Report to the CIA/RAC on CIMP activity during 2022

The FAI- CIMP was founded in 1922, 17 years after the founding of the FAI in 1905. So, the major event for the year was the 100-year anniversary celebrations that took place on the 18th Sept. at the Aéro-Club de France in Paris during the annual plenary.

The CIMP scientific meeting, held before the plenary, included papers on intraocular multifocal lenses, the different innovations in cardiology and the impact for the pilots (inflammation in CVD-19, new guidelines for ventricular arrhythmias / pulmonary hypertension, reanimation, new anti-lipids treatment), and EASA rulemaking about diabetes mellitus and the use of insulin.

The CIMP subgroup on aeromedical risks in air sports presented a summary of a statistical review on the past accidents related to the kind of medical assessment, with projection in the future. The conclusion was that the cost of one spared life is 5,000,000€ and many hours, travel time, travel costs. This was presented as a paper at AsMA in Reno in May and was to be presented at the ICAM meeting after the CIMP meeting but somehow missed being submitted. It is hoped that this will be eventually used as evidence to ICAO to produce reduced standards of medical assessment for air sport pilots. The reduced medical standards in air sports introduced in a few countries over the last couple of years does not appear to have led to any increase in fatalities due to medical incapacitation.

As a result of the International Olympic Committee’s document on Fairness and Non-discrimination on the basis of Gender identity and Sex variations, the FAI, supported by CIMP, continues to work on transgender equity in air sports together with the air sport commissions.

CIMP has also been active with a series of Fly Clean webinars between October and December that explained the WADA prohibited list and testing procedures and TUE (therapeutic use exemption).

The TUE-panel members are continuing their important activities on reviewing applications for therapeutic use exemptions.

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