



FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission (CIMA)
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1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

Four international championships in 2017:

14th FAI European Microlight Championships, Nagykanisza (HUN)

7th FAI European Paramotor Championships, Breclav (CZE)

3rd FAI Asia & Oceania Paramotor Championships, Pasak Jolasid Dam, Lopburi (THA)

IWGA World Games, Wroclaw (POL)

2. Positive and negative results:

Despite a severe storm on the first day of the microlight championships in Hungary which destroyed several aircraft as well as some infrastructure, the organisers succeeded in delivering the championships. Congratulations to all involved.

3. Main problem(s) encountered and solutions adopted :

Microlighting in Europe may undergo regulatory change in the near future with a possible increase in MTOW (weight) from the current 450/472,5kg to possibly 500 or 600kg. Some European countries already use 600kg in their national regulations. This is already impacting on competitor participation in CIMA events and risks being a stronger influence in the future. CIMA may have to adapt its rules to reflect European regulatory changes, in the knowledge that other authorities around the world tend to adopt similar regulatory regimes.

Paramotor Slalom has, to some extent, become a victim of its success. Pilots have become expert in the discipline such that the speeds reached during flight are now considered to be excessive. CIMA is looking for solutions to reduce extreme manoeuvres close to the ground while maintaining the exhilaration and excitement that the event provides.

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4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

10th FAI World Paramotor Championships, Pasak Jolasid Dam, Lopburi (THA)

16th FAI World Microlight Championships

and

3rd FAI European Paramotor Slalom Championships
to be decided at the CIMA Plenary in November 2017

The FAI Paramotor World Endurance Cup format is being further developed and the 2018 event will take place in Estonia.

5. Proposals (if any) to FAI Executive Board, FAI Head Office or for the next General Conference :

Commissions are part of the team that is delivering the sporting 'products'. Keep commissions well informed of developments and decisions and include commissions in projects from the early stages. We all stand to benefit from the rewards!

6. Free reporting:

Paramotoring remains a strong contender for Air Games Series events:

- Portable
- Can be sited in venues close to audiences such as parks or city parks/lakes.
- Few infrastructure requirements
- Exciting action close to the audience
- High accessibility of pilots to audience/media
- Wide participation of male/female, young/older

Date: 22 October 2017

Signature :

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