

**CIMA History Report 2020**  
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The spark within FAI that ignited the course of action eventually resulting in the formation of the Commission Internationale de Micro-Aviation (CIMA) had its origins in a request for a position on Ultralight Aircraft at the October 1978 FAI General Conference in Santiago De Chile, Chile.

The request, submitted by Ann Welch, FAI Vice President for the United Kingdom, pointed out that FAI should be concerned about this growing area and should take action "...otherwise some new body may be formed outside F.A.I." Welch suggested that a study group define an ultralight, find common ground for flying activities, and offer ideas for future development.

The rich history of the people, activity and development within CIMA is now in it's fourth decade. Those of us who have shared in this adventure – pilots, teammates, organizers, officials, sponsors, national aero clubs – should all be proud of the progress we have made in fostering innovation, promoting the sport and sharing good will and friendship among nations.

The history space on the CIMA Wiki site opens to an introduction and then four major sections breaking out significant eras. The first section now has a few paragraphs and links to documents to give some color to the story of our beginnings.

Content will continue to be added over time to capture more background on the dozens of remaining FAI documents. Please feel free to contact me at [tomgunnarson@earthlink.net](mailto:tomgunnarson@earthlink.net) with stories, photos, names or any other information that will help fill out the full CIMA history.

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