

Lausanne, March 29th 2008. My speech addressed to the 38 CIAM Delegates at the beginning of the voting process to find a new CIAM President. Finally elected has been Bob Skinner, F3A S/C-Chairman from South Africa.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends,
25 years ago I was not satisfied with the performance of my F1A Gliders. To improve, I developed a new, a strange looking airfoil for the horizontal stabiliser.

Nowadays, almost half of all freeflight outdoor models employ my airfoil in the tailplane. A few modellers still combine airfoil and my name. But most just enjoy the good performance of their models and don't bother about the inventor.

It is the idea that works. But at first, the inventor, the pioneer has to do his job. He has to incorporate the idea.

Now, today, I need your help to incorporate three simple ideas. All three shall improve the performance of CIAM. The ideas have the names **Education**, **New Classes** and **Content**.

Education is not just the matter of grandpas teaching their grandchildren. Education is the responsibility of every Subcommittee and of every single class: What has to be done to educate new pilots? This question should never come to an end.

New Classes arise without our doing. To ignore them - because we have already more than 60 - is wrong. We must adapt them, the faster the better. First time this may imply the decision, not to support old but weak classes anymore.

Content. You travelled to meet here, some came half around the world. You have the right to decide on matters which are worth all your effort. Other matters should not bother you. We, the Bureau, must find the difficult, the new approach to restrict overflowing formalities in favour of contents.

To empower these three simple ideas I need your vote.
Thank you