



# Minutes of the CIG-Plenary Meeting

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## 1 WELCOME AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Commission Rules and Procedures are laid down in FAI By-Laws chapter 3.

### 1.1 ATTENDANCE

#### President

Serafina OGONCZYK-MAKOWSKA	CIG President
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#### CIG Bureau Members

Hubert GESANG	1st Vice President
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Hubert GESANG	Secretary
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David MONKS	Chairman of Rules Committee
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The following were present.

Belgium (BEL)	Jacques BERLO (JB)
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France (FRA)	Jacques ESCAFFRE (JE)
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Germany (GER)	Hubert GESANG (HG)
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Poland (POL)	Robert KORNALEWICZ (RK)
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Switzerland (SUI)	Alain BUHLER (AB)
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Lithuania (LTU)	Elze MASLAUSKAITE (EM)
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United Kingdom (GBR)	David MONKS (DJM)
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#### FAI (in attendance)

Secretary General	Markus HAGGENEY (MH)
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Commissions Relationship Manager	Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA (KV).
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The CIG President, Serafina Ogonczyk-Makowska, welcomed FAI Secretary General, Markus Haggeneý thanking the Secretariat for their support over the last year and the delegates for their presence and continued interest in CIG.

The FAI Secretary General welcomed delegates to this in person meeting and expressed his appreciation of the work of CIG Commission.

#### 1.1.1 Roll Call

The roll call was formally called by the Secretary General.

Apologies received from New Zealand Delegate David Hamilton.

#### 1.1.2 Proxy

The proxies were received from/given to:

From ITA to GBR

From AUT to GER

From UAE to BEL

From IND to POL.

#### 1.1.3 Established Majorities

In total 11 countries are represented. Majority is 6 votes. 2/3 Majority is 8 votes.

The Delegate of Lithuania, Elze Maslauskaitė, introduced herself as new CIG Delegate.

She is the secretary general of the Aeroclub of Lithuania and they are creating a new helicopter section and crews. She expressed her wish to become a helicopter judge.

### 1.2 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with no additions or amendments.

### 1.3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 1.4 MINUTES OF CIG 2024 PLENARY MEETING (ANNEX 1)

The minutes of the 2024 CIG Plenary (Ver.1 2024-03-22) have been circulated and approved as a true and accurate account of the Plenary Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024 with no corrections requested.

## 2 CIG PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report of the FAI Rotorcraft Commission by the President.

The President's Report was distributed amongst the delegates/NACs and presented during the meeting together with the video presentation. (ANNEX 2)

### 3 FAI REPORTS

#### 3.1 REPORT BY THE FAI SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE (ANNEX 3)

FAI Secretary General, Markus HAGGENEY presented his report on screen.

#### 3.2 FAI APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE FY 2025 (ANNEX 4)

The approved budget for the FY 2025 was presented by MH.

#### 3.3 FAI FINANCIAL RESULTS 2024 (ANNEX 4)

The provisional results for the year 2024 were presented by MH.

### 4 FINANCIAL SITUATION

#### 4.1 PROPOSED COMMISSION BUDGET FOR THE FY 2026

The Bureau is working with the Secretary General on the proposed 2026 Commission budget. A copy was not circulated to the delegates in advance of the meeting as this will not be prepared until later in the year.

### 5 CIG AWARDS

#### 5.1 FAI GOLD ROTORCRAFT MEDAL

No application received for year 2025.

A proposal by GBR Delegate and seconded by POL Delegate was made to change the requirements to the date the nominations for the Gold Rotorcraft Medal need to be received by the Secretariat. Currently, the FAI By-Law 7.5.1.4 requires the nomination to arrive at the FAI Secretariat by November 30th of each year.

It is proposed to request the FAI Executive Board to remove By-Law 7.5.1.4 and By-law 7.1.2 will take effect and the requirement for nomination to be received by the Secretariat no later than 60 days before the Plenary meeting of the Commission.

The proposal was approved.

#### 5.2 PRODUCTION OF THE FAI GOLD ROTORCRAFT MEDAL AND CATEGORY 2 MEDALS

FAI Members and Commissions Relations Manager joined the meeting.

There are no FAI Gold Rotorcraft Medals in stock. A new supplier is required and there is no mould to copy available from the previous supplier.

FAI Secretariat presented the production cost of a new medal from the current FAI supplier of medals.

The Plenary discussed possible designs of a new medal. The conclusion was the medal will be the same size, design as original model and the FAI logo will be changed to the current version as shown in the FAI style guide. The helicopter design and text will remain on the other side.

The GBR delegate agreed to investigate the cost of production in the UK as he has experience of a company which can offer the quality required and may be cheaper than to produce in Switzerland.

For CAT 2 events the Plenary decided that medals and the diplomas are with the organiser.

## 6 SPORTING CODE AND COMPETITION RULES

The Chairman of the Rule Committee presented his report.

He advised that there were no rule changes for consideration by the Plenary but had some proposals/ideas for consideration recognising that the Commission activities were significantly less since (RUS) and (BEL) had been suspended by FAI. He hoped to stimulate thoughts on how activities could resume by making the competitions easier for an organiser to manage.

FAI and FAI-CIG documents are available for download on <https://www.fai.org/cig-documents>.

It was noted that not all documents previously agreed in previous Plenaries had not been uploaded to the website. The Chairman of Rules Committee agreed to forward the documents along with the current documents for uploading.

## 7 CIG OFFICIALS

### 7.1 LIST OF FAI CIG DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

The List of FAI CIG Delegates and Alternate Delegates is published on FAI CIG Homepage under CIG Delegates.

### 7.2 LIST OF THE FAI CIG INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

The List of the International Judges from 22 March 2024 was updated.

Status of the CIG List of International Judges from 21 March 2025 was approved.

## 8 CIG ACTIVITIES

### 8.1 REVIEW OF THE CIG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There were no CAT 1 events in 2024 within FAI CIG. There was one CAT 2 event in 2024 within FAI CIG.

Represented countries gave the following information about events in 2024: Austria, Belgium, France, Italy and United Kingdom had no events or activities.

Germany: 16. – 20.05.2024 Flight safety training (FST) in Mengen (EDTM).  
About 30 - 40 participants, 7 crews, 15 judges, helpers, guests.

Poland: 14. -16.06.2024 World helicopter races in Przylep/Zielona Gora, CAT 2 event.

09. – 10.08.2024 OPHC 2024 in Plock (EPPL).

Switzerland: 09. – 13.10. 2024 OSHM in Mengen (EDTM).  
About 50 – 70 participants, 7 crews, 18 judges, helpers, guests.

Both events were supported and in co-operation with DHC e.V and SHeV.

## 8.2 DEVELOPMENT OF HELICOPTER SPORT

### 8.2.1 Future events

**Austria:** All crews are separated to commercial operating companies and new crews could not be created up to now.

**France:** No or very little activity planned. JE promised to prepare an email list of the helicopter flying schools in France and to deliver it to SO.

**Germany:** 05. – 09.05.2025 Flight Safety Training (FST) in Mengen (EDTM).  
04. – 07-09-2025 ODHM 2025 in Schwäbisch Hall/Weckrieden (EDTX).  
More information [www.deutscher-hubschrauberclub.de](http://www.deutscher-hubschrauberclub.de)

**Poland:** 08.-12.05.2025 official Training for CAT 2 event in Plock (EPPL).  
12.-15.06.2025 International Helicopter races 2025 in Plock (EPPL) CAT 2 event.

**United Kingdom:**

The following points were proposed for action or consideration by the Plenary:

1. A proposed event in the UK at the end of June and a potential bid for a CAT 1 World Championship in the UK during 2026 to coincide with the 60th Anniversary of the Helicopter Club of Great Britain.

In order for a CAT 1 event to be realistic, it is proposed the Procedural rules be reviewed to remove the burden from a Cat 1 Event organiser such as the responsibility to manage the accommodation for the event in favour of providing details of hotels in the area of the competition for individuals and teams to book.

One suggestion was to have a hotel allocation with a preferred rate for delegations with an expiry date for the preferred rate. This will reduce financial responsibility for the organiser.

**Action:** Plenary approved the Chair of Rules of procedural rules review. Advise after the HCGB AGM and 2025 competition of any plans to bid for 2026 Cat 1 WHC for approval this year.

2. Review of the definition of VTOL with regard to EVTOL. Currently, VTOL is defined in Section 2 as Vertical Take Off and Landing. There is further definition within the Section 2 document adding to the definition of VTOL that the principle lift in forward flight is derived from a wing. This may work for an aeroplane such as the F35 Lightning, but VTOL is very much associated with Section 9 Rotorcraft and now with the current race for EVTOL platforms which are principally multi rotor powered by electricity the definition requires a review and harmonising. Potentially, there could be many record achievements which CIG should provide governance.

**Action:** Plenary approved the Chair of Rules to approach the Chair of Rules GAC and discuss definition and classes.

3. Introduce charges for records principally with a commercial interest, EVTOL could be initially a growth area of opportunity for record achievements.

Revoke the agreement with CIMA and return the Governance of Autogyro competitions back to CIG.

**Action:** Plenary approved the Chair of Rules to review and advise CIMA with the CIG President of the Commission's decision and to review associated text reference in Section 9 of the Sporting Code.

4. Consider ideas for the reduction and reliance on the number of judges required for a competition, this will reduce the burden on organisers and present a potential safety case. One idea is to utilise CCTV devices already available and there was reference to how drone sports use onboard cameras to assist judges remotely to identify penalties.

**Action:** Plenary approved the Chair of Rules to review the potential use of CCTV and report to the bureau with a view to understand budgeting requirements.

5. Suggestions to start a conversation with a view to developing thoughts within Commission on how CIG can further sports participation through the ever-growing market of e Sports and simulator ownership both domestically and commercially. Helicopter specific simulators and home simulators are developing into networked gaming devices and there could be an opportunity to encourage youth participation through FAI CIG e sport governance.

**Action:** Delegates asked for input and share what is available in their Country.

**Lithuania:** Considering adding heliraces to their airshow in Lithuania.

**Switzerland:** Participating in Flight Safety training 2025 in Mengen.

8.2.2 Increase in participation and interest in organisation of events. FAI CIG is asking all members to activate and send more delegates to the Plenary. Members are requested to increase their activities in helisport.

If Organisers are interested in CAT 1 events the application is open till September 2025 for event in 2026/2027 according to the Bid requirement.



### 8.3 PROPOSALS, ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION.

The following topics were discussed by the Plenary - the Environmental Commission, SAF, electrical helicopters and UL Helicopters and as well as enhancing the maximum weight limit of the helicopter/aircraft for records.

## 9 ELECTIONS. NEXT ELECTIONS DUE 2025

FAI By-Laws chapter 3.2 outlines the rules related to the composition, responsibilities and elections in a Commission. FAI By-Law 3.3 specifies the 'Commission Voting Rules'.

It was agreed by the Plenary that the elected persons will stay for a two-year period.

The biennial elections were overseen by the Secretary General and all positions were elected by acclamation.

### Election of President

There was 1 nomination, only 1 candidate stood. Serafina OGONCZYK-MAKOWSKA was elected as President.

### Election of 1st Vice President

There was 1 nomination. Hubert GESANG was elected.

### Election of 2nd Vice President

There was 1 nomination. Robert KORNALEWICZ was elected.

### Election of Secretary

Hubert GESANG was elected.

## 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

## 11 DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT PLENARY MEETING

To conform with the rules, proposals for venues other than Lausanne must be received by the President or FAI Secretariat 2 weeks before the CIG Plenary meeting. There was no proposal received.

The next Plenary meeting will be held in Switzerland, Lausanne – MSI, 20th and 21st March 2026.

The President closed the meeting.

Approved:

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CIG President

Hubert GESANG  
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