



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

- 1st Asia-Oceania Paramotor Championships, Phuket, Thailand 9 to 20 November 2013 concurrent with Asian Beach Games Test Event. (Cat 2, Open) 18 & 36 competitors respectively, expected to grow in future years.
- 1st European Paramotor Slalom Championships, Couhe, France 21-27 July 2014. 37 Competitors, expected to grow in future years.
- 14th FAI World Microlight Championships, Matkópuszta, Hungary, 6 to 16 August 2014, 61 Aircraft, 110 Competitors.
- 8th FAI World Paramotor Championships, Matkópuszta, Hungary, 6 to 16 August 2014, 100 aircraft, 123 competitors.

The CIMA World League Cup (WLC) is developing slowly.

Preparations for the Paramotor event at the 2014 OCA Asian Beach Games are progressing well. In May 2014 it was announced that Paramotors would be participating in more multi-sport games including the SportAccord 1st World Urban Games and the World Games, both in 2017.

Work has already started on the Microlight and Paramotor events in 2015 WAG Dubai.

2. Positive and negative results:

The CIMA program has reliably increased from 2 to 4 Cat 1 Championships annually, this is a result of the success of the new slalom championships and increasing interest in competition in SE Asia. CIMA is working on developing further championships in other continents.

While there was a very good entry, the organizers of the concurrent WMC & WPC in Hungary fell into many 'bear traps' which had arisen in previous championships and were thought solved. The consensus was these championships were the least satisfactory for some considerable time.

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

CIMA will be undertaking a thorough review of its pre-championship monitoring arrangements in an effort to prevent such disappointing championships as happened in Hungary being repeated. Of course the only permanent solution would be to have a cadre of professional staff attending each event, but CIMA does not yet have the resources for this.

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The WLC has been hampered somewhat by the disarray in FAI accounting systems. Sanction fee payment is the trigger which starts CIMA involvement but notification a payment has been made has not always been reliable. The new CIMA bank account created in May 2014 will hopefully go some way to solving this.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

There will be much work in the next year for WAG Dubai. A CIMA representative has already met the organizers and visited the sites, and providing there are adequate central resources available is confident it will be possible to make the microlight and paramotor events a success.

In addition to the Paramotor Event at the OCA Asian Beach Games, Phuket, Thailand, 14-23 November 2014 (c. 2435 athletes competing for 169 medals in total) there will be four CIMA Sanctioned category 1 events in 2015:

2nd World Paramotor Slalom Championships 25 Jun to 5 July 2014 in Legnica, Poland
13th FAI European Microlight Championships, Wloclawek, Kruszyń, Poland
6th FAI European Paramotor Championships, September 2015 Brasov, Romania.
2nd FAI Asia - Oceania Paramotor Championships, 8-17 October 2015, Malaysia

Work is progressing on an Organizer Agreement intended to make it possible for CIMA to sanction events promoted and managed by 3rd party organizers in much the same way as is already done by at least one other ASC and for one large series by EB.

A project to develop an electronic method of capturing performance data for analysis and publication by a real time scoring system is currently in progress, the intention is to have it fully operational by WAG 2015.

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

CIMA remains worried by the financial management of FAI. CIMA did not receive a set of so-called final 2013 accounts until June 2014, and it is believes at the time of writing they are still not correct.

It is also concerned that the proposed method (as seen at the time of writing) of presenting the next CIMA budget to the General Conference is a grave misrepresentation of the true facts in as much as it takes no account of the current CIMA Reserve which is considered more than adequate and presents expenditure as a 'loss' when in fact all the 'unusual' items are an investment for the improvement of our sports.

6. Free reporting:

The CIMA Bureau thanks the staff at Secretariat for their assistance in the last year

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