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2003 activity focused on the 3 events that are to be part of WAG competitions. Competition rules are mature and satisfactory. Unofficial international events took place in Spain and Germany.

The Artistic Aerobatics class was used at the “X-Treme cup” international competition in Spain, mixing airplanes and helicopters in a single classification as will be used at World Air Games. The competition proved attractive to spectators and Media, with the National Television producing a short report immediately after the event, that is to be followed with a 20-minute dedicated airing some time later.

The new AeroMusicals class was used at the German indoor Open Championships and enjoyed considerable success. Competitors from 4 countries entered. As a result, the event will also be used at the Czech Indoor Open championships in March, 2004. This event shows a tremendous potential to attract new blood into aeromodelling competitions, including youngsters.

The new Hand Throw Gliders class is directly based on the well-known F3K rules. The class will be included in the 2004 World Cup events.

Work during 2004 will focus on 4 major points:

- Defining selection procedures in view of the World Air Games.
- Producing more detailed organisers guides, judges guides and more generally guidelines for competitors, judges and organisers.
- For Artistic Aerobatics and AeroMusicals, getting hold of competent judges ; this requires more practice, hence more competitions, specially international to share experience. A judging seminar is one of the possible ways, possibly including FAI judges from full-size aerobatics and FAI World Grand Prix as the judging criteria are essentially identical.
- For all 3 classes – and this is probably the most important – setting up procedures to present the events in the best possible way to spectators and Media as this is the primary aim of World air Games.

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