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CHAPTER 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 Head Office 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 international air sport events organised wholly or partly under the rules of the FAI Sporting Code. FAI Members shall, within their national territories, enforce FAI ownership of international air sport events and require them to be registered in the FAI Sporting Calendar in accordance with Statute 2.4.2.2.5. With the agreement of the Air Sport Commission concerned, any or all of FAI's rights to an event may be transferred by the FAI to an event organiser, subject to the restrictions indicated below.
- 1.2.2.** Any FAI event organiser who wishes to exploit rights (see 1.2.3) to any commercial activity at such events shall seek prior agreement with FAI, in the form of an "Organiser Agreement". The FAI Head Office 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 Sporting 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.** Each FAI Air Sport Commission may negotiate agreements, with FAI Members or other entities authorised by the appropriate FAI Member, for the transfer of all or parts of the rights in 1.2.3 above to FAI Sporting Events (except World Air Games events) in the discipline for which it is responsible under Statute 5.2.3.3., or waive the rights. Any such agreement or waiver, after approval by the appropriate Air Sport Commission President, shall be signed by FAI Officers in accordance with Statute 6.1.2.1.3.

CHAPTER 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 Head Office 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.

CHAPTER 3

COMMISSION RULES AND PROCEDURES

3.1. REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS OF FAI COMMISSIONS

- 3.1.1. Each Active Member 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 Head Office without delay. Proper credentials must be presented to the FAI Head Office 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 Annexes and Minutes.
- 3.1.3. Every Associate Member may, under the same conditions, appoint a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the FAI Commission whose air sport or technology it represents.
- 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.
- 3.1.8. Delegates to the FAI Environmental Commission should preferably have technical expertise in a relevant discipline, such as acoustics, environmental science, ecology or law.

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.**

- 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 Head Office 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 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. 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.** The President of an FAI Commission shall have the following duties:
- 3.2.6.1.** - *To represent the Commission over which he presides.*
- 3.2.6.2.** - *During the Commission meetings, to direct the discussions and ensure compliance with the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, Sporting Code and Internal Regulations if any; however, he 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 his or her 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 as prepared by the Commission Secretary and notify the FAI Head Office. This shall be done not later than 30 days after the meeting.*
- 3.2.6.5.** - *A Commission President who has been nominated as his FAI Member's delegate shall no longer represent his 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 he 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.** A Vice-President shall continue to represent the FAI Member of which he is a Delegate unless he is 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 8.1.3.6).
- 3.2.13.** The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and sending the minutes of each meeting to its President and the FAI Head Office within 18 days of that meeting's adjournment.
- 3.2.14.** The Secretary, if not a Delegate, shall have no voting rights.

3.3. COMMISSION 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.
- 3.3.5** A secret ballot shall be compulsory when requested by any one of the Delegates or their representatives attending a meeting.
- 3.3.6.** Unless otherwise specified in Commissions' Internal Regulations, decisions shall be taken on an absolute majority vote.
- 3.3.7.** In the event of a tie in two successive votes, the President shall cast a deciding vote without appeal.
- 3.3.8.** 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.** A Commission shall meet when convened by its President or, in his or her absence, the senior ranking Vice-President available.
- 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 Head Office, 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 Head Office. 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. In any case, Commissions shall meet in the vicinity of FAI Head Office at least once every third year. In addition, the host organisation shall pay all costs, including suitable travel from FAI Head Office 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 FAI Head Office. 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 shall be held alongside 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 Head Office in time to allow the distribution to all approved Commission Delegates and the FAI Members by the FAI Head Office not later than forty five 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.
- 3.4.5.** Commissions shall be entitled to call on specialists for advice.
- 3.4.6.** The minutes of each meeting shall be drafted by the Secretary and approved by the President within forty five days of the meeting and, in conformity with By-Law 6.1.1., notice of their publication shall be sent by the FAI Head Office to all Members of the Commission and to FAI Members as soon as possible thereafter.

3.5. RULES FOR COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

- 3.5.1.** The presidency of subcommittees and working groups shall usually be held by Delegates to the Commission which created the 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 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 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

CHAPTER 4

THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE FAI HEAD OFFICE

4.1. GENERAL

- 4.1.1. The FAI Secretary General is responsible for the activities of the FAI Head Office. 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 Head Office 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 airports 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 Head Office and for its correspondence.

CHAPTER 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 sporting events shall be specified in the Organizer Agreement for the event.

CHAPTER 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 Head Office is responsible for the issuing of all FAI communications.
- 6.1.2.** FAI shall publish annually the principle 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.

CHAPTER 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 Head Office, 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.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the additional conditions applying to the Montgolfier Diploma described in 7.2.1.3.2 and 7.2.1.3.3 above.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Head Office by November 30 of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 is 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.

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 Head Office no later than 60 days before the Parachuting Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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. One Diploma only may be awarded annually.
- 7.6.2.4.** Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Head Office no later than 60 days before the Parachuting Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Parachuting 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 Head Office no later than 60 days before the Parachuting Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7.	AWARDS FOR AEROMODELLING
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(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 Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.9. AWARDS FOR ASTRONAUTICS

(Subject to approval by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission)

7.9.1. THE Yu. A. GAGARIN GOLD MEDAL

7.9.1.1. History. This Medal was established by the FAI in 1968 in honour of Astronaut Yu. 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 Yu. 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. The medal may also be awarded to a crew.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.10.2 THE FAI HANG GLIDING 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 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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.11. AWARDS FOR MICROLIGHT AND PARAMOTOR AVIATION

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

7.11.1 THE COLIBRI DIPLOMA

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

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

7.11.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall 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 Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.11.2. THE ANN WELCH DIPLOMA

7.11.2.1. 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.

7.11.2.2. Eligibility. The Diploma 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.

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

7.11.2.4. 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 with the supporting documents of the Commission Annual Meeting.

In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, except that, notwithstanding the provisions of Statutes 9.1.2.2., the Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or crew more than once.

7.12. AWARDS FOR AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

(Subject to approval by the FAI Aviation and Space Education Commission)

7.12.1. THE NILE GOLD MEDAL

7.12.1.1. History. This Medal was established in 1972. It is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt to the FAI.

7.12.1.2. Eligibility. It 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.

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

7.12.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.13. AWARDS FOR AMATEUR-BUILT AIRCRAFT

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

7.13.1. THE PHOENIX DIPLOMA AND GROUP DIPLOMA

7.13.1.1. History. These Diplomas were established by the FAI in 1978 and 1990 respectively.

7.13.1.2. 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.

7.13.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma and one Group Diploma may be conferred each year.

7.13.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions :

7.13.1.4.1. 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 ;*
- *A 3 view drawing.*

7.13.1.4.2. 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.*

7.13.2. THE HENRI MIGNET DIPLOMA

7.13.2.1. 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.

7.13.2.2. 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.*

7.13.2.3. The proposal may involve any of the following:

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

- 7.13.2.3.1.** The aircraft should have received its certificate of airworthiness or equivalent.
- 7.13.2.4.** Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.13.2.5.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions:
- 7.13.2.5.1.** 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.*

7.14.	AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENT
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7.14.1. THE ANGELO D'ARRIGO DIPLOMA

- 7.14.1.1.** History: This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2013 following a proposal by the FAI Environmental Commission.
- 7.14.1.2.** Eligibility: It may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the defense of and respect for the environment affected by air sports. The activities may include: scientific researches, 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.
- 7.14.1.3.** Frequency and Number: Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.14.1.4.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

CHAPTER 8

FAI BADGES

8.1. SPORTING BADGES

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

8.2. FAI GENERAL BADGES

FAI "Sporting Aviator" and "Air Sport Supporter" Badges may be awarded by FAI Officers, FAI Members and FAI Commissions and shall be supplied by FAI to FAI Members and Commissions subject to the following conditions:

- 8.2.1. "Sporting Aviator" badges may be worn by anyone active in an FAI air sport in any capacity. All FAI office-holders and Commission delegates shall be entitled to receive a badge at FAI expense. FAI shall supply FAI Members and Commissions with additional badges at cost for resale to other persons.
- 8.2.2. "Supporter" badges may be worn by members of the general public with no air sport affiliation. FAI shall supply them to FAI Members for resale.

8.3. COMPANION OF HONOUR BADGES

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

8.4. PAST PRESIDENT'S DISTINCTION

This badge shall be awarded to Past Presidents of FAI in accordance with Statutes 10.12.

CHAPTER 9

FAI COMPANIONS OF HONOUR

9.1. APPOINTMENT

- 9.1.1.** All FAI Companions of Honour appointed under rules applying prior to 31 December 1994 shall retain their status indefinitely.
- 9.1.2.** 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.
- 9.1.3.** Appointments shall be for life unless cancelled by the General Conference in accordance with Section 2.11.1.2.3. of the Statutes.
- 9.1.4.** General Conference may appoint a co-ordinator for the FAI Companion of Honour programme, taking into account the results of a postal ballot amongst Companions of Honour, held once every 3 years under arrangements made by the Secretary General.

9.2. PRIVILEGES

- 9.2.1.** Each FAI Companion of Honour shall receive a numbered diploma and badge to be presented as follows :
- 9.2.1.1.** – *Preferably, and with the consent of the FAI Member concerned, at the earliest possible Annual General Conference.*
- 9.2.1.2.** – *Alternatively, at the Headquarters of the FAI Member concerned.*
- 9.2.1.3.** – *If agreed upon by the FAI President and the FAI Member concerned, at some other suitable occasion.*
- 9.2.2.** 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.
- 9.2.3.** An FAI Companion of Honour shall be entitled to attend all General Conferences of FAI as an Observer.
- 9.2.4.** 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.
- 9.2.5.** 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.

9.3. FUNCTIONS

- 9.3.1** Companions of Honour may elect biannually 3 of their number to serve as members of the FAI Awards Advisory Group.
- 9.3.2** Elections for the FAI Awards Advisory Group shall be carried out by postal 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 papers.
- 9.3.3** 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 a 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.
- 9.3.4** 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.

CHAPTER 10

RECOMMENDED MUSEUMS

10.1. GENERAL

- 10.1.1.** The FAI General Conference may give recognition to deserving museum collections 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 museums, and the procedures for application are set forth below.

10.2. CRITERIA

- 10.2.1.** To be eligible for FAI recommendation, a museum 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 museums on standard application forms available from the FAI Head Office.
- 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 certificate stating that the museum 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 Head Office, accompanied by a fee that shall be determined annually by the Executive Board, to arrive by 31 December in each year.

- 10.3.5.** The Awards Advisory Group may examine all proposals and make recommendations.
- 10.3.6.** If General Conference decides to recommend a museum, a plaque will be awarded.
- 10.3.7.** General Conference may at any time withdraw FAI recommendation of a museum if evidence shows that the criteria in 10.2 are no longer met.

CHAPTER 11

PATRONS OF FAI

11.1. GENERAL

- 11.1.1. 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.
- 11.1.2. The procedures for application, and the privileges and benefits offered to Patrons of FAI are set forth below.

11.2. APPLICATION

- 11.2.1. To obtain the status of Patron of FAI, the applicant company or entity shall forward to the FAI Head Office a letter of application appropriately signed by one or more duly authorised signatories. This application shall be accompanied by :
- 11.2.1.1. - *the company's latest annual report,*
 - 11.2.1.2. - *the names and contact details of the primary Contact Person(s) to whom all correspondence will be addressed,*
 - 11.2.1.3. - *the address of its headquarters,*
 - 11.2.1.4. - *a reply to the FAI Patron questionnaire,*
 - 11.2.1.5. - *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.*
- 11.2.2. Acceptance of these applications shall be decided by the FAI Executive Board.
- 11.2.3. 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.

11.3. PRIVILEGES

- 11.3.1. 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.

11.4. SUPPORT FEES

- 11.4.1.** The support fees payable by each category of Patrons of FAI shall be established by the General Conference.
- 11.4.2.** 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.

11.5. RESIGNATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

- 11.5.1.** Submittal by Patron
- 11.5.1.1.** Resignation may be submitted to the FAI Head Office 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.
- 11.5.2.** Cancellation by FAI
- 11.5.2.1.** 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.