



Annual Report
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The Amateur-built & Experimental Aircraft movement in the world is healthy and in continuous growth, although the bureaucratic difficulties that affect the whole air sports activity in the world are creating additional constraints to our activities. The European aircraft homebuilders community, so far officially represented by Europe Airsports, are trying to be more directly in contact with the European aeronautical agency EASA. In this respect a new European Federation, named EFLEVA, has been founded. Due to the presence of several common delegates in both organizations, it is expected and encouraged that a suitable collaboration be developed between CIACA and EFLEVA.

Most of the discussions of the plenary meeting have dealt with the preparation of the CIACA participation in the World Air Games "Torino 2009", which is considered a great opportunity to provide a larger visibility to the aircraft homebuilding movement and to the air sports community in general. CIACA are very proud that "Experimental aircraft" has become one of the official 10 disciplines included in the World Air Games. In particular this will allow to demonstrate the CIACA effectiveness not only as a Technical Commission, but also as a "Sport oriented" group (this trend is also well proven by the responsibility given to CIACA in developing and maintaining the FAI Solar-powered Aeroplanes Sporting Code Section).

CIACA believe it worth to more effectively give visibility to the educational/social projects which several member countries have initiated (France, Sweden, Italy etc.) both in schools and in socially-dedicated institutions. This could, in turn, help to encourage youngsters to get involved in building their own aircraft as well as to encourage other institutions to undertake this kind of initiatives.

Many of the FAI records are achieved by "home-built" aircraft and a separate box has been included in the official FAI forms, where the applicant can state whether his/her aircraft is "home-built" or not. CIACA consider it fair that this information be properly made more popular within FAI.

Due to the technical and engineering expertise of most of its Delegate CIACA will be available to support the activities of the newly established FAI UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) working group and the Air Space & Navigation Systems Commission recently set up.

The Phoenix Group Diploma 2008 has been awarded to the Italian "Giorgio Pirovano and Friends" group for the re-construction of an AB47 helicopter.

Next year CIACA plenary meeting (34th) will be held in the course of the "AERO" Exhibition in Friedrichshafen on 6th April 2009.

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