



President's Letter to Delegates and Committee Chairmen

16th September 2010

FAI Presidency

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to advise you that I have accepted nomination from Flying New Zealand (New Zealand's NAC) for the position of President of the FAI at the elections in October 2010.

Over the last six years under the guidance of President Pierre Portmann, the FAI has undertaken a programme of development to meet the challenges faced by the FAI. As FAI President I would continue the developments already underway and work to facilitate their implementation.

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The FAI faces many challenges. We need to ensure that we take a leading role in advocating for air sports within the regulatory environment, to protect and preserve access to airspace for all air sport activities and to improve safety.

We need to promote and protect the FAI brand – our public image to the world. I want the FAI to be the place of choice for air sports, and we want all our participants, from pilots to spectators, to recognise the value that the FAI can provide them.

We also need to strengthen the relationships within our FAI family – especially between the NACs and the Commissions.

Over the past seven years as President of the IGC I have become very aware that there are many issues that impact on the Commissions as a group. We need to improve the coordination about what is happening – within the FAI itself; between the Commissions; and between the Commissions and the NACs. And we need to have open and robust debates about how we can make this organisation strong and prepare it to face the challenges of the present and the future.

Each of the major players – the NACs, the Commissions and the FAI Office - has a key role to play in facing these challenges but this will not happen unless ideas are shared, discussed and coordinated. Joining forces to take advantage of our shared creativity, expertise, knowledge and skills is, I believe, essential to grow the FAI.

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If I am elected, I can bring continuity, leadership and accessibility to the position of FAI President. As you know, I have been a member of the FAI Executive Board during the time the current programme of work was initiated and that program would continue under my guidance.

The Air Sport Commissions all share a consuming passion for their sport and for the freedom of the skies to pursue their respective passions. That's what binds us together. The FAI brings us all together to share this passion, and I want to ensure that our FAI family grows and prospers.

The IGC Bureau fully supports this bid for the Presidency and I trust that I will also have your support.

If you would like more information, please drop me an email and I will expand on my ideas.

One question I'm sure that you will have is: "*How will I have the time for the job?*"

- My airline is generously allowing me to take leave without pay whenever necessary to enable me to attend to the duties of FAI President. And, of course, I will stand down from my present position as IGC President.

The other obvious question is: "*What about the IGC?*"

- I can assure you that the IGC will be in good hands. At the Bureau meeting in Dublin in October I will be formally proposing that 1st VP, Eric Mozer, take over as the President of the IGC. I know that he will have your full support.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Henderson
President, IGC
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