



FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)
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The report covers the time from June 2010 to September 2011.

- In October 2010 the FAI elected a new President, John Grubbström from Sweden, A flying physician, who has already participated in FAI CIMP conferences.
- With the election of a new Executive Board new ideas were discussed to develop new FAI initiatives. FAI wants to be more proactive to support its customers, athletes and the National Aero-Clubs. The FAI-Logo should “be licensed” in a more proactive manner and it should be marketed more actively to promote FAI.
- The Technical Commissions structure had been reviewed. It was asked if it would be advisable to install new Expert-Groups instead. – Our internal review paper convinced the FAI-EB to keep the CIMP structure as a successful concept. Other technical commissions are expected to be restructured.
- In March 2011 FAI-CIMP joined the EASA MEG (Medical Expert Group) in Cologne. With this option we get a better insight into EU Rule Making. Together with the European Air-Sport (EAS) Delegate we are able to communicate all Air-Sport related interests in the EASA Aerospace Medical Rulemaking process. This is important as most of the EASA-MEG delegates come from the CAA and professional Airlines. – Some interesting questions were already raised. The EAG Delegate raised certain aspects, e.g. Diabetes in Air-Sports. The GP concept for LAPL, was accepted by EASA. It is the decision of each EASA state whether to allow this as the UK decided to do.
- At the General Conference in Dublin some Medical Advice was requested. A new CASI draft was initiated on the requirement for professional Emergency Services at WCC. To reduce the anticipated costs if nations might have to comply with the new CASI draft, a more generic wording was suggested. – “Organizations should anticipate the need for Mental Health services in case of fatal accidents during a World Championship.”
- The CIMP-Anti-Doping Panel was very actively engaged. The FAI-Secretariat sent about 30 TUE applications from various international FAI athletes, modelling (largest group), gliding. Four CIMP Delegates were actively involved during the last year.
- One World Champion Glider, Standard Class was reported to be accused and prosecuted for a suspected Doping Violation. Even though the subject was primarily a treatment of an acute illness no physician or flight surgeon was involved as demanded by FAI CIMP. This primary nationally handled case came very late to the attention of FAI. FAI and WADA rules were also violated. FAI EB members cared about the reputation of air-sports being eventually hampered publically without having had a real severe doping reason. – FAI-EB member and former IGC President Bob Henderson tasked CIMP to follow up on this case and concentrate on lessons learned.

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- Referring to this above mentioned case the FAI Doping Panel together with the FAI President had the chance to talk to the WADA Representative, Frederic Donze in Lausanne in April 2011. Future Air-Sport issues relating to Doping were discussed and further consultation is planned.
- The FAI Anti Doping Programme was discussed and some recommendations made.
- The In Between Competition Testing Pool was installed by Stephane Desprez, FAI Secretary General. This is not primarily a Medical issue, but more a Political FAI one. This subject needs more communication. It is not solved at present to all satisfaction.
- Inside CIMP it was agreed, that Networking to other FAI-Stakeholders should be improved. This has to be discussed in CIMP, including financing of other tasks.

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