



# **FAI Astronautic Records Commission (ICARE)**



## **2025 Special Meeting Minutes**

**14 January 2025 (online meeting via zoom)**

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## WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

The President welcomed all attendees, delegates, and FAI observers.

## ROLL-CALL

Present

Scott NEUMANN (USA) – Commission president  
Henrik ÅKERSTEDT (SWE) – Commission vice-president  
Nicolas BÉREND (FRA) – Technical expert  
Michel Tognini (FRA) – Alternate Delegate  
Luca URBANI (ITA) – Delegate  
Narit PIDOKRAIT (SWE) – Alternate Delegate  
Visa-Matti LEINIKKI (FAI)

## FAI SPORTING CODE – MILIARIUM AD ASTRA GRANS CHALLENGES

*FAI ICARE Plenary Meeting-Annex 1-Sporting code presentation. Neumann*

Mr. Neumann reported that the requested FAI Statute changes necessary to implement the Miliarium Ad Astra Grand Challenges had been approved by the 2024 FAI General Conference. The FAI Executive Board will consider the remaining FAI By Law changes implementing the new Robert H. Goddard Space Gold Medal for uncrewed spaceflight, at one of their upcoming meetings.

Mr. Neumann presented the two new portions of the FAI Sporting Code, Section 8 Astronautics, adding the Grand Challenges to the sporting code. These included a new Chapter 9 prescribing the general rules and procedures for Miliarium Ad Astra Grand Challenges, and a new Annex A describing the first five (5) Grand Challenge events and defining the event specific rules. These sections had previously been presented to and provisionally accepted by the ICARE delegates at the 2024 ICARE Plenary.

A motion was made to accept Chapter 9 and Annex A into the Section 8 of the FAI Sporting Code. During discussion of the motion, Mr. Akerstedt proposed that the Lunar South Pole Landing challenge named after him, be renamed to the Armstrong Challenge in honour of Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong. (In Annex A, each Grand Challenge event had been named after one of the ICARE Expert Panel members or an ICARE Bureau member or delegate as an expression of gratitude for their work and to give each Grand Challenge event a unique identity.) After discussion the delegates concurred with the name change. Mr. Neumann took an action item to consult with the organization responsible for the Armstrong name and naming rights and ask permission to use the Armstrong name for the Grand Challenge.

The motion to accept Chapter 9 and Annex A, with an amendment to rename the Lunar South Pole Landing Grand Challenge event to the Armstrong Challenge (if permission is secured), passed unanimously.

[Subsequent to the ICARE Special Meeting, Mr. Neumann contacted the Armstrong family and the Purdue Research Foundation which controls the Armstrong “right of persona”. The committee considered the request and on 21 January 2025 unanimously approved use of the Armstrong name for the ICARE Grand Challenge. Mr. Neumann made the change to the name in Annex A and sent the final versions of Chapter 9 and Annex A to the FAI Secretariat on 27 Jan 2025 to be incorporated into FAI Sporting Code Section 8.]

## DATE AND PLACE OF ICARE PLENARY MEETING

The 2025 ICARE Plenary meeting will be held online on 18 March 2025.

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