

# CIA Newsletter



Autumn 1997

Number 2/97

## STOP PRESS - 1

### RESIGNATION OF CIA PRESIDENT, JACQUES W. SOUKUP.

On Page 4 you will read that Jacques Soukup is resigning as President of the CIA. This resignation takes effect immediately and our 1st Vice President, Hans Akerstedt, has taken over. Hans will be Acting President until the CIA Conference in March when a new President will be elected.

Meanwhile you can contact Hans at:

Hans Akerstedt  
Sveavagen 19B  
S-181 60 Lidingo  
Sweden

Tel/Fax +46 8 765 8331  
E-mail [hans.akerstedt@mailbox.calypso.net](mailto:hans.akerstedt@mailbox.calypso.net)

## STOP PRESS - 2

### Results of the 13TH WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP, Saga, Japan

1	BAREFORD, David	GBR	18057
2	BALKEDAL, Janne	SWE	16992
3	HEARTSIL, Joe	USA	16730
4	ARRAS, William	USA	16564
5	SCHNEIDER, Uwe	GER	16480
6	CLIVER, Harold	USA	16368
7	FINK, Thomas	GER	16362
8	CANNON, Patrick	USA	16262
9	BEAZLY, Brian	USA	16229
10	RUOTSALAINEN, Jouni	FIN	16007

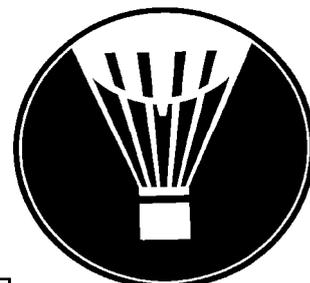
**CONGRATULATIONS, DAVE**

## STOP PRESS - 3

J. Stephen Fossett record claims ratified by  
FAI:

Absolute & AM 11 to AM 15  
Distance Record 16,673.81 km  
Duration Record 146 hours 44 minutes  
From Saint Louis, MO, USA  
to Nonkhar, Sultanpur, India  
14th to 20 January 1997 in a Cameron R-210

**CONGRATULATIONS, STEVE**



# REPORT ON THE 1st WORLD AIR GAMES HELD IN KAPADOKYA, TURKEY, SEPTEMBER 1997

by Neil Robertson, CIA Advisor for the Event

Over 2 years of planning and hard work came to fruition on Sunday 14th September 1997 when the 1st World Air Games Hot Air Balloon Championship were declared open at a ceremony held in the town centre of Urgup, Turkey.

The event enjoyed near perfect weather with tasks flown on all 5 available mornings, and with the added bonus of two flyable evenings, making 7 competition flights in all. The tasks, brilliantly set by Event Director Les Purfield, are shown on the next page. As the top 10 overall results show (see below), it was a very competitive event, with only 837 points separating the first 6 places at the end of 15 tasks.

The light winds coupled with the late onset of thermal activity made for very long and challenging morning flights. Add some of the most spectacular scenery any where in the world for competitive ballooning and it is little wonder the event was so much enjoyed by everybody who took part - pilots, crews, officials and observers alike.

The event concluded with an excellent Awards Ceremony held in the town centre of Avanos, and a Celebration Luncheon hosted by the CIA in a spectacular cave restaurant on Saturday 20th September.

I should like to conclude by thanking the CIA for appointing me to advise THK on the setting up and running of the event. It was quite a challenge to organise a World class championship in a country with virtually no previous ballooning infrastructure, let alone any experience in event organisation. That it was such an outstanding success is due almost entirely to the dedication and hard work of Isik & Ismail Keremoglu of THK, coupled with the usual professional expertise of Les Purfield and his International team and their ability to move into 'foreign' territory and put on a great championships. I very much enjoyed the challenge, and look forward to being involved in the next World Air Games in 2001.

## OVERALL RESULTS - TOP 10

1	Uwe SCHNEIDER	GER	13151
2	Lindsay MUIR	GBR	12879
3	David BAREFORD	GBR	12620
4	Mamoru ENDO	JPN	12535
5	Josef SCHERZER	AUT	12487
6	Mathijs DE BRUIJN	NED	12320
7	Crispin WILLIAMS	GBR	11472
8	Janne BALKEDAL	SWE	11222
9	Paul GIBBS	AUS	11172
10	Masahiko FUJITA	JPN	10988



1st WORLD AIR GAMES

T U R K E Y

# CIA CONFERENCE 1998 - VENICE

## AGENDA ITEMS

All items for inclusion in the agenda for the 1998 Plenary Meeting must reach the CIA President **and** the CIA Secretary,  
**NOT LATER THAN 22nd DECEMBER 1997.**

These will then be included in the agenda which will be mailed in January 1998. Agenda items should include any supporting documentation, and a Position Paper, all of which will be included with the agenda.

### CONFERENCE DETAILS

- DATES** 4 & 5 March Sub-Committee and Working Group Meetings  
 6 & 7 March Plenary Meeting
- VENUE** RAMADA HOTEL VENEZIA (\*\*\*\*)  
 Via Orlanda 4  
 30173 S. Giuliano-Venezia  
 Italy  
 Tel: +39 41 53 10500  
 Fax: +39 41 53 12278
- LOCATION** The hotel is located at the western (mainland) end of the causeway which connects Venice to Italy.
- RATES** Single Room: Lit 140,000 per night B&B  
 Double Room: Lit 190,000 per night B&B
- BOOKINGS** Bookings should be made direct to the hotel on the attached form. All bookings will be acknowledged.
- TRAVEL:** Venice is easily accessible by air, rail and road. No special travel arrangements are available for delegates.
- The hotel has a shuttle service to & from the Airport and to & from central Venice.

PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE, based on 1997 Sub-Committee and Working Group membership, and time requirements as 1997

	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4	ROOM 5
MARCH 4					
08.30-09.30	S&SC	AX			
09.30-10.30	S&SC	AX			
10.30-11.30	S&SC	AX	LOGO		
11.30-12.30	S&SC	AX	EPAS		

## STATE OF THE NATION

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving as the President of the FAI Ballooning Commission. It is an honor I did not seek, but one which I performed with dedication to the international fellowship of ballooning and airshipping. I always tried to the best of my ability to be fair, friendly, professional and diplomatic in this volunteer position.

By the end of December, 1997, I will have moved from the Virgin Islands, my home for many years. New ventures will keep me busy elsewhere. Therefore, the appropriate and honorable course of action is to resign as your President. I believe the FAI Statutes are quite clear on residency and the right to represent. As such, I cannot in good conscience remain as the President

while not living in the Virgin Islands. The First Vice President, Hans Akerstedt, understands and has graciously agreed to be the acting President for the remainder of my term. Of course, I will assist as time allows during the immediate transition.

Now I would like to reflect upon nearly two decades in ballooning and almost ten years as a volunteer on the international ballooning political scene. By far the high points, the pleasurable times, greatly outnumber the difficult challenges that arose from time to time. My fondest memory of competition is the great satisfaction the competitors experienced at the end of the 6th

World Gas Balloon and 1st World Roziere Balloon Championship in South Dakota, USA. The great Josef Starkbaum stated that new standards in gas balloon competition had been established. And they really had been! Kirk Thomas, Becky Pope, one secretary and myself were elated to hear this as the event took six months of our lives to organize. As for flights, our special shape fleet was on the road constantly for many years. I'll never forget the hundreds of thousands of people cheering as I ascended in Uncle Sam from the stadium in Vilnius, Lithuania before the fall of the Berlin Wall when Lithuania was still part of the Soviet Union. This was some years before I became your President. We had secretly brought the envelope into the country and the balloon was very well received. All sorts of people enjoying our sport is what ballooning is all about for me.

The lowest time for me was the night the telephone rang from the Coupe Gordon Bennett headquarters in Switzerland to inform me that there was a problem in Belarus. Two good friends were dead. I never quite had the same enthusiasm after that week and I'll never forget having to call John Stuart-Jervis' wife Caroline or speaking with Alan Fraenckel's family. To this day I miss those guys terribly.

As for the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA), we are like any ordinary, large, international and diverse family. We have our great moments of affection and happy relationships and we have our disputes and our disagreements. I have always made every effort, either as President of the Rules Subcommittee or as CIA President, to work toward fair and just compromises, though I haven't always succeeded. But as "head of the household," I did not back away from difficult situations. Conflict is a normal part of life, and as long as people come to the table in good faith, problems will be resolved. I still believe that courteous and honest discussion can help solve most problems. Life is too short and for so many people our sport is too much fun and too important for anyone to dwell on the negative or to be destructive.

There are so many fine people in our sport. There are those who work tirelessly, without much recognition, all for the benefit of competitors and record setters who sometimes forget to say thanks. The FAI Ballooning Commission is most fortunate to have the present Bureau. Hans Akerstedt is a pillar of honesty and truth who only wants the best for our sport. He has been a wonderful First Vice President. Neil Robertson is a true gem and I will miss our almost daily conversations. And both Darryl Stuart and Mathijs DeBruijn have been strong and supportive influences looking out for your interests. As for other dedicated volunteers, Jean Claude Weber works harder than any volunteer I know. He was an excellent Presidential advisor and a great friend and ambassador of ballooning. And then there are organizers like Mark Sullivan and competition directors like Les Purfield and Jacques Bernardin. And finally there are creative individuals like my partner Kirk Thomas, who worked endless hours for the benefit of the FAI Ballooning Commission and its sports men and women. I also must express my sincere gratitude to Barb Butler and Becky Pope for all they've done for the CIA, and to Max Bishop and the FAI Secretariat for their support to the commission.

There are also those who have gone before all of us and have given their time, expertise and advice. Volunteers like past President Karl Stefan, Sabu Ichiyoshi, Nigel Tasker, Horst Hassold, and of course the late Alfi Feltes should be recognized. As well as all those that space will not allow me to remember and recognize. Thanks for your inspiration and example.

As I told you all when elected, I would not stay nearly as long as Karl Stefan. A different leadership style, just like new faces and new ideas in any organization, can be beneficial for the FAI Ballooning Commission. I'm sure my successor will

# ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE, RIO, BRAZIL, 1997

By Mr. Jacques W. Soukup, President, FAI Ballooning Commission

FAI's oldest air sport continues to sanction well organised and innovative competitions as well as monitoring a variety of record attempts. I am delighted to report that the first sanctioned ballooning event in the former Soviet Union, the *Baltic Cup 1997* in Sigulda, Latvia, was a great success. The *8th Ladies World Cup* moved locations from Saga, Japan, to Aubeville, France. This growing Championship was well attended and superbly directed by Alison Odell, assisted by Jacques Bernardin and their international staff. Moving "down under", the *1997 World Match Cup* in Mildura, Australia, continued to refine the competition in preparation for the main event in 1998. And as this report goes to press, preparations are underway around the globe for numerous other Championships, other sanctioned events and record attempts. One of the most exciting is the first-time sanction of the world's largest balloon event, the *Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta* in New Mexico, USA. They are expecting over 600 balloons and nearly one thousand pilots.

For the past eighteen months, the world has experienced the development and placement of very large tethered or captive gas balloons. These huge systems are capable of carrying thirty paying passengers to heights of 150 meters. These envelopes are

nearly 25 meters in diameter, with a volume of 5500 m<sup>3</sup> and filled with helium. The gondola is attached to an underground winch which can be radio controlled by an on-board operator. The balloon remains inflated 24 hours per day and some manufacturers claim they may be operated in wind speeds up to 35km/hour. These balloons are literally flying banners and are very attractive to advertisers since they can be seen for a 20 kilometre radius on a clear day. These balloons cost in the range of US \$1 million installed, and the average cost per passenger appears to be about US \$15. So far, most countries have certified these systems as fairground or carnival rides and not aircraft. This is an interesting development and approach, but the fact remains that these giant captive balloons do promote the sport of ballooning.

Finally, this past year the skies around the globe seemed to be rather crowded with a variety of around-the-world manned balloon flight attempts. From Morocco with Virgin's Richard Branson and his team to Switzerland and the Breitling team's dramatic launch in the Alps to the Midwestern plains of the USA and Steve Fossett's take off from an athletic stadium in St. Louis. It was Steve Fossett, in his *Solo Spirit*, that captured the world's attention for nearly a week as he manoeuvred his

Rozier system across ocean, desert and dangerous terrain to make it half way around the world before landing in India. The news media and the public are becoming educated and extremely interested in these record attempts. To many, it is the last great adventure to accomplish as an air sportsman. And the skies are going to be even more crowded during the next "season". Another balloon team is reportedly preparing for a launch in Australia with an outer space-like balloon flight in the stratosphere. Dick Ruttan and colleagues are also constructing their system for an attempt and there are up to two more serious ventures in various stages of development.

So, in advance I'd like to express my gratitude to all Aero Clubs for any assistance they can provide to these teams. This past year, there was very good co-operation which, in the end, promotes ballooning and the FAI. During this next season the world's eyes will be even more focused on the FAI and its oldest air sport.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE, RIO, BRAZIL, 1997

### WORLD AIR GAMES.

The first "World Air Games" were a great success, and planning has started for the second. The concept was given a unanimous boost by delegates assembled for the Conference of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), the world governing body for air sports.

Speaking In Rio de Janeiro, the site of the FAI's 90th Annual General Conference, the FAI President, Mr Eilif Ness (Norway), declared: "The World Air Games is no longer a dream - it is a reality." The 1st World Air Games, held in Turkey in September, had attracted unexpectedly high numbers, with 3000 participants. Of the 60 countries that sent teams to the World Air Games more than 20 were over 50 strong. The biggest teams (in descending order) were from Russia, Poland, Germany, Ukraine, France, Spain, USA, Turkey and Italy all of which had teams more than 100 strong. Several countries were participating in an FAI event for the first time ever (e.g. Moldova) or after a long absence (e.g. Iran). No previous air sport event had ever had such high participation. The World Air Games were now one of the world's biggest sporting events, after the Olympic summer and winter games.

Mr Ness, unanimously re-elected FAI President for a 4th term, announced that Austria, Poland, Spain and Turkey had submitted bids to organise the 2nd World Air Games, probably to be held in 2001. A decision on location and dates would be made at the FAI Council meeting in Paris on 28/29 May 1998.

### SIMULATED FLYING

The FAS General Conference decided to commit FAI to the development of international rules for simulated flying competitions, based as closely as possible on the rules for real air sport events. "Virtual" flying, using the highly realistic programs now available for home computers, is attracting large numbers of enthusiasts, especially young people. The Internet now offers the opportunity for computer pilots throughout the world to compete against each other. FAI is in a unique position to establish a system for recognising achievements, setting competition rules and ratifying records in this rapidly developing new "air sport".

### FAI EXPANSION CONTINUES

The number of countries in FAI membership continues to increase. Air sport organisations in Colombia, Iran, Moldova and the Philippines were admitted to FAI membership, and the Latin American Parachuting Confederation (COLPAR) became an international affiliate member. The FAI Conference also agreed to a statute change allowing a new, inexpensive form of temporary membership for developing countries which were just launching their air sport activities.

### ROUND-THE-WORLD BALLOON FLIGHTS

The FAI Conference, noting that several attempts were about to be made on the last of the great aviation challenges - round the world non-stop in a balloon - pledged all its Members to give full support to all teams in penetrating their national airspace.

### 1998 - YEAR OF AVIATION AND SPACE

To mark the centenary of the world's very first National Aero Club, the Aéro Club de France, founded on October 7, 1898, the FAI has declared 1998 to be the "Year of Aviation and Space". The FAI will hold its next General Conference in Toulouse, the centre of French aviation, in the week leading up to the anniversary. Many celebratory events are planned in France, including the launch of the historic Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race from the Place de la Concorde, and a pageant of historic aircraft on the Champs Elysées.

# MATTERS FINANCIAL

## CIA ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT (1st Jan to 24th Sep, 1997) IN SWISS FRANCS

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>DONATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Austria 97	424	J-C Weber	308
Virgin Islands 97	75	A. Hoenig	592

### PAYMENTS TO FAI/CIA

Pilots	Donation
1 - 25	50
26 - 50	100
51 - 200	200
201 - 500	300
501 - 1000	400
1000 +	500

All payments under \$500, and ALL Donations, can be paid to the FAI/CIA by Credit Card using the approved form. All payments over \$500, including ALL Sanction fees, should be paid by Bank Wire Transfer.

Please use the following bank routing information when you wire funds to FAI for the CIA account: International Money Transfer Order or SWIFT Transfer with the following remarks.

SWIFT CODE: COUTCHZZ, Federation Aeronautique Internationale

Bank Account No: Z425737AA (US \$), Z425737AB (CH F) or Z425737AC (FR F)

Bank: COUTTS BANK (SWITZERLAND) LTD.,

Talstrasse 59 Postfach, CH-8022 ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Mark: Without charge for the beneficiary, and state what payment is for.

Hungary 97

292 L. Purfield

170

# REMINDERS

## 1. ACTION LIST

Delegates are reminded to check the Action List from the 1997 CIA Meeting printed in the Spring Newsletter for jobs to be done before the next meeting in March 1998

## 2. 1997 JUROR LIST

The 1997 list of approved Jurors is included with this news letter. Please use this list when making nominations for Juries for 1998 Sanctioned Events.

## 3. CIA STATISTICS

Members are reminded of their obligation under Internal Regulations Chapter 8 to make an annual return of their National Statistics. A form for this purpose is attached, and should be returned to the CIA Secretary by 31st January 1998.

## EVENTS OPEN FOR SANCTION APPLICATION (WORLD AND CONTINENTAL)

1998	World Gas	2000	World Gas	2001	World Hot Air
	World Rozier		World Rozier		South American Hot Air
	North American Hot Air		World Airships		European Airships
	Pacific Hot Air		European Hot Air		
			North American Hot Air		
1999	South American Hot Air		Pacific Hot Air		
	European Airships				

## \*\*\*\*\* AWARDS GIVEN THROUGH THE CIA \*\*\*\*\*

Full details of all FAI/CIA awards available to CIA Members are to be found in Chapter 10 of the Internal Regulations.

**Nominations**  
 for  
**Montgolfier Diplomas** (Hot Air, Gas, Rozier, Service)  
 and  
**Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medals**  
 and  
**CIA Hall of Fame**  
 should be  
 submitted to the FAI Office in Paris to arrive not later than  
**3th January 1998**

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (SANCTIONED EVENTS) 1997****America's Challenge Gas Balloon Race**

1	ABRUZZO/TRAUB	USA	1465.3
2	LEVIN/LEVIN	USA	1293.1
3	DAVIES/DAVIES	USA	1027.0
4	HORA/GERHARDT	GER	445.4

**1997 Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**

1	Peter SCHERM	USA	3000
2	Patrick E. CANNOMN	USA	2995
3	Olivier ROUX DEVILLAS	FRA	2992
4	Bill BUSSEY	USA	2986

**8th Ladies World Cup**

1	J. MATEJCZUK	POL	11438
2	A. TAKAMOTO	JAP	11297
3	Y. ALEMANY	ESP	11146

**5th Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfieres**

1	D. BAREFORD	GBR	12021
2	JAKAB JANOS	HUN	11927
3	B. PRAWICKI	POL	11466
4	P. LEGENDRE	FRA	11146
5	L. FOUCELBERG	SWE	10965
6	C. MOLNAR	HUN	10730
7	D. DUPIS	FRA	10552
8	A. TAKAMOTO	JPN	10488
9	O. ROUX DEVILLAS	FRA	10379
10	C. VAN HELDEN	BEL	10375

**World Match Flying Cup**

1	Paul GIBBS	AUS
2	Les SPRINGETT (Fiesta)	AUS

**41st Coupe Gordon Bennett**

1	LEYS/LEYS	FRA	1732.5
2	LEVIN/SULLIVAN	USA	1732.3
3	JURG/VAN HOUTEN	NED	1732.2

**1st Baltic Cup, Latvia**

1	Jerzy CZERNAWSKI	POL	8352
2	Janne BALKEDAL	SWE	8299
3	Jolanta MATEJCZUK	POL	8076
4	Bogdan PRAWICKI	POL	7941
5	Crispin WILLIAMS	GBR	7739
6	Hartmann ABENDSTEIN	FIN	7676
7	Waldemar OZGA	POL	7555
8	Zoltan BEMETH	HUN	7494
9	Jar FROEDMAN	FIN	6958
10	Romas DAGILIS	LIT	6842

6	EIMERS/LANDSMANN	GER	1719.3
---	------------------	-----	--------

# 1997 CIA APPROVED JURORS LIST

<u>SENIOR LEVEL JURORS</u>	<u>BX</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JURORS</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>ENTRY LEVEL JURORS</u>	<u>BX</u>
<u>Hans AKERSTEDT (SWE)</u>	X	James BIRK (USA)		Gren PUTLAND (AUS)	
Horst HASSOLD (GER)		Alan BLOUNT (USA)		Darryl STUART (AUS)	
Masashi KAKUDA (JPN)		Garry BRITTON (USA)		Helmut KOCAR (AUT)	
Garry LOCKYER (CAN)	X	Jakob BURKHARD (SUI)	X	Jonathan THORNTON (BRA)	
Les PURFIELD (GBR)	X	James BYRD (USA)		David GLEED (CAN)	
Neil ROBERTSON (GBR)	X	Don CAMERON (GBR)	X	Cathy KNUCHEL (CAN)	
Jean SAX (BEL)		Tom DONNELLY (GBR)	X	Ken PENFOLD (CAN)	
Arno SIEGER (GER)	X	Wolfgang GRUBER (AUT)		Murray SCHOLTZ (CAN)	
Tom SHEPPARD (USA)	X	Arnost HONIG (CZE)	X	Risto JALAVA (FIN)	
Jacques SOUKUP (ISV)	X	Sabu ICHIYOSHI (JPN)		Jean LE MARCHAND (FRA)	
Debbie SPAETH (USA)	X	Alex NAGORSKI (CAN)		Dominik HAGGENY (GER)	
Victor THORNE (GBR)	X	Koji OTA (JPN)		Sandor HIDAS (HUN)	
Jean Claude WEBER (LUX)	X	Brita PETERSEN (GER)		Mako OIWA (JPN)	
		Karl STEFAN (USA)		John GRUBBSTROM (SWE)	
				Bengt STENNER (SWE)	
				Gerold SIGNER (SUI)	
				Sid CUTTER (USA)	
				Mike MURPHY (USA)	
				Mark SULLIVAN (USA)	
				Mike WALLACE (USA)	
				Kirk THOMAS (ISV)	
				Lindsay MUIR (GBR)	
				Patrick KEARLEY (GBR)	
				Daniel GALBRAITH (AUS)	
				Gerrit HEIRMAN (BEL)	
				Cees van HELDEN (NED)	
The above are qualified to serve as <b>Jury Member</b> or <b>Jury President</b> of any type of event.		The above are qualified to serve as <b>Jury Member</b> on any type of event, and as <b>Jury President</b> on any type of event except World Championships		The above are qualified to serve as <b>Jury Member only</b> on any type of event except World Championships	

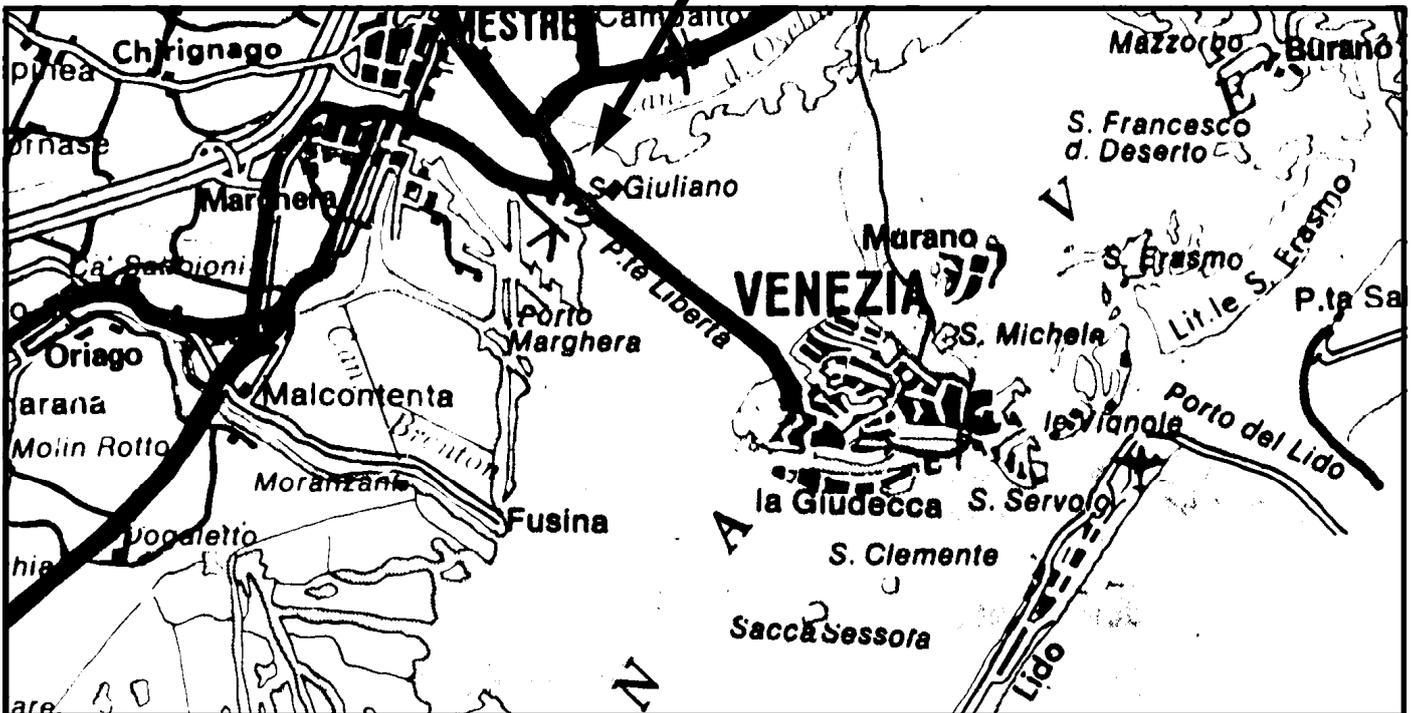
## CIA DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

### As approved at the 1997 FAI General Conference

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DELEGATE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
ALGERIA	FELLA, A	
ARGENTINA	MAZZINI, G	HERRMANN, C
AUSTRALIA	STUART, D	WILSON, R
AUSTRIA	GRUBER, W	STARKBAUM, J
BELARUS	FIRSAKOV, A.A	OBLASOV, W.P.
BELGIUM	SAX, J	DE COCK, P
BRAZIL	NENOV, J	THORNTON, J
BULGARIA	ASPARUHOVA, O	
CANADA	LOCKYER, G	NAGORSKI, A
CHILE	MARDONES, V	VALENZUELA, V
CHINA	LEI, W	LIU, L
CHINESE TAIPEI	HSIA, J.S.C	
CROATIA	MIKLOUSIC, D.T.	OSTOJIC, D
CZECH REPUBLIC	HONIG, A	OLIVA, T
DENMARK	VINTHER, J	SORENSEN, H
EGYPT	FARGHAL, N.A.	
FINLAND	PAKARINEN, E	OLLIKAINEN, J
FRANCE	VILLEY, T	ROUX DEVILLAS, O
GERMANY	HAGGENEY, M	SCHNEIDER, U
GREECE	KOTZAGERIDIS, M	
HONG KONG	ANDREWS, W	HANLON, M
HUNGARY	MESZAROS, B	HIDAS, S
INDIA	GUPTA, V	
IRELAND	O'NEILL, C	McCORMACK, T
ITALY	CISARO, E	
JAPAN	ICHIYOSHI, S	KAKUDA, M
KAZAKHSTAN	YUTMAN, A	BOGOULIAEV, G
KENYA	MARSHALL, C	LISSIMORE, M
KOREA	LEE, S-J	JIN, S.K.
LATVIA	DUKSTE, G	SKUTA, J
LITHUANIA	KOMZA, R	NOMEIKA, A
LUXEMBOURG	WEBER, J-C	SAUBER, C
NETHERLANDS	DE BRUIJN, M	
NORWAY	NORDBY, T	
POLAND	CZERNIAWSKI, J	
ROMANIA	IONESCU, M	
RUSSIA	OPARIN, G	SHIFRIN, D
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SANTA, M	BREZAN, J
SLOVENIA	SIMONIC, I	VIPOTNIC, N
SOUTH AFRICA	WESTWORTH, A	
SPAIN	NOGUERA, R	GONZALEZ, A
SWEDEN	AKERSTED, H	STENER, B
SWITZERLAND	BURKARD, J	HORNI, C
TURKEY	KEREMOGLU, I	TEKIN, A
UKRAINE	NIKOLAEV, A	KARNAUOV, V
UK	CAMERON, D	PURFIELD, L
USA	WALLACE, M	CUTTER, S
VIRGIN ISLANDS	THOMAS, K	
YUGOSLAVIA	STOSKOVIC, M	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49 DELEGATES</b>	<b>35 ALTERNATES</b>

# Venice

Ramada Hotel Venezia, S. Giuliano



## FUTURE BALLOON MEETS

The CIA wishes to start a data base of world-wide balloon meets taking place in FAI/CIA member countries in 1998 and beyond. The idea being to distribute an updated list of these meetings with every CIA Mailing (Newsletters, Agenda and Minutes) and also include it on the CIA Internet Page.

The intent is to include on the list ALL meetings: Sanctioned/non-sanctioned; open/invitation; competition/fiesta/other, and a form is attached for completion and return to the CIA Secretary. If possible, please return these forms by 31st December 1997 with details of your 1998 meetings, so the list can be distributed with the Agenda mailing in January 1998.

This Newsletter is published by the CIA Secretary on behalf of the CIA Bureau. It is available to ANY interested party on request to the CIA Secretary, who would be happy to add new names to the mailing list.

All information is believed to be correct at the time of publication, but no responsibility can be taken for any errors, omissions etc.

NEIL ROBERTSON, CIA SECRETARY, COMBE HAY MANOR, BATH BA2 7EG, ENGLAND  
Tel: +44 1225 840655, Fax +44 1225 837212, E-mail: neil.robertson@dial.pipex.com

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE,  
93, BOULEVARD DU MONT-PARNASSE - 75006 - PARIS - FRANCE