

Report to the CIA on the 2020 meeting of CIMP by Zoom 27th September 2020

This meeting of the Medical Commission of the FAI (CIMP) was held by Zoom due to the ongoing Covid pandemic. CIMP was attended by 23 of whom 11 were delegates. Marja Osinga, President, chaired the meeting.

There were several presentations on flight safety in air sports.

Laurent Sciboz, Gordon Bennet Winner, gave a presentation of the physical analysis, technical team, weather forecasts, air nav pro, flight safety issues, with beautiful pictures resulting in a world record in Canada in 2017.

Matt Hall gave a presentation on the Red Bull Air Races; high load with 14Gs, hot conditions, high speed, pressure of the jet lag, spectators, medias, importance of different structure of risks, aeromedical implications.

Juergen Knuettel spoke about mortality during gliding world championship, EASA risk assessment and EPAS (European Plan for Aviation Safety). Flight safety promotion is an important and continuing item for all air sport pilots and organizations. For all air sport commissions it must be on the agenda.

David Bareford (GBR Delegate) gave an update from the Subgroup on Aeromedical Risk in Air Sports. The group has accumulated evidence, mostly from the research and proposals of Peter Saundby to prove that a slight reduction in medical standards for some air sports will not adversely affect aviation safety. It has been calculated that an ICAO Class 2 costs € 3,082,212 per life saved compared with self-certification and twenty percent of pilots are grounded. With this evidence CIMP are proposing to ICAO that it should adopt lower medical standards based on a 5% predicted risk of sudden incapacity in the next year (Class 4) and a 20% risk (Class 5) for lower risk air sports. This will reduce overall costs of flying and increase participation in the sport without significantly increasing the risk of injury to third parties.

The meeting was informed that the planning for the next World Air-Games 2025 will include options for a FAI CIMP Symposium.

The next CIMP meeting will be in Paris after AsMA / ICASM / ECAM congress, from Sunday 26th to Monday 27th September 2021.

After the CIMP meeting in November 2020 we learnt of the death of our Honorary President, Peter Saundby. He had been seriously ill quite a long time, but still retained a keen interest in aviation and, very recently, he has given advice to the CIMP on aeromedical issues. To CIMP he was a very good friend, a brilliant and amiable colleague. He had made a tremendous contribution, over many years, to gliding and air sports in general, not only as a FAI Vice President and President of CIMP, but also as a tireless campaigner for rational legislation at European level in Europe Air Sports.

Dr David Bareford, UK and CIA delegate to CIMP.

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