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TO: IGC Delegates
 SUBJ: Mar07 Meeting Report
 FROM: IGC Environmental Commission Representative

As usual, this report states that the next FAI EnvCom meeting is too late for a written report to meet the early deadline required for written reports for your meeting. I do plan to attend; it's scheduled for 20Jan07 in Frankfurt, Germany, with the FAI ExBd likely also in attendance. I will distribute directly to you, either via email, or at your meeting, a report about it and may ask for a few minutes at your meeting for some further comments. This is the EnvCom President's draft agenda for that forthcoming meeting, with some changes to it that I've suggested:

To be held in Neu-Isenburg (Frankfurt/Main), Germany on 20 January 2007

AGENDA

2007 ANNUAL MEETING FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
 ERM GmbH, NEU-ISENBURG (FRANKFURT/MAIN), GERMANY
 20 January 2007 at 10:00 hours

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
3. COMMISSION PRESIDENT'S REPORT
4. VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS
 - VP Bernald Smith
 - VP Kåre Liasjö
5. REPORTS FROM AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS
 - CIVL = FAI HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING COMMISSION (Thomas Senac)
 - . CIA = FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION (Uwe Schneider)
 - . CIMA = FAI MICROLIGHT COMMISSION (Jacek Kibinski)
 - . IGC = FAI GLIDING COMMISSIONS (Bernald Smith)
6. STATUS OF ON-GOING PROJECTS.
 - Translations of Articles
 - Website
 - FAI Standard for Environmental Management on Flying Sites
 - World Air Games
7. GENERAL OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS OF FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
8. ASSIGNMENT OF DELEGATES TO PROJECTS
9. REPORTS OF DELEGATES
- 10 FINANCES
- 11 OTHER BUSINESS
 - * Global Warming
 - * Measurement of Greenhouse Gases Air Profiles using Microlight (Jacek Kibinski)
12. ELECTIONS
13. NEXT MEETING -
 - Frankfurt, Germany 19 January 2008 ???
 - Proposal to meet in conjunction w/FAI GC

Appended below is excerpts from a message to the EnvCom reporting on our

presence at the FAI GC in Santiago, Chile.

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EnvCom Representative, IGC
EnvCom Delegate, USA

Appendix I

Report on FAI Chile meeting

Michael,

I did attend the FAI Conference in Chile, including the 4-day tour to Patagonia afterwards. so I was gone from home for the better part of 2 weeks. That time down there afforded considerable opportunity to interface with folks.

After talking ahead of time w/Max [Bishop] and Pierre [Portman] about you requesting me to sit in for you, they both made it clear that that was perfectly agreeable to them and I was always treated very cordially by them both. One or both of them told the various assemblages that I was VP of, and respecting your unavoidable absence, representing the EnvCom. I was afforded full opportunity to sit in on the entire Commission Presidents meeting, with no limit on speaking, as well as sitting in the front row w/Commission Presidents at Plenary including no speaking limit.

I talked ahead of time with David about his global warming matter, and after he made his presentation to the Commission Presidents (which by the way was joint with the FAI ExBoard) told folks that we needed help on the EnvCom from all the other airports. I said I had found from talking w/David ahead of time. e.g., why diesel engines as a means of considering reducing carbon emission pollution, were unsuitable for helicopters, and that it was that sort of expertise we needed from all the other airports. I told them that I would put on the agenda for our next EnvCom meeting the matter as requested by David, of what FAI might do re the issue of contributions to global warming, notwithstanding it was a difficult subject, but that without their support by attendance with us, we would be severely limited. I really made a very strong case for the need for help from the other airports, pointing out that we [the Environmental Commission] were in the main glider-oriented participants with only very occasional attendance from any other airport.

During plenary, they treated the Presidents' reports differently, by putting us all together for what was called a forum, across the front of the room facing the plenary, and going down the line of Presidents with an opportunity for each person to talk if he wanted to say anything, but without 'reading' reports. Everyone spoke briefly, with a few sort of skipping thru their reports. I basically repeated to plenary what I'd said to the Commission Presidents' meeting, issued as a call for help for the EnvCom by participation from more aeroclubs/commissions, strongly emphasizing again our need for that. By the way, I wasn't the only Commission VP representing a commission; there was at least one other and maybe two, I don't recall for sure.

As I said, I had some private time with ExBoard members, especially Pierre and Max. Pierre said that he was going to have a ExBoard meeting in Frankfurt in

January to be there with us, and that he wanted me to know they do support the EnvCom. That meeting date was interesting because previously another ExBoard member said he was pretty sure the ExBoard would be meeting in December. I think I found out sooner than the ExBoard what Pierre's plans were!

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I should say that altho afforded full opportunity to speak for the EnvCom at the meetings, other than as noted above, I think I was pretty quiet! I should note that Canada's EnvCom delegate Bob Carlson was in attendance at Santiago, but he did not participate publicly representing the EnvCom; I did of course visit with him.

I sat next to Peter Saundby, Medico Commission President during plenary, and spent much time otherwise with him. He will be taking on a project to study the way Technical Commissions interact with FAI, promising a report thereon for the ExBoard and next Plenary, which by the way was voted to be hosted by Greece on the isle of Rhodes, 11-14Oct07. India was selected for late October of 2008, altho I wonder if that might be challenged next year.

Pierre was reelected for another 2-year term as President. Three ExBoard members declined to be nominated for the ExBoard; the new ExBoard will continue with Alvaro, Clipsham and Fonsell, and new members Lee (KOR), Arpagaus (SUI) and Heuer (USA).

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