

## **CIAM Free Flight Subcommittee 2011**

The 2011-12 Subcommittee has 18 members. There have been a few changes of composition since last year, including dropping one new member for 2010-11 who had failed to participate in discussions.

Subjects covered during the year have included:

- F1Q rules. A hybrid proposal combining ideas from Germany and USA was accepted at the 2011 Plenary meeting. During Subcommittee discussion it was realised that there were some inconsistencies in the combined wording of the rule changes. This was resolved by agreement with the Technical Secretary on slight rewording of the changes as a clarification for publication in the 2012 Sporting Code Volume F1
- Two changes to World Cup rules were fully supported by the Subcommittee. These were to increase the bonus points for F1A and an additional award of points to juniors with good places in open events. Proposals have been submitted for these changes.
- There was considerable discussion of the idea of increasing the number of events to count for the World Cup. Some results are dominated by bonus points and in some cases there can be no possibility to beat the person who has won the largest competition in the year, reducing interest in the later part of the year. There was concern that an increase would force people to fly in more competitions, but already many of the highest place competitors have flown in four or more events. A benefit of an increase is that it would allow event selection to be solely on the basis of the country in which events were flown, rather than according to which country organised the event. By a narrow majority the Subcommittee agreed to a proposal to increase the number of events counted from 3 to 4 events.
- Two administrative proposals were unanimously agreed by the Subcommittee. These were to remove the current ambiguity in the formal title of free flight championships and to eliminate the possibility of there being multiple identification markings on a model
- The continued increase in the difficulty of carrying models by air has been discussed and will be raised with CIAM Bureau. Subcommittee members hoped that the FAI would be able to do something more positive to support travel by air sport participants than the current bland letter.

*Ian Kaynes November 2011*