



REPORT OF THE CIAM F3A SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2002

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The F3A sub-committee currently has 28 members, representing six continents. The major means of communication was via e-mail. Informal meetings were held at the two continental championships during the year, with a lot of good ideas generated for future improvements of the Sporting Code.

The F3A rules are in good shape, and only small clarifications are needed. An area that needs attention is an organisers' guide/contest director's guide. Extensive notes on this issue were taken during the 2001 world championship, and the two continental championships of 2002. A draft copy will be circularised in 2003, so that sub-committee members and other interested parties can add value.

In line with a Bureau decision, there will not be a technical meeting at the 2003 Plenary session. Sporting Code proposals will only be considered for implementation in 2005, unless there are clarifications or safety issues.

The European Championship in Spain and the Combined Asia Oceania championship in Beijing delivered sporting results, and small areas of concern are being addressed. The judging standard was high, and an analysis of the results indicated that the performance of only one judge gave reason for concern. Unfortunately the two planned judging schools could not take place, as the organisers of the two continental championships did not want to dilute their energies. An offer has been received from Singapore to host an international judges' school in 2003, but this will depend on the correct timing, and possible sponsorship.

An aspect which will need attention in the future, is the apparent incompetence of administrators of NAC's in some countries, which inevitably leads to membership suspension from the FAI, with far-reaching effects for aeromodellers.

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