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FAI Statutes (extracts):

1.1.3. The FAI Constitution consists of the FAI Statutes and By-Laws, which are established by the General Conference, the Executive Board having delegated power to amend the By-Laws.

1.5.1. The FAI By-Laws are formal written rules, established by the General Conference or the Executive Board to guide the implementation of the Statutes. They deal with awards, badges, publications, procedural rules for the various FAI bodies and any other matter as necessary for the conduct of FAI business and aeronautical and astronautical activities.

1.5.2. The By-Laws and changes thereto may be approved and implemented by a majority vote of the FAI Executive Board.

1.5.3. Amendments to the By-laws shall become effective 15 days after the date of publication and notification to the FAI Members.

4.2.1.1. The General Conference has delegated the power to amend the FAI By-Laws to the Executive Board.

5.4.2 Statutes and By-Laws Working Group

5.4.2.1.1 Terms of Reference apply.

5.4.2.2 Its task is

- To examine and, if appropriate, propose amendments to proposals and changes to the Statutes and By-Laws
- To perform any other tasks related to the Statutes and By-Laws as assigned by the Executive Board or the General Conference.

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1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 FAI FLAG AND LOGOS

- 1.1.1 FAI Air Sport Commissions may design specific emblems for their respective disciplines. The design must be approved by the FAI Executive Board prior to production and use.
- 1.1.2 The use of the FAI flag, logos or emblems for any advertising or commercial purposes without prior written agreement of the Executive Board is prohibited. However, the right to approve the use of the FAI flag, logos or emblems may be delegated to the FAI Secretary General or to FAI Members.
- 1.1.3 Copies of all contracts bearing on the FAI flag, logos or emblems shall be sent to the FAI Secretariat at the earliest practicable moment.
- 1.1.4 The FAI flag, logos or emblems may be exploited on behalf of FAI in the territory of FAI Members, provided that such Members (including event organisers) receive an equitable share of the proceeds thereof, the terms to be established by written agreement.

1.2 RULES FOR TRANSFER OF RIGHTS TO FAI INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

- 1.2.1 Under Statute 1.8.1, FAI owns and controls all rights relating to FAI events organised wholly or partly under FAI rules and regulations. FAI Members shall, within their national territories, enforce FAI ownership of FAI events and require FAI International Sporting Events to be registered in the FAI Sporting Calendar in accordance with Statute 2.4.2.2.5. Any or all of FAI's rights to an FAI event may be transferred by the FAI to an event organiser, subject to the restrictions indicated below.
- 1.2.2 Any event organiser who wishes to exploit FAI rights for or at any FAI event shall seek prior agreement with FAI, in the form of an "Organiser Agreement". The FAI Secretariat shall maintain a standard format for such agreements and make this available on request to FAI Members or event organisers.
- 1.2.3 The rights owned by FAI which may, by agreement, be transferred to event organisers include, but are not limited to:
- Advertising at or for FAI events
 - Use of the event name or logo for merchandising purposes
 - Use of any sound, image, program and/or data, whether recorded electronically or otherwise or transmitted in real time (including specifically all rights to the use of any material, electronic or other, including software, that forms part of any method or system for judging, scoring, performance evaluation or information utilised in any FAI Sporting Event).
- 1.2.4 Any person or legal entity that accepts responsibility for organising an FAI Event, whether or not by written agreement, in so doing also accepts the proprietary rights of FAI stated above. Where no transfer of rights has been agreed in writing, the FAI shall retain all rights to the event.
- 1.2.5 Regardless of any agreement on transfer of rights, FAI shall have, free of charge for its own archival and/or promotional use, full access to any sound and/or visual images of any FAI Sporting Event. The FAI also reserves the right to arrange at its own expense for any and all parts of any event to be recorded, filmed and/or photographed for such use, without payment to the organiser.
- 1.2.6 FAI may negotiate agreements with FAI Members, other entities authorised by the appropriate FAI Member or event organisers, for the transfer of all or parts of its rights to FAI Events or waive the rights. Any such agreement or waiver shall be signed by FAI Officers in accordance with Statute 6.1.2.1.3.

- 1.2.7 A bid for an FAI Category-1 event shall include information on the financing to run the sanctioned event.
- Under Statute 1.6.2, FAI Commissions set-up bidding guidelines within the parameters of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, and Sporting Code.
- To produce the Organiser Agreement the following information is required to be provided to the FAI Secretariat:
- Written statement by the NAC agreeing to the bid, also in case the Sporting Powers have been delegated by the NAC,
 - Written statement agreeing to stage the event in accordance with applicable FAI Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, and applicable legal regulations in the country (including without limitation, air traffic regulations, employments and health and safety work regulations),
 - Organisational structure and contact details of the local organising entity,
 - Event Venue(s), competition area and relevant details,
 - Dates of opening and closing ceremony.
- 1.2.7.1 All Parties to the Organiser Agreement are required to sign the Organiser Agreement with the Commission stipulated period.
- 1.2.8 An event will not be added to the FAI calendar before the Organiser Agreement has been signed.
- 1.2.9 Any decision with a financial implication must be communicated by Commissions to the FAI Secretariat without delay, at the latest within 28 days of the decision.
- Any invoice is to be issued in FAI currency, that is Swiss Francs.
- All invoices are issued by the FAI Secretariat or by using electronic workflows that are approved by the FAI Secretariat.
- Any exception needs prior, written agreement by the FAI Secretary General.
- 1.2.10 All activities, fees, goods, and services which FAI is charging are listed in a separate document outside Sporting Codes or supporting guidelines.
- The FAI Secretariat maintains and publishes the consolidated list of such price elements in FAI currency.

1.3 DEFINITION OF AIR SPORT PERSON

- 1.3.1 A person involved in air sports as recognized by FAI and who is registered either directly with a NAC or with a sporting organization affiliated to a NAC.
- 1.3.2 There are three basic ways in which a person could become “registered” as an AP:
- Direct individual registration with the NAC that serves as FAI Member.
 - Individual registration with a NAC-affiliated national federation.
 - Individual registration with a local club under the NAC umbrella (directly or indirectly).
- 1.3.3 The AP definition embraces not only registered individuals in organisations within the FAI structure, but also those registered in organisations that are not themselves members of FAI, but that have an affiliation agreement or sporting license arrangement with a FAI member. Furthermore, in some cases, AP status has to be given to persons in organisations wholly outside the FAI structure and to individuals with no institutional affiliation.
- 1.3.4 However, those individuals who belong to no organisation, but who are APs (for example, some world record setters) must at some stage “register” in some way with one of the above categories of organisation, if only to obtain a sporting licence or achieve ratification of a performance as a national record. The term “registration” includes but is not limited to “membership”. Registration may, for the purpose of AP counting, include less close forms of relationship, such as sporting licence issue. However, it is not intended that the term

“registration” should include people who, for example, take a single trial flying lesson or parachute jump, but who subsequently display no commitment to air sports.

2 MEMBERSHIP RULES AND PROCEDURES

2.1 APPLICATION FOR FAI ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1.1 To join the FAI as an Active Member the applicant shall forward to the FAI Secretariat a letter of application appropriately signed by its President, Secretary General or other duly authorised persons. This application shall be accompanied by:
- 2.1.1.1 its Statutes and By-Laws, if any, in duplicate
 - 2.1.1.2 – the names of its officers and the members of its Board of Directors
 - 2.1.1.3 – the address of its headquarters
 - 2.1.1.4 – a reply to the FAI questionnaire
 - 2.1.1.5 – the payment for the first year's membership dues for the class in which membership is sought. In addition, if a country has previously had one or more FAI Members that failed to meet their financial obligations to FAI and as a result were either suspended twice or more within a 5-year period before resigning from FAI, or were the subject of a formal vote of expulsion within the previous 10 years, advance payment of one or more years' membership subscriptions, or other conditions designed to encourage timely payment, may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Board. If the application is not accepted, all payments shall be returned in full. If the application is referred to a different class than the one requested, and the applicant agrees to this, the balance of dues shall be paid by the applicant or refunded by the FAI as the case may be.

2.2 APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- 2.2.1 Application for Associate Membership shall follow the same procedure as that prescribed in paragraph 2.1.1. of these By-Laws.
- 2.2.2 The application must also include a written commitment that should FAI subsequently accept an Active Member to represent the same country, the Associate Member shall either affiliate with said Active Member or resign from FAI.
- 2.2.3 In cases where the country already has an Active Member, and the application for Associate Membership is being submitted under the special provisions of Statute 2.5.1.1. as a result of established breaches of that Active Member's obligations towards FAI, the application must also include a written commitment that the Associate Member undertakes to affiliate with the Active Member or resign from FAI as soon as FAI determines that the present, or any subsequently elected Active Member is fully compliant with FAI's Active Membership requirements.

2.3 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 2.3.1 Application for Temporary Membership shall follow the same procedure as that described in paragraph 2.1.1 of these By-Laws.
- 2.3.2 The application must also include a written commitment from the applicant to work towards fulfilment of the requirements for Active / Associate Membership.

2.4 CHANGE OF CLASS OF SUBSCRIPTION

- 2.4.1 An Active Member will keep FAI informed of changes to its organisation. In the case of a significant decrease in the number of air sport persons, an Active Member may request a change of class of subscription. The change must be approved by the General Conference and will become effective on 01 January of the second year following the year of the approval.

3 COMMISSION RULES AND PROCEDURES

3.1 REPRESENTATION AT MEETING OF FAI COMMISSIONS

- 3.1.1 Each Active Member or Associate may appoint one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to each FAI Air Sport Commission (other than the FAI Air Sport General Commission) and Technical Commission. New appointments and persons retiring from NAC Delegate or Alternate Delegate duty shall be reported to the FAI Secretariat without delay. Proper credentials must be presented to the FAI Secretariat from the Member organisation concerned.
- 3.1.2 Annually, an up-to-date list of all duly appointed Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be distributed with the General Conference Agenda, Annexes and Minutes.
- 3.1.3 At any time an Active or Associate Member may appoint a representative who may take the place of the Delegate or Alternate Delegate for the duration of the concerned meeting if those individuals are prevented from attending a meeting, by presenting proper credentials with copies direct to the FAI Secretariat. The delegate and alternate delegates would remain the recipients of all FAI official information, and it would be the NAC's responsibility to forward any communication concerning the meeting to the representative. The representative would have same voting rights as the delegate or alternate delegate but could not be elected to a Bureau function.
- 3.1.4 An Active or Associate Member who has not appointed a Delegate to an FAI Air Sport Commission or Technical Commission may be represented at meetings of those bodies by a non-voting Observer.
- 3.1.5 Observers may attend Commission meetings subject to the permission of the Commission President. Observers have no vote and may only speak to the meeting with the permission of the Commission President.
- 3.1.6 If an FAI Member is unable to appoint a delegate who is either a citizen or resident of that Member's country, the FAI Member may appoint an individual who is a citizen or resident of another country provided that prior approval has been obtained from the FAI Member of that country, and that the person concerned has not represented another FAI Member during the previous 3 years.
- 3.1.7 Each Air Sport Commission may nominate a representative to attend meetings and to receive papers of each of the Technical Commissions. Such representatives may speak but have no vote at such meetings.

3.2 OFFICIALS OF FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

- 3.2.1 Each FAI Air Sport Commission and Technical Commission shall have a "Bureau", normally comprising the following officials:
- its President,
 - one or more Vice-Presidents,
 - one or more Secretaries,
 - any other official who is properly described in the Specialized Sections of each Air Sport Commission.
- 3.2.2 If, between meetings of a Commission, the Bureau must exercise certain responsibilities, this delegation of powers and the resulting mandate shall be precisely defined by the parent body.
- 3.2.3 Decisions taken by the Bureau shall be communicated immediately to the FAI Secretariat for information and shall in due course be recorded by the Commission concerned.
- 3.2.4 Each Commission shall elect a President from among its approved Delegates or the existing President. If there is only one candidate and the meeting is physical (face-to-face), the election may be by acclamation, unless a secret ballot is requested by an approved

Delegate or his Alternate. If the meeting is held virtually by the use of electronic means, the acclamation may be indicated by a positive emoticon (an example of which is the “thumbs up” emoticon). In cases where there is more than one candidate or where a secret ballot is requested by an approved Delegate or his Alternate, the election shall be by secret ballot. If an absolute majority is not obtained in the first vote, a second vote shall be taken at which a plurality shall carry the election.

- 3.2.5 Presidents may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms and shall take office upon election.
- 3.2.6 Presidents of FAI Commissions shall have the following duties:
 - 3.2.6.1 - To represent their Commissions.
 - 3.2.6.2 - During Commission meetings, to direct the discussions and ensure compliance with the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, Sporting Code and Internal Regulations if any; however, they shall not take part in any vote, except as provided for in paragraph 3.3.7.
 - 3.2.6.3 - To prepare in writing a yearly report on the work done by their Commission and submit this report to the General Conference. When invited, the President shall present the report in person, verbally, to the General Conference. Further, special reports shall be made when requested by the FAI General Conference, the FAI Executive Board, or the FAI President.
 - 3.2.6.4 - To review minutes of meetings or records of decisions as prepared by the Commission Secretary and ensure that approved version is provided to the FAI Secretariat. This shall be done not later than 60 days after the meeting.
 - 3.2.6.5 - A Commission President who has been nominated as the FAI Member's delegate shall no longer represent the Member's views while holding office on that Commission, and the Member's Alternate Delegate or another representative shall represent that Member's views and vote on behalf of that Member for the period the President holds office.
 - 3.2.6.6 - In the case of the President of an Air Sport Commission, to serve as a Vice-President of FAI.
- 3.2.7 Each FAI Air Sports Commission and Technical Commission may confer upon an outgoing President the title of Commission President of Honour. The Honoree may, if agreed to by the Member of the FAI they represented, be invited to take part in subsequent meetings of the Commission concerned.
- 3.2.8 The Members of each FAI Air Sport Commission and Technical Commission shall elect by plurality vote one or more Vice-Presidents from among its approved Delegates. If there is only one candidate the election may be by acclamation, unless a secret ballot is requested by an approved Delegate or his Alternate. In cases where there is more than one candidate or where a secret ballot is requested by an approved Delegate or his Alternate, the election shall be by secret ballot.
- 3.2.9 Vice-Presidents shall continue to represent the FAI Member of which they are a Delegate unless they are called upon to act as President.
- 3.2.10 Vice-Presidents may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms and shall take office upon election.
- 3.2.11 The Secretary of a Commission shall be elected by plurality vote and may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms. If there is only one candidate the election may be by acclamation, unless a secret ballot is requested by an approved Delegate or his Alternate. In cases where there is more than one candidate or where a secret ballot is requested by an approved Delegate or his Alternate, the election shall be by secret ballot.
- 3.2.12 The Secretary may be chosen from outside the Commission, subject to agreement by the Member who would be responsible for issuing a Sporting License to the person concerned as per FAI's Rights of representation (Sporting Code General Section ~~8.4.3.6~~ 3.5).

- 3.2.13 The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and sending the draft minutes or records of decision of each meeting to its President as soon as possible after that meeting's adjournment, keeping in mind the requirement of 3.4.6.
- 3.2.14 The Secretary, if not a Delegate, shall have no voting rights.

3.3 COMMISSIONS VOTING RULES

- 3.3.1 Subject to the provisions of Sections 3.1. and 3.2., each Delegate to an FAI Air Sport Commission or Technical Commission shall have one vote. In case the Delegate is unable to exercise this right, and subject to the provisions of Sections 3.1. and 3.2., the Alternate may vote on behalf of the Delegate.
- 3.3.2 If no alternate delegate is available and if no substitute has been appointed under the provisions of 3.1.3, a proxy may be given to one of the other delegates, except to the Commission President, who shall not have the right to cast proxy votes. All proxies must be given in writing and be signed by the President or Secretary General of the FAI Member concerned.
- 3.3.3 A Delegate may represent and vote on behalf of only one other Member of the FAI.
- 3.3.4 A secret ballot shall be compulsory when requested by any one of the Delegates or their representatives attending a meeting.
- 3.3.5 Unless otherwise specified in Commissions' Internal Regulations, decisions shall be taken on an absolute majority vote.
- 3.3.6 In the event of a tie in two successive votes, the President shall cast a deciding vote without appeal.
- 3.3.7 Voting rules for bestowing FAI awards are subject to special provisions contained elsewhere in these By-Laws.

3.4 GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSIONS

- 3.4.1 Commissions shall meet when convened by their Presidents or, in their absences, the senior ranking Vice-Presidents available.
- The annual Plenary Meeting of an Air Sport Commission shall take place no later than 31 March each year.
- Under exceptional circumstances and in agreement with the FAI Executive Board, this date may be waived.
- 3.4.2 The notice convening the meeting shall be sent in good time to all approved Commission Delegates and the FAI members by the FAI Secretariat, but not later than forty-five days before the date fixed for the meeting.
- 3.4.3 Commissions, except for CASI, shall normally meet at, or in the vicinity of, the FAI Secretariat. When meeting elsewhere is under consideration, freedom of entry to the country concerned shall be a determinant factor. A Commission that has voted by an absolute majority (>50%) to meet in another place shall inform the FAI Secretary General and consult with him about fixing a suitable date. The host organisation shall pay all costs, including suitable travel from the FAI Secretariat to the meeting place, hotel accommodation, and administrative expenses of the FAI Secretary General and/or his authorized representatives. The host organisation may charge a registration fee for the range of services and events offered in connection with meetings held elsewhere than at the FAI Secretariat. However, no approved delegate to a Commission shall be refused entry to Commission plenary or sub-committee working sessions on the ground that he has not registered. CASI meetings may be held electronically at a date determined together with the FAI Secretary General or be held in conjunction with the FAI General Conference.

- 3.4.4 A detailed Agenda for each Commission meeting shall be prepared at the direction of the President and shall be sent to the FAI Secretariat in time to allow the distribution to all approved Commission Delegates and the FAI Members by the FAI Secretariat not later than thirty days before the date fixed for the meeting. The Commission's plenary meeting cannot make final decisions on items that do not appear on the agenda. For new items to be added to the agenda, at least two-thirds of the voting Delegates present must agree.

The FAI Finance Report will be provided by FAI Secretary General.

- 3.4.5 Commissions shall be entitled to call on specialists for advice.

- 3.4.6 The minutes or records of decision of each meeting shall be provided to FAI Secretariat within sixty (60) days after the meeting and, in conformity with By-Law 6.1.1., notice of their publication shall be sent by the FAI Secretariat to all Members of the Commission and to FAI Members as soon as possible thereafter.

3.5 RULES FOR COMMISSION, COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- 3.5.1 The presidency of committees, subcommittees and working groups shall usually be held by Delegates to the Commission which created the committee, subcommittee or working group. Depending on the term of office chosen by the Commission (according to Statutes 5.1.2.8), Presidents shall be elected for one-year or two-year terms by the parent body and may be re-elected.

- 3.5.2 In the event that the presidency of a committee, subcommittee or working group is not to be held by a Commission Delegate the nomination shall be subject to the agreement of the Delegate from the prospective electee's FAI Member.

- 3.5.3 Any proposal by a committee, subcommittee or working group shall be subject to the approval of the Commission concerned.

3.6 CIACA SPECIFIC SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

- 3.6.1 In order to avoid confusion with the scope of activities of other commissions, the CIACA (FAI Amateur Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission) scope of activities is defined as:

- 3.6.1.1 Actively cooperating and exploiting synergies with the other Commissions.
- 3.6.1.2 Contributing to the aims and objectives of FAI (such as education activities, regulatory matters, cooperation with FAI Commissions and Member organisations, etc.).
- 3.6.1.3 Promoting the design, construction and operation of Amateur-built / Homebuilt experimental aircraft, as well as the reconstruction and restoration of vintage aircraft.
- 3.6.1.4 Establishing and keeping current Sporting Codes and Rules for aircraft building competitions and/or flying competitions open to amateur-built/homebuilt experimental or restored aircraft.
- 3.6.1.5 Cooperating with the other FAI Air Sport Commissions in view of achieving international records using amateur-built/homebuilt experimental aircraft.
- 3.6.1.6 Providing technical expertise and advice to FAI, its Members and Air Sport Commissions.
- 3.6.1.7 Promoting the achievement of sporting performances with aircraft using new technologies.
- 3.6.1.8 Providing watch on new technologies.

4 THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE FAI SECRETARIAT

4.1 GENERAL

- 4.1.1 The FAI Secretary General is responsible for the activities of the FAI Secretariat. The overall responsibilities and authority of the FAI Secretary General are set out in Chapter 8 of the FAI Statutes.

4.2 SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.2.1 Under the direction of the Secretary General, to assist all the elements of FAI in furthering the aims and objectives of the organisation;
- 4.2.2 Maintaining the archives of the FAI;
- 4.2.3 Homologating all air and space records;
- 4.2.4 Maintaining the FAI accounts up to date and carrying out such transactions as are required for the day-to-day activities of the Secretariat in accordance with the authorities issued by the Executive Board, as set out in Statute 7.3.1.
- 4.2.5 Collecting all payments due to FAI and preparing vouchers for signature by the authorized individuals.
- 4.2.6 Establish, maintain and keep up to date such electronic communications (including the Internet) as may be required by FAI's activities, in conjunction with the constituent elements of FAI and the air sports community at large.

4.3 FAI WORKING LANGUAGES

- 4.3.1 English and/or French shall serve as the day to day working languages of the FAI Secretariat and for its correspondence.

5 FAI BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

5.1 FAI POLICIES

- 5.1.1 Notwithstanding the importance of FAI's income producing programmes, air sports, air sport competition and the quest for improved performance are FAI's principal reasons for existence. Business programmes must support and not replace these objectives.
- 5.1.2 The FAI Executive Board may negotiate business programmes and approve and execute agreements for their implementation.
- 5.1.3 Any business programmes to be implemented in the territory of a Member shall be discussed in advance with the affected Member.

5.2 DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE

- 5.2.1 The distribution of revenue from business activities shall be specified in the Organizer Agreement.

6 FAI PUBLICATIONS

6.1 GENERAL

- 6.1.1 FAI shall publish information regarding its activities and meetings and also the list of current air and space records, using the most appropriate available medium. The FAI Secretariat is responsible for the issuing of all FAI communications.
- 6.1.2 FAI shall publish annually the principal events of the preceding year, such as Executive Board elections, the President's Report, Commission Reports, results of FAI Championships, medals and diplomas, the summary and conclusions of the Annual General Conference, lists of Commission delegates, membership changes, the FAI calendar and other items of interest.
- 6.1.3 Other publications, such as a magazine, may be issued with the approval of the Executive Board.

7 FAI AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES

7.1 GENERAL

- 7.1.1 The FAI Medals and Diplomas in this Chapter may be awarded only upon the decision of the appropriate Air Sport or Technical Commission.
- 7.1.2 The nominating authority (Statute 9.1.3.) shall send nominations for all FAI awards for individual disciplines to the FAI Secretariat, together with citations not exceeding 250 words and any other supporting information required.

Subject to specific procedures set out elsewhere in FAI By-Laws Chapter 7.2 to 7.13, nominations are to arrive no later than 60 days before the FAI Commission meeting concerned.

After the 60 days deadline specified in 7.1.2, if no nominations for a specific award category have been received and subject to support according to FAI Statutes 9.1.3.2, nominations may be made by the respective FAI Commission President up until 45 days before the FAI Commission meeting concerned. Such a nomination, with a citation, shall be included in the agenda for the commission meeting and shall be sent to the FAI Secretariat.

Under extenuating circumstances, the Plenary may defer the decision for one year.

7.1.3 Nomination Procedures

Note: Chapters 9.1.3.4 to 9.1.7 of the FAI Statutes (2024 version) were removed, as adopted by the 2024 General Conference decision, to be incorporated into the FAI By-Laws. They are inserted below and numbered in accordance with this document structure.

Furthermore, references to "Statutes Chapter 9" previously stated in the By-Laws have been corrected to refer appropriately to these By-Laws.

- 7.1.3.1 The FAI Secretariat shall submit to the appropriate Commissions for consideration all nominations for FAI Awards for individual disciplines listed in the FAI By-Laws.
- 7.1.3.2 Except where otherwise specified, the FAI Secretariat shall submit to the FAI Vice Presidents for consideration all nominations for awards listed in Chapter 10 of the FAI Statutes.
- 7.1.3.3 Recommendation and Approval Procedures. When considering nominations for Medals and Diplomas, Commissions shall adopt the two-stage procedure described below. Before the procedure begins, any delegate present who is a candidate for the award in question shall be asked to leave the room for the duration of the discussion and voting. Any such person shall be deemed to have voted for himself.

- 7.1.3.4 A vote shall first be taken on whether or not to approve or recommend the award of the Medal or Diploma concerned in the year in question. This vote shall be open unless any Delegate requires a secret ballot.
- 7.1.3.5 If the result of the vote in 7.1.3.4 is positive, and if more than one nominee is under consideration, a secret ballot shall be held to determine the recipient of the award, following full discussion in closed session, with no written or taped record of the proceedings.
- 7.1.3.6 FAI Vice Presidents will be invited to decide on nominations for awards listed in Chapter 10 of the FAI Statutes by email voting. Detailed rules for the voting procedures will be decided by the FAI Executive Board.
- 7.1.3.7 Unless otherwise specified, all results shall be determined by a simple majority.
- 7.1.3.8 No proxy voting shall be accepted.
- 7.1.3.9 Exemptions from Approval. No Commission or Vice-Presidential approval is necessary for medals awarded automatically to holders of new World Records, nor for the Air Sport Medal.
- 7.1.3.10 Presentation of Awards. Except where otherwise indicated, Medals and Diplomas shall be presented to recipients during the Opening Ceremony of the General Conference, in accordance with protocol established by the FAI President, the FAI Secretary General and the organizing Member.
- 7.1.3.11 Names of recipients and citations shall be published by the FAI Secretariat prior to the Conference and distributed to the Press at the Conference.
- 7.1.3.12 Medals and diplomas for recipients not present at the opening ceremony shall become the responsibility of the delegation from the FAI Member concerned, who should arrange a suitable occasion for presentation.
- 7.1.3.13 Modification of Policy for FAI Awards for individual disciplines. If any changes are to be made to the rules for FAI Awards described in the FAI By-Laws, these must be previously approved by the relevant Commission and promulgated to all FAI Members by 31st of December of the year preceding their entry into effect.

7.2 AWARDS FOR BALLOONING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Ballooning Commission)

7.2.1 THE MONTGOLFIER BALLOONING DIPLOMAS

- 7.2.1.1 History. These Diplomas, established by FAI in 1960, are named after Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier who built the world's first successful manned flying machine, a hot air balloon, in 1783.
- 7.2.1.2 Eligibility, Frequency and Number. Four Montgolfier Diplomas may be awarded annually, one to recognise each of the following:
 - 7.2.1.2.1 - the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Gas Ballooning;
 - 7.2.1.2.2 - the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Hot Air Ballooning;
 - 7.2.1.2.3 - the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Roziere Ballooning.
 - 7.2.1.2.4 - a major contribution to the development of the sport of Ballooning in general.
- 7.2.1.2.5 The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th (UTC).
- 7.2.1.3 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions:
 - 7.2.1.3.1 Each FAI Member may submit the names of four candidates, one in each of the categories defined in 7.2.1.2. above.
 - 7.2.1.3.2 Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.

- 7.2.1.3.3 In the event a Diploma is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Diploma.
- 7.2.1.3.4 The Montgolfier Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or team more than once, but not in the same category.

7.2.2 THE SANTOS-DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

- 7.2.2.1 History. This medal, established in 1994, honours Alberto Santos-Dumont for his contributions to the development of the sport of flying airships, culminating in his historic flight around the Eiffel Tower in Paris, October 19, 1901, thus winning the Deutsch Prize.
100 medals were contributed by the Virgin Islands Aero Club.
- 7.2.2.2 Eligibility, Frequency and Number. One Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal may be awarded annually to recognise:
 - 7.2.2.2.1 - the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year (see 7.2.1.2.5.) in airships, or
 - 7.2.2.2.2 - a major contribution to the development of the sport of Airship flying in general.
- 7.2.2.2.3 A Medal may also be awarded for a series of performances which together represent a remarkable sporting performance.
- 7.2.2.3 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws, subject to the following additional conditions:
 - 7.2.2.3.1 Each FAI Member may submit the name of one candidate,
 - 7.2.2.3.2 Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.
 - 7.2.2.3.3 In the event a Medal is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Medal.

7.2.3 THE HANS AKERSTEDT AWARD

- 7.2.3.1 History: This award, established in 2024, honours Hans Akerstedt for his contributions to the FAI Ballooning Commission and his long years serving in various positions in the commission.
- 7.2.3.2 Eligibility, Frequency and Number. The Hans Akerstedt Award shall be awarded to recognise the number and years of presence and participation in the FAI Ballooning commission meetings as follows:
 - The Gold award for a total number of 25 participations in the FAI Ballooning commission plenary meetings
 - 1 additional diamond for every following 10 participations.

The number of awards per year is only limited by the criteria as mentioned above.

- 7.2.3.3 Nomination and Approval. Award is automatic.

7.3 AWARDS FOR GENERAL AVIATION

(Subject to approval by the FAI General Aviation Commission)

7.3.1 THE CHARLES LINDBERGH GENERAL AVIATION DIPLOMA

- 7.3.1.1 History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1983 on a proposal by the FAI General Aviation Commission.
- 7.3.1.2 Eligibility. The Lindbergh Diploma may be awarded annually to:
 - 7.3.1.2.1 - individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly over a period of not less than ten years to the progress and success of General Aviation in either air sport or transportation, or in the work of international bodies concerned with General Aviation; or
 - 7.3.1.2.2 - to recognise technical breakthroughs in the field of General Aviation as an incentive toward general progress, and for the purpose of stimulating research and development of new concepts and equipment contributing to operational efficiency and flight safety.

7.3.1.2.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Lindbergh Diploma may be awarded annually.

7.3.1.3 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.4 AWARDS FOR GLIDING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Gliding Commission)

7.4.1 THE LILIENTHAL GLIDING MEDAL

7.4.1.1 History. This Medal, named after the famous early gliding pioneer Otto Lilienthal, was created by the FAI in 1938.

7.4.1.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded for a particularly remarkable gliding performance, or eminent services to gliding, to a currently active glider pilot who has:

7.4.1.2.1 - established an international record during the past year; or

7.4.1.2.2 - made a pioneer flight (defined as a flight which has opened new possibilities for gliding and/or gliding techniques); or

7.4.1.2.3 - rendered eminent service to the sport of gliding over a significant period of time.

7.4.1.3 Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.4.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.4.2 THE PELAGIA MAJEWSKA GLIDING MEDAL

7.4.2.1 History. This Medal was created by the FAI in 1989, following a proposal by the Aero Club of Poland, in memory of Madame Pelagia MAJEWSKA, eminent Polish glider pilot awarded the Lilienthal Medal for 1960, and holder of 17 world gliding records, who lost her life in an air accident in 1988. The Medal is offered to the FAI by the Aero Club of Poland.

7.4.2.2 Eligibility. The Pelagia Majewska Medal may be awarded annually to a female glider pilot to reward:

7.4.2.2.1 - a particularly remarkable performance in gliding during the past year, or

7.4.2.2.2 - eminent services to gliding over a long period of time.

7.4.2.3 Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.4.2.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.4.3 THE PIRAT GEHRIGER DIPLOMA

7.4.3.1 History. This Diploma was created by the FAI in 2000 in memory of Pirat Gehriger, former President of the FAI Gliding Commission (then Commission Internationale de Vol à Voile (CIVV)).

7.4.3.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding.

7.4.3.3 Frequency and Number. Normally, only one Diploma may be awarded annually. However, exceptionally, the International Gliding Commission may recommend the award of one or two additional diplomas.

7.4.3.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.5 AWARDS FOR ROTORCRAFT

(Subject to approval by the FAI Rotorcraft Commission)

7.5.1 THE FAI GOLD ROTORCRAFT MEDAL

7.5.1.1 History. This medal was established by FAI in February 1993 upon the proposal of the FAI Rotorcraft Commission. The provision of the medals is arranged by that Commission.

7.5.1.2 Eligibility. The medal is to reward a particularly remarkable achievement in rotorcraft including use as a sporting vehicle, or eminent services to the development of rotorcraft over an extended period of time.

7.5.1.3 Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

- 7.5.1.4 Nomination and Approval. ~~Nominations must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by November 30 of each year. In other respects,~~ Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.6 AWARDS FOR PARACHUTING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Parachuting Commission)

7.6.1 THE FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL

- 7.6.1.1 History. This Medal was established by the FAI in January 1968. The cost of the Medal was initially covered by the revenue from a 10,000 US Dollar endowment fund provided by Mr. J.A. Istel, President of Honour of the FAI Parachuting Commission. After the first fund ran out, the USPA (United States Parachute Association) decided to take over the funding the medal.
- 7.6.1.2 Eligibility. The Medal may be awarded annually for an outstanding accomplishment in connection with parachuting. This may be in the realm of sport, safety, or, at the option of the Commission, an invention. It cannot be awarded to delegates to the FAI Parachuting Commission.
- 7.6.1.3 Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.
- 7.6.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Secretariat no later than 60 days before the Skydiving Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.6.2 THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA

- 7.6.2.1 History. This Diploma was established in 1970 by the FAI.
- 7.6.2.2 Eligibility. One Diploma may be awarded each year to a person who has achieved one of the following criteria:
- 7.6.2.2.1 - Been at least twice an Individual Champion or a Member of a Champion Team at a First Category Event
- 7.6.2.2.2 - Established at least three World Parachuting Records;
- 7.6.2.2.3 - Have been at least three times an FAI/IPC Official at a First Category Event (Chief Judge, FAI Parachuting Judge, FAI Controller, International Jury Member or any combination thereof)
- 7.6.2.2.4 - Have been at least three times a Competition Director at a First Category Event
- 7.6.2.2.5 - Have been for at least six years the Chair of an IPC Committee (IPC Internal Regulations 6.7) or an IPC Bureau Member or any combination thereof.
- 7.6.2.3 Frequency and Number. Five Diplomas may be awarded annually.
- 7.6.2.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Secretariat no later than 60 days before the Skydiving Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.6.3 FAUST VRANCIC MEDAL

- 7.6.3.1 History. This medal was established in 2001, following a proposal by the Aeronautical Federation of Croatia, in memory of Faust Vrancic.
- 7.6.3.2 Eligibility. The Medal may be awarded, on the decision of the FAI Parachuting Commission, for technical innovation or achievement in parachuting. It cannot be awarded to Delegates to the FAI Skydiving Commission.
- 7.6.3.3 Frequency and Number. One Medal will be provided annually by the Aeronautical Federation of Croatia.
- 7.6.3.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Secretariat no later than 60 days before the Skydiving Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7 AWARDS FOR AEROMODELLING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Aeromodelling Commission)

7.7.1 THE FAI AEROMODELLING GOLD MEDAL

7.7.1.1 History. This Medal was established in 1987.

7.7.1.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded annually to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for outstanding merit in organisation activities. The recipient shall have:

7.7.1.2.1 - fulfilled at least twice the function of Competition Director or a similar function at World or Continental Championships; or

7.7.1.2.2 - fulfilled at least three times the function of an FAI jury member at World or Continental Championships; or

7.7.1.2.3 - fulfilled at least five times the function of a judge or a similar function at World or Continental Championships; or

7.7.1.2.4 - served at least three years as a delegate to the FAI Aeromodelling Commission, or served another function therein; or

7.7.1.2.5 - shown outstanding merits in developing aeromodelling by organizational activities.

7.7.1.3 Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.7.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7.2 THE ANDREI TUPOLEV AEROMODELLING MEDAL

7.7.2.1 History. This Medal was established in 1989.

7.7.2.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded to any aeromodeller who in the same year wins the World and National Aeromodelling Championships in the same class of models.

7.7.2.3 Frequency and Number. Not more than one medal may be awarded each year.

7.7.2.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7.3 THE ALPHONSE PENAUD AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA

7.7.3.1 History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1979 and amended in 1980.

7.7.3.2 Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded to an aeromodeller of a FAI Member who has:

7.7.3.2.1 - obtained at least three times consecutively the title of national champion; or

7.7.3.2.2 - obtained at least once the title of world champion; or

7.7.3.2.3 - established at least three world records; or

7.7.3.2.4 - other outstanding sporting achievements

7.7.3.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.7.3.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7.4 THE ANTONOV AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA

- 7.7.4.1 History. This Diploma was established in 1987 and is donated annually by the FAI Member of Russia to the FAI.
- 7.7.4.2 Eligibility. This Diploma may be awarded to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for technical innovations in aeromodelling. The Antonov Diploma may be granted more than once to the same person for different technical innovations made in different years.
- 7.7.4.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.
- 7.7.4.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7.5 THE ANDREI TUPOLEV AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA

- 7.7.5.1 History. This Diploma was established in 1989 and is donated annually by the FAI Member of Russia to the FAI.
- 7.7.5.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded annually to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for an outstanding record performance in aeromodelling.
- 7.7.5.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.
- 7.7.5.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7.6 THE FRANK EHLING DIPLOMA

- 7.7.6.1 History. The Frank Ehling Diploma was established in 1999 and is donated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics of the USA. It honours Frank V Ehling whose simple model designs have been used successfully on three continents.
- 7.7.6.2 Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded annually for outstanding accomplishment, by an organisation or individual, in connection with the promotion of aviation through the use of flying models.
- 7.7.6.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.
- 7.7.6.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.7.7 THE CIAM LEGENDS MEDAL

- 7.7.7.1 History: This Medal was established in 2022 and first awarded in 2023.
- 7.7.7.2 Eligibility: The medal is reserved for those who have, in the past, obtained at least three (3) times the title of FAI World Champion in any Aeromodelling or Space Models class. The World Champion title may be gained in different classes. This medal is for individuals only. Proposals may cover any period of time up to 31st December of the preceding year.
- 7.7.7.3 Frequency and Number: No restrictions other than no athlete shall be awarded with this medal more than once.
- 7.7.7.4 Nomination and Approval process: Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's achievements up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Secretariat, and must arrive at the FAI Secretariat by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

The award is automatic. A vote from the Plenary will not be required as the nominations will be based on World Championships results.

7.8 AWARDS FOR AEROBATICS

(Subject to approval by the FAI Aerobatics Commission)

7.8.1 THE LEON BIANCOTTO AEROBATICS DIPLOMA

- 7.8.1.1 History. This Diploma was established in February 1993 upon the proposal of the FAI Aerobatics Commission. Widely regarded as one of the finest aerobatics pilots of all time, Léon Biancotto was a member of the French aerobatics team. He lost his life practising for the first FAI World Aerobatic Championships in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia in 1960. Biancotto won the famous Lockheed Aerobatics Trophy in England on three of the six occasions it was held. In 1965, a competition known as the Biancotto Trophy was started and this eventually developed into the European Aerobatics Championships.
- 7.8.1.2 Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the sport of aerobatics.
- 7.8.1.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Biancotto Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.8.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedure for selecting recipients of the Diploma shall be as set out in the By-Laws.

7.9 AWARDS FOR ASTRONAUTICS

(Subject to approval by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission)

7.9.1 THE YURI A. GAGARIN GOLD MEDAL

- 7.9.1.1 History. This Medal was established by the FAI in 1968 in honour of Astronaut Yuri A. Gagarin, who performed the first space flight by man on the 12th of April 1961. He lost his life on the 27th of March 1968 in a tragic aircraft accident while carrying out a training flight.
- 7.9.1.2 Eligibility. The Yuri A. Gagarin Gold Medal may be awarded to an astronaut who, in the previous year, is considered to have made the greatest achievement in Man's conquest of Space.
- 7.9.1.3 Frequency and Number. Normally, one Medal only is awarded each year. Exceptionally, 2 medals may be awarded.
- 7.9.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.9.2 THE V. M. KOMAROV DIPLOMA

- 7.9.2.1 History. This Diploma was established in 1970 by the FAI to honour the memory of Soviet Cosmonaut Komarov who participated in the world record space flight of Voskhod 1 in 1964, and who lost his life while serving on a cosmic flight.
- 7.9.2.2 Eligibility. This Diploma may be awarded to astronauts, members of multi-seater crews, for outstanding achievements in the field of exploration of outer space in the previous year.
- 7.9.2.3 Frequency and Number. The maximum number of crews to be recognized annually shall be three.
- 7.9.2.4 Nomination and Approval. Each year, an FAI Member may submit the names of two candidates (multi-seater crews) with supporting data. Nominations shall be processed by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission in accordance with the By-Laws.

7.9.3 THE KOROLEV DIPLOMA

- 7.9.3.1 History. This Diploma was established in 1988 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.
- 7.9.3.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded to technicians or engineers having worked in orbit or on a celestial body in building structures and/or their equipment, or in a non-planned restoration or repair of a broken device to make possible the continuation of a mission, and, on this occasion, having demonstrated human work in space.
- 7.9.3.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded each year.
- 7.9.3.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.9.4 THE ODYSSEY DIPLOMA

- 7.9.4.1 History. This Diploma was established in 1988 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.
- 7.9.4.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded to a person or a group of persons whose actions, achievements, or works on earth, in space, or on a celestial body have safeguarded or may safeguard human life in space.
- 7.9.4.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded each year.
- 7.9.4.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.9.5 THE DIPLOMA FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ASTRONAUTICS

- 7.9.5.1 History. This Diploma was established in 2016 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.
- 7.9.5.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded to astronauts working as professionals (i.e. Government-funded or perhaps as crew members of companies such as SpaceX) for their outstanding performance in exceeding the Karman Line. Whatever their role, they would have undergone a rigorous selection and training process after many years in prior fields of work and so their achievement would be among the high points of their career.
- 7.9.5.3 Frequency and Number. Diplomas shall be awarded to astronauts after they finished their performance.
- 7.9.5.4 Nomination and Approval. Applications for award of the FAI Diploma for Outstanding Performance in Astronautics may be made at any time by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission on a uniform application form obtainable from the FAI Secretariat. Applications shall be subject to the approval of the FAI President or Secretary General. The Diploma may be presented on any appropriate FAI or national occasion.

7.9.6 The Robert H. Goddard Gold Medal

- 7.9.6.1 History. This Medal was established in 2024 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.
- 7.9.6.2 Eligibility. It will be awarded to spacecraft operators, technicians or engineers for accomplishing a Miliarium Ad Astra Grand Challenge event which does not involve a crewed spaceflight. The Astronautic Records Commission shall validate the accomplishment according to the criteria and rules established for such Grand Challenge events. The Medal may also be awarded for an outstanding technical accomplishment demonstrated by an uncrewed spacecraft during the previous year.
- 7.9.6.3 Frequency and Number. The Robert H. Goddard Gold Medal will be awarded from time to time for a properly validated Miliarium Ad Astra Grand Challenge event. One Medal may also be awarded each year for an outstanding technical accomplishment.
- 7.9.6.4 Nomination and Approval. Upon validation of an eligible Miliarium Ad Astra Grand Challenge accomplishment by the Astronautic Records Commission, The Robert H. Goddard Gold Medal shall be awarded without further approval. For a Medal awarded for outstanding technical accomplishment the nomination and approval procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.10 AWARDS FOR HANG-GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Hang-Gliding and Paragliding Commission)

7.10.1 THE PEPE LOPES MEDAL

- 7.10.1.1 History. This medal was established in February 1993 in memory of Pedro Paulo "Pepe" Lopes of Brazil who was the World Hang Gliding Champion in 1981. His energy and good humour played a big part in developing Brazil as an important centre for international competitions. He died during a hang-gliding competition in Japan in 1991. The provision of the medals will be arranged by the FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission.
- 7.10.1.2 Eligibility. The medal may be awarded for outstanding contributions to sportsmanship or international understanding in the sport of hang-gliding and paragliding. The medal will

only be awarded for truly significant acts or services and will not necessarily be awarded every year.

7.10.1.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Medal shall be awarded each year.

7.10.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.10.2 THE FAI HANG-GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING DIPLOMA

7.10.2.1 History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1979.

7.10.2.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded to an individual who is considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the development of hang-gliding and/or paragliding by his or her initiative, work or leadership in flight achievement.

7.10.2.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded each year.

7.10.2.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.11 AWARDS FOR MICROLIGHT AND PARAMOTOR AVIATION

(Subject to approval by the FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission)

7.11.1 The CIMA GOLD MEDAL

7.11.1.1 History. This medal was established by FAI in [DATE] upon the proposal of the FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission. The provision of the medals is arranged by that Commission.

7.11.1.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded each year to an individual who has displayed distinguished leadership or eminent service to the sport over an extended period of time.

7.11.1.3 Frequency. One medal only may be awarded annually.

7.11.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Proposals may cover any period of time up to when the proposal is submitted. Procedures for nomination and approval shall be as described in the By-Laws. Awarding of the medal is subject to approval by the FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission.

7.11.2 THE COLIBRI DIPLOMA

7.11.2.1 History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1983, on a proposal by the FAI Microlight Commission.

7.11.2.2 Eligibility. It may be awarded each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of microlight or paramotor aircraft.

7.11.2.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.11.2.4 Nomination and Approval. Proposals may cover any period of time up to when the proposal is submitted. Procedures for nomination and approval shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.11.3 THE ANN WELCH DIPLOMA

7.11.3.1 History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2006, on a proposal by the FAI Microlight Commission. Ann Welch, for many years FAI Vice President and Editor of the FAI Bulletin, played leading international roles in the development not only of Microlight and Paramotor aviation, but also of gliding and hang-gliding. She was instrumental in creating the FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA) and formulating the Microlight and Paramotor sporting code. She worked tirelessly for many years in the cause of Microlight and Paramotor sport flying.

7.11.3.2 Eligibility. Diplomas may be awarded each year to the pilot or crew of a Microlight or Paramotor who, in the opinion of CIMA, made the most meritorious flight which resulted in a Microlight or Paramotor World record claim ratified in the year in question.

7.11.3.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually for Microlights, and one for Paramotor.

- 7.11.3.4 Nomination and Approval. Nominations will be considered by Commission Delegates based on a list of eligible candidates from the official FAI World Record database. This list will be distributed in time before the Commission Annual Meeting.

In other respects, procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws., except the Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or crew more than once.

7.12 AWARDS FOR AMATEUR-BUILT AIRCRAFT

(Subject to approval by the FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission)

7.12.1 THE PHOENIX DIPLOMA AND GROUP DIPLOMA

- 7.12.1.1 History. These Diplomas were established by the FAI in 1978 and 1990 respectively.
- 7.12.1.2 Eligibility. They may each be awarded for the best reconstruction or restoration of a vintage (more than 30-year-old) aircraft achieved by an individual amateur in the case of the Phoenix Diploma and by a group of any size or description (e.g. museum, sponsored group, society, company) in the case of the Phoenix Group Diploma.
- 7.12.1.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma and one Group Diploma may be conferred each year.
- 7.12.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws, subject to the following additional conditions:

- 7.12.1.4.1 Nominations shall be valid only when accompanied by a file containing:

- A description of the aircraft.
- Its history (it is desirable for the aircraft to be of some historical value).
- The name of the person or group responsible for the reconstruction or the restoration.
- The number of original aircraft built.

(The above data shall be contained on one page).

- At least one color picture and one black and white picture, minimum size: 18 cm x 24 cm, and the negative or electronic file in high resolution.
- A 3-D view drawing.

- 7.12.1.4.2 The FAI Amateur-Built & Experimental Aircraft Commission, in making its selection, shall consider:

- Age of the aircraft. The original prototype must predate the nomination by at least thirty years.
- Fidelity. The aircraft must be as faithful a copy of the original as possible.

7.12.2 THE HENRI MIGNET DIPLOMA

- 7.12.2.1 History. Henri Mignet was a legendary French amateur aircraft builder, and designer of the popular 'Flying Flea'. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1984 upon a proposal by the FAI Amateur Built Aircraft Committee. The award commemorates and should remain in the spirit of Henri Mignet's "Aviation for all" philosophy.

- 7.12.2.2 Eligibility. This diploma may be awarded to an amateur aircraft builder or a group of builders, who have developed an aircraft of any category (including microlights) which has one or more of the following characteristics:

- Low cost of operation and of building,
- Simple design (use of non-sophisticated design practices and techniques),
- Ease of construction and maintenance,
- Outstanding flying characteristics,
- Special features and innovative concept.

- 7.12.2.3 The proposal may involve any of the following:

- use of "non aviation" engines
- alternate fuels
- use of alternate materials (non-aeronautical standards) or
- low noise levels

- 7.12.2.3.1 The aircraft should have received its certificate of airworthiness or equivalent.

- 7.12.2.4 Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.12.2.5 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws, subject to the following additional conditions:
- 7.12.2.5.1 Proposals shall contain:
- a description of the aircraft – general characteristics including details of materials used, construction methods,
 - a history of its development and building,
 - the names of the designer(s) and the builder(s),
 - three view drawings and a minimum of three photographs taken from various angles,
 - a short report of flight tests.

7.12.3 THE DAVID FAULKNER BRYANT DIPLOMA

- 7.12.3.1 History: David Faulkner Bryant was Chairman and subsequently President of the former Popular Flying Association which in 2010 became the Light Aircraft Association encompassing Amateur Built Aircraft, Vintage Aircraft and Sport flying. He was the first President and President of Honour of the FAI Amateur Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission (CIACA). The FAI established this Diploma in 2020 upon a proposal by the FAI Amateur Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission.
- 7.12.3.2 Eligibility: This diploma may be awarded to an amateur aircraft builder or a group of amateur aircraft builders who have built a plan-built or a kit-built aircraft of any category. It does not apply to new design.
- The aircraft shall have received its certificate of airworthiness or equivalent and the builder(s) shall have been recognised in the applicant's country for best craftsmanship in the year before the award.
- 7.12.3.3 Frequency and Number: Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.12.3.4 Nomination and Approval: Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws, subject to the following additional conditions:
- 7.12.3.4.1 Proposals shall contain:
- a description of the aircraft – general characteristics including details of materials used, construction methods, and if kit built, details of the kit parts delivered,
 - a history of its construction, with detailed photos of the building process and of the builder(s) in action,
 - the names of the designer(s) and the builder(s),
 - three view drawings and a minimum of three photographs of the finished aircraft taken from various perspectives,
 - a short report of flight tests.

7.13 AWARDS FOR ENVIROMENT

7.13.1 THE ANGELO D'ARRIGO DIPLOMA

- 7.13.1.1 History: This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2013 following a proposal by the FAI Environmental Commission.
- 7.13.1.2 Eligibility: It may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the defence of and respect for the environment affected by air sports. The activities may include scientific research, private, public or commercial events or activities, developed or promoted directly by Pilots, sport flying Clubs, NACs or Public or Private bodies as Small and Medium Enterprises.
- 7.13.1.3 Frequency and Number: Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.13.1.4 Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws.

7.14 AWARDS FOR EDUCATION

7.14.1 THE NILE GOLD MEDAL

- 7.14.1.1 History. This Medal was established in 1972. It is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt to the FAI.
- 7.14.1.2 Eligibility. This medal may be awarded to a person, group of persons or organization to reward distinguished work in the field of aviation and space education, particularly during the year preceding its award.
- 7.14.1.3 Frequency and Number. Only one Nile Gold Medal may be awarded annually.
- 7.14.1.4 Nomination and Approval Process. Procedures for nomination and approval shall be as described in the By-Laws. Awarding of the medal is subject to approval by the Education Commission.

7.15 AWARDS FOR MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL

7.15.1 DR. PETER SAUNDBY DIPLOMA

- 7.15.1.1 History: This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2021, in memory of Dr. Robert Peter Saundby, glider pilot, President of the Commission Internationale Medico-Physiologique (CIMP) from 2005 to 2010 and then its Honorary President. He was a FAI Companion of Honour (2012) and holder of the Paul Tissandier Diploma (1996). His dogged persistence, powers of persuasion, structured and rational arguments and his many contributions to air sports, in particular to promote rational medical regulations and to reduce bureaucracy, have led to this token of recognition.
- 7.15.1.2 Eligibility: This FAI Diploma may be awarded annually, on the recommendation of the FAI CIMP sub-committee, to individuals, groups or organisations that have contributed significantly to flight safety and sport pilot performance in a broad sense. For example, but not limited to: human factors concepts, training facilities, scientific research, medical fitness and assessments, limited capabilities at air sport pilots, anti-doping, air sport rulemaking, work in FAI Commissions and related activities.
- 7.15.1.3 Nomination and Approval: Procedures shall be as described in the By-Laws, subject to the following additional conditions: Applications shall be subject to the approval of the FAI President or Secretary General.

8 FAI BADGES

8.1 SPORTING BADGES

- 8.1.1 Sporting badges shall be awarded as set forth in the Sporting Code.

8.2 COMPANION OF HONOUR BADGES

- 8.2.1 Companion of Honour badges shall be awarded as set forth in Chapter 9.

8.3 PAST PRESIDENT'S DISTINCTION

- 8.3.1 This badge (a distinguished lapel decoration) shall be awarded to Past Presidents of FAI together with a diploma in accordance with Statutes 10.12.

9 FAI COMPANIONS OF HONOUR, PATRONS AND FAI PRESIDENTS OF HONOUR

9.1 FAI COMPANIONS OF HONOUR

9.1.1 APPOINTMENT

- 9.1.1.1 All FAI Companions of Honour appointed under rules applying prior to 31 December 1994 shall retain their status indefinitely.
- 9.1.1.2 The President of FAI may each year propose to the General Conference persons he considers suitable for appointment as Companions of Honour. Acceptance by the General Conference shall constitute appointment.
- 9.1.1.3 Appointments shall be for life unless cancelled by the General Conference in accordance with Section 2.11.1.2.3. of the Statutes.
- 9.1.1.4 General Conference may appoint a co-ordinator for the FAI Companion of Honour programme, taking into account the results of an electronic ballot amongst Companions of Honour, held once every 3 years under arrangements made by the Secretary General.

9.1.2 PRIVILEGES

- 9.1.2.1 Each FAI Companion of Honour shall receive a numbered diploma and badge to be presented as follows:
 - 9.1.2.1.1 - Preferably, and with the consent of the FAI Member concerned, at the earliest possible Annual General Conference.
 - 9.1.2.1.2 - Alternatively, at the Headquarters of the FAI Member concerned.
 - 9.1.2.1.3 - If agreed upon by the FAI President and the FAI Member concerned, at some other suitable occasion.
- 9.1.2.2 An FAI Companion of Honour shall be on the mailing lists of all official publications of FAI and shall have access to all sporting events.
- 9.1.2.3 An FAI Companion of Honour shall be entitled to attend all General Conferences of FAI as an Observer.
- 9.1.2.4 An FAI Companion of Honour shall be entitled to receive all discounts and other special arrangements accorded to any approved Observer at a General Conference.
- 9.1.2.5 At Annual General Conferences, Companions of Honour shall be recognised as such, and a special seating area at the opening ceremony reserved for their use.

9.1.3 FUNCTIONS

- 9.1.3.1 Companions of Honour may elect biannually 3 of their number to serve as members of the FAI Awards Advisory Group.
- 9.1.3.2 Elections for the FAI Awards Advisory Group shall be carried out by electronic ballot under arrangements made by the FAI Secretary General. For an election to be declared valid, a minimum of 10 Companions of Honour must return their ballot.
- 9.1.3.3 The Awards Advisory Group may examine all nominations for the FAI Gold Air Medal and the FAI Diploma for Outstanding Airmanship, and for any other FAI Awards, which fall outside the sphere of responsibility of an FAI Commission. It may determine, and advise the FAI Vice Presidents, whether or not each nomination meets the minimum criteria laid down for the award in By-Laws. However, it shall not make any comparative evaluation of the respective merits of different nominations for an award.
- 9.1.3.4 The Awards Advisory Group may make recommendations to the FAI Executive Board concerning the creation, abolition or restructuring of FAI awards, provided that these do not fall within the province of a particular FAI Commission.

9.2 PATRONS OF FAI

9.2.1 GENERAL

- 9.2.1.1 FAI may give recognition to companies and other entities, such as research institutes that wish to support FAI and the federation's aims and objectives, as detailed in Statute 1.2., by appointing them as "Silver", "Gold" or "Platinum" Patrons of FAI.
- 9.2.1.2 The procedures for application, and the privileges and benefits offered to Patrons of FAI are set forth below.

9.2.2 APPLICATION

- 9.2.2.1 To obtain the status of Patron of FAI, the applicant company or entity shall forward to the FAI Secretariat a letter of application appropriately signed by one or more duly authorised signatories. This application shall be accompanied by:
- 9.2.2.1.1 - the company's latest annual report,
 - 9.2.2.1.2 - the names and contact details of the primary Contact Person(s) to whom all correspondence will be addressed,
 - 9.2.2.1.3 - the address of its headquarters,
 - 9.2.2.1.4 - a reply to the FAI Patron questionnaire,
 - 9.2.2.1.5 - the payment for the support fees for the category in which the application is made. If the application is not accepted, the payment shall be returned in full. If the application is referred to a different category than the one requested, and the applicant agrees to this, the balance of dues shall be paid by the applicant or refunded by the FAI as the case may be.
- 9.2.2.2 Acceptance of these applications shall be decided by the FAI Executive Board.
- 9.2.2.3 FAI may also initiate the designation of a company or entity as a Patron for a defined period of time, in recognition of services rendered.

9.2.3 PRIVILEGES

- 9.2.3.1 Each Patron of FAI shall enjoy Platinum, Gold, or Silver privileges as defined by the General Conference and published on the FAI website, for a period of time proportional to the support fees paid. The General Conference shall normally delegate to the Executive Board the power to modify these privileges in the light of developing circumstances.

9.2.4 SUPPORT FEES

- 9.2.4.1 The support fees payable by each category of Patrons of FAI shall be established by the General Conference.
- 9.2.4.2 Only Patrons of FAI that have satisfied all their financial obligations to the FAI will be able to enjoy the privileges listed in 11.3.

9.2.5 RESIGNATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

- 9.2.5.1 Submittal by Patron
- 9.2.5.1.1 Resignation may be submitted to the FAI Secretariat not later than the last day of December of any year by registered letter signed by the authorised signing officials of the resigning Patron. For those paying annually, the support fees for the current year, if not paid yet, shall be due. If resignations are received after the first day of January, support fees for the following year shall be payable.
- 9.2.5.2 Cancellation by FAI.
- 9.2.5.2.1 General Conference may cancel the appointment of a Patron if the Patron has failed to satisfy its financial obligations to the FAI, or has opposed the ideals, concepts or Statutes of FAI.

9.3 PRESIDENTS OF HONOUR OF FAI

- 9.3.1 Any representation of FAI or attendance of an event as FAI President of Honour is based on a prior approval (including budget aspects) by the FAI President.
- 9.3.2 Identification as President of Honour – using their personal email (and postal as applicable) address e.g. in email signatures or business cards.
- 9.3.3 When speaking at events they are at all times representing the FAI President.
- 9.3.4 Travel reimbursement policies to be applied.
- 9.3.5 Report about events attended to be sent to the FAI President.

10 FAI RECOMMENDED VENUES

10.1 GENERAL

- 10.1.1 The FAI may give recognition to deserving venues such as museum collections, special exhibitions, etc, which educate the public, particularly children and young people, in the history and practice of air sport, aeronautics (including commercial and military aviation) and astronautics.
- 10.1.2 The criteria for recommendation of venues, and the procedures for application are set forth below.

10.2 CRITERIA

- 10.2.1 To be eligible for FAI recommendation, a venue must fulfil the following criteria:
 - 10.2.1.1 Contain a significant aeronautical / astronautical collection, consisting predominantly of original artifacts (although a small proportion of replica aircraft may also be included).
 - 10.2.1.2 Organise programs or events designed specifically for children and young people.
 - 10.2.1.3 Catalogue its collection and arrange its displays in a logical manner, with due regard to historical context.
 - 10.2.1.4 Have ready access to a person trained as a researcher, curator or conservator.

10.3 PROCEDURES

- 10.3.1 FAI Members or FAI Commissions may make proposals for FAI recommendation of venues on standard application forms available from the FAI Secretariat.
- 10.3.2 Applications from FAI Members shall be signed by Presidents or Secretaries General. Applications from FAI Commissions shall be signed by Commission Presidents, who shall certify that they have obtained the consent of the FAI Member affected.
- 10.3.3 All applications shall include a signed declaration stating that the venue has been inspected by a suitably qualified person nominated by the FAI Member, and that the criteria listed in 10.2 above have been satisfied.
- 10.3.4 Applications shall be forwarded to the FAI Secretariat, accompanied by an initial fee of 100 CHF for the first year (bank details are available on the application form). A fee of 50 CHF will then be invoiced each year to secure continued participation in the program and to receive a certificate for the following year.
- 10.3.5 In order to assure the validity and continuity of the program and therefore of the recommendation by FAI, a questionnaire will be sent in December each year to the venue to confirm that the criteria listed in 10.2 above continue to be met.

- 10.3.6 The FAI Executive Board is responsible for approving the applications. The FAI Education Commission may be consulted and make recommendations to the FAI Executive Board upon request.
- 10.3.7 Following approval, a certificate, valid for one year, will be established and forwarded to the venue.
- 10.3.8 The FAI Executive Board may at any time withdraw FAI recommendation of a venue if evidence shows that the criteria in 10.2 are no longer met.

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