

Hi Barney and hi everybody.

My best to all of you.

Few questions first.

Is this deadline only for S10 proposals or for all proposals and bids?

How to proceed regarding possible Cat1 Endurance WC, as this is an event proposal, not S10?

Just in case, to be correct, let's consider content of this message as a proposal.

Actually I have been now proposing this for several years as you all know and I hope you understand that I am not interested to make another bid which still will be denied.

After years of experience in developing and organising a new endurance competition format, we are actually very well prepared for the 2018 already.

We even have now another suitable island completely reserved and available for such event and thus we are going to organise Nordic Endurance 2018 anyway.

This time for PF1 only. Island Hiiumaa, Estonia.

There will be no questions if CIMA is still not interested in such modern and attractive format. We feel completely satisfied to go on with it just regionally as Cat2 but pilots all over the world are asking for it to be Cat1 event and this is not for me to decide.

The main difference for us is that in case of Cat1 WC we just need to extend this event up to one full week.

As last version of Local Regulations is available in CIMA Wiki from 2016 Plenary, I hope everybody has sufficient information already but of course any assistance in clearing content and fixing my bad english will be welcome, as well as all proposals for the further development.

Now please let me present an idea.

What do you all think of such solution, if we will leave this matter fully for the CIMA Plenary or Bureau to decide as appropriate and then we can act accordingly.

We certainly have full knowledge and experience on this format we invented and developed ourselves after 7 years of competition practice with great success.

Actually, we are looking much further into the future, offering universal solution and new approach to maybe quite many problematic issues in CIMA competition management, arising already and especially in the future (organising complexity, economy and precision integration, fueling and weighing issues, technology involvement, assistance, safety, technical support, event scheduling, satisfaction of pilots, overall atmosphere, growth of FAI member countries, stimulation for bidding etc.)

Unfortunately in 2017 we missed Nordic Endurance Race (NOPER), which was planned to circulate amongst nordic countries. It happened because both main candidates, Finland and Sweden were not able to supply suitable competition (noisy) area for such event, big enough for 100+ turnpoints, snake figures etc.

As a matter of fact, finding appropriate competition area may appear the main and probably only serious obstacle for such format in the future, because for the best and most compact result the overall competition area should be at least 1000 km² of flyable area, better even more and for the best weather planning options it should be an island.
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We are still lucky in Estonia, as we have one more suitable island available, with suitable settings and low population but with good infrastructure and perfect beaches.

Please give me your thoughts.

Note to all interested countries.

To go on smoothly with such new endurance competition format and to avoid misinterpretations of rules and failures in preparations and organising, we are now prepared to offer a full package of competition management to any country interested in organising but not having specific knowledge, qualification or staff.

Such service package may contain following elements:

1. Consulting and advisory service.
2. Creation of Local regulations and Task catalogue according to local needs and FAI standards.
3. Competition preparations and organising with full staff management.
4. Map preparations with all turnpoints and tasks included.
Full map production ready for competition.
5. Competition directing, all briefings, staff training, task setting, overall control of the event etc.

6. Full electronic scoring service with special software, GPS loggers and full live results' calculation.
7. Online GPS live coverage of the full event over the internet.
8. GPS online tracking with pre-programmed GPS trackers for competitors, safety and service vehicles.

To sum it up, with such new service development, any FAI member country, willing to organise such an event, can consider this option as much easier, with providing mainly only local and non-specific matters, such as area, infrastructure, accommodation, food, competition center, prizes, local staff, financing, promotion, public relations etc.

Finally I need to inform you that I am not able to participate on Plenary myself this time, due to my extreme flight injury in 2014, from which I am still recovering (long story). I am operative but still not in flight condition. I cannot even predict, how long I am able to be at your service.

Luckily right now my brain is in the best condition ever and I am completely ready to participate in the Plenary over the Skype, to explain whatever needed and to answer all possible questions before, at or after the Plenary.

Please let me know or call me anytime over Skype: p4kop4ko

For the best and smooth worldwide communications I am inviting all of you to actively discuss these matters with me and with pilots all over the world in our Facebook where I am uploading this letter openly for public discussions.

<https://www.facebook.com/EstPPA/>

With regards,

Life is an adventure!

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