



PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS #8

Welcome to the 8th edition of the musings. We are now on the count-down to the General Conference on the 4th and 5th of December and I want to take this chance to update everyone on a number of points.

Finance Paper and Budget 2020 I am grateful to those who have provided thoughtful responses and suggestions on this paper, the budget for 2020 and the budgetary controls that we should consider. The purpose of sharing this paper was to allow everyone to understand the proposals that the EB have formulated and to share alternative proposals. Some of these proposals are temporary; intended to be applied for 2020 only to carry us forward and to allow time to look at the whole of the organisation. We all, therefore, need to think carefully about how to construct the budget for 2020 to preserve the future of the FAI.

This budget is a downsized financial plan and any further cost-cutting will result in a loss of capacity and capability for the organisation. If the activities available under the budget do not meet expectations then be aware that requests for additional activities must be matched by additional financial contributions from everyone (members and commissions).

The Future of the FAI Finding a solution for the budget for 2020 at the GC is just the beginning of a step-change for the organisation. Clearly there is a need to ensure, structurally and functionally, that the FAI is delivering what everyone expects and that it is self-sustaining financially.

Briefing Papers You will receive two briefing papers within the next few days. These are intended to support discussions at the GC.

The first will outline the proposal for a holistic review of the FAI. This work is likely to create a step change evolving from the One FAI work and is intended to ensure we all agree why the organisation exists, who it is delivering services to, how these services are delivered and, equally important, what can be delivered within the financial constraints.

And building on the presentation provided on at the GC in Luxor in 2018, and subsequent conversations with various stakeholders in FAI, the second paper will refresh the principles for the introduction of an FAI Sports ID, an FAI Officials ID and a new Membership subscription scheme. These elements form part of the potential step change for the FAI.

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Following the GC there will be consultation with everyone on these proposals. The objective is to have formal proposals to deliver to the GC in October 2020. I strongly encourage you to share any ideas for innovations that could be considered as part of that process.

WDRC I am pleased to report that the preparation for the FAI World Drone Racing Championship 2019 continues. This will be held in Ningbo, China 11 to 14 December.

The General Conference We have 66 registrations to date, including accompanying persons and award winners. If you haven't registered, I urge you to do so. If you are unable to attend may I remind you to make use of a proxy (Statute 3.6.1.2.3). This GC is important; we need to have your inputs to define the appropriate focus for the organisation and how to best develop a sustainable income stream that enables the outcomes that everyone desires to be delivered.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bob Henderson,
FAI President
30th October 2019