airports persons
  - Reduced costs for most airports persons
- **Necessary steps**
  - Discussion and development of the concept
  - Feasibility study for a data management system used by both FAI and NACs

# FAI IN THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS



**Founded in 1905, part of the “Olympic Movement”**



# OLYMPIC MOVEMENT



**ASIAN GAMES**  
**2018** | Jakarta  
Palembang



PARAGLIDING



- Review of FAI's level of good governance
- FAI is defining air sports





**THANK YOU!**