

REPORT ON THE 2017 TRAVEL ALLOWANCES 2018

As usual a large part of the travel expenses of the CIVA Officials have been refunded to the judges.

There were 66 Officials to be refunded (some judges are judging at more than one event). This year (as last year) we asked the judges to make one claim for them and their assistant so it should have been around 30 reimbursements, but some of the judges asked for making separate claims - because of different country mostly - and I agreed.

It took me 310 (last year 487 but for 85 officials) mails to have all the TA OK to be sent to FAI and refunded. And as last year there is still one TA to be dealt with (still waiting for the claim, I received only the invoice...)

We paid a around 21 000 € of TA for 2018 which is slightly less than the total of the Sanction Fee (over 91% - in 2017 110%). It is not good enough for CIVA's finance as CIVA has other expenses as medals, travel for ASC meetings and so on.

The prices of the flights have increased the average TA in 2018 is 330€ (in 2017 it was 345€ but we had championships in Russia and RSA)

This year I noticed an improvement against 2017 in the way the judges are presenting their claims 60% of the judges are doing nearly as requested in the procedure PDF files (but only 20% exactly and 20% in a catastrophic way; for one nation I had 44 mails with 3-4 claims with different amounts.

The main problems were:

- no PDF
- several files (sometimes 6-7 files)
- fantasy names (I have set a routine in order to have all my incoming TA mails going automatically in one folder - or subfolder devised by championship - in order not to have them mix with my regular mails)

This year I sent screen-shots of my estimation to a great number of judges, so the judges were claiming less. Of course my estimation does not know if luggages are included or not, a detailed invoice where those fees appear help me to refund also some fees like luggages and fuel surtaxes. So it is important that your judges send detailed invoices (please pass the word).

Those claims are checked and sent to FAI usually within a week of their reception (in 2018 I was sometimes slower I apologize for this). Now at the FAI Head Quarters a new person is supporting Cosette Mast in her work: Paola Lopez.

A question rose last year but again this year it came back on the stage: the question whether CIVA should pay the visas or not. My opinion is that it should somehow be paid as :

1. if you do not have a visa you cannot enter the country which requests visa
2. it is always the same judges who needs visas and have to carry those expenses

How to reimburse the visa is not easy as some visa are only for the given championship, some visa are for 6 to 24 months for EU or all Europe. But on the other hand there is the CIVA financial situation to take care of.

Slowly the procedure is improving. If CIVA still wants me to do the job in 2019 I will carry on with pleasure. Thanks for your confidence it was a pleasure to serve you.

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