



## PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS #9

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Musings and, I anticipate, the last prior to the FAI General Conference.

### The Budget for 2020 and the Finance Paper

I have some follow-up comments on the draft budget for 2020 and the finance paper that explains how the budget was created. I have said this before and I will repeat it again now – some of the elements in the finance paper are temporary measures, intended to carry us through 2020. These include the fee on Sporting Licence renewals and the fee on Cat 1 events.

I'm sure that you will appreciate that the budget is under continual review as we approach the GC. There may also be some updates to the finance paper and these will be shared with everyone prior to the start of the conference.

### FAI 2020 – Refreshing the FAI

You have received the briefing paper on this proposed subject. It deliberately does not speculate on the future role of the organisation and the structure (and finances) to support the role. That is work to be done.

Discussion groups are planned with the Commission Presidents (Wednesday morning 4 December) and with as many Member delegates as are available (Wednesday evening 4 December). These discussions are intended to start the conversations about FAI 2020; not come up with final solutions. Invitations to these discussions and draft terms-of-reference for the project are being sent out separately to this Musings. I will be seeking your endorsement for this project at the GC.

Sports ID, Officials ID, Membership Scheme You have also received this briefing paper. These proposals were initially aired in 2017 and again in 2018; they are in draft; they need more work; and, there needs to be extensive consultation with members and commissions.

The introduction of a FAI Sports ID, a FAI Officials ID and a new Membership subscription scheme is not anticipated until 1 January 2021 – meaning that the formal voting will be at the 2020 general conference, not this year. These proposals create potential conduits that may well support the FAI 2020 project and I am, therefore, seeking your endorsement that work continue on developing these ideas.

## The General Conference

This GC is important for the future of FAI and we need to work collaboratively to ensure this future. The Executive Board, the Secretary General and I are all looking forward to the discussions on all the topics during conference week and to hearing your constructive ideas and inputs.

We have, as of Friday 15 November, 28 nations (plus others via proxy) and 10 Commissions attending and a grand total of 107 people registered for the conference, including accompanying persons and award winners. If you haven't registered or recorded a proxy vote, there is still time to do so.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Henderson" followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bob Henderson,  
FAI President  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2019