

The overall German Federal Air-Sport structure and administration of the German Aero-Club DAeC is undergoing changes. The development will be completed in the upcoming months.

-For each Air-Sport a new independent Federal Air-Sport Commission was installed.

-The reconstructing of the DAeC generated independent operational organizations, e.g. for Gliding, Ultra-Light Flying, Ballooning, etc..- Central tasks will remain in the DAeC HQ. –

-The independent Hang-Gliding Society with its 30.000 pilots (same number of glider pilots in Germany) has already,- in contrast to the federal DAeC structure-, a centralized staff and a president within its organization for all German hang-gliding athletes.

-The government subsidy to all air-sports in Germany was reduced.

-The transition of the AME System in Germany to EASA regulation starting in April 2012 is continuing. The integration of the German AME system and its procedures has improved the overall process. The proposal to introduce the EASA GP system for LAPL in Germany was rejected.- Prices for a PPL medicals stay reasonably between 50 to 100 € in average. The five AMCs in Germany got more effective in providing waivers to air-sport-pilots, if possible. One AMC is offering to review personal medical files in advance, before complete expensive examinations will be performed.

- German Accident Rates are now published and disseminated in cooperation with EASA to compare overall accident rates in Europe. The goal is to allow experts to investigate the data and compare them to the Europe in general..

-It was proposed that the ICAO Accident-Prevention-Programme (APP) should be introduced into the Air-Sports Community in Germany. It stays difficult to convince national administrators to initiate a “proactive accident prevention program” for GA . EASA set up its own Flight Safety Commissions, like EGAST, which will involve all nations.– Promotion of the EASA efforts will improve European GA safety awareness.

-The Air-Sports Aero-Club Flight Schools in Germany will face in the future professional ICAO SMS (Safety Management System) procedures and principles. Professional SMS / APP is the new standard in the professional aviation community.

-The German Anti-Doping and Aero-Club / NADA procedures were challenged by a case of a suspected Doping Violation of the German Glider-World Champion Michael Buchthal. He had undergone Medical Treatment and was considered having reported his “Starch Infusions” to late. No cheating was involved. - Doping Regulations are under permanent change and tasking in references of -WADA, NADA, and FAI- is sometimes difficult to comply with. Lawyers and physicians are not commonly active in FAI sports. The German Aero-Club was asked by the FAI-Executive Board to make suggestions how to improve anti-doping-procedures for international athletes in air-sports.

National Anti Doping Rules are different in nations, e.g. who is in charge to prosecute a violation. It was recommended already by FAI-CIMP to include a flight-surgeon into the review of a suspected Doping Violation case. Networking will continue.

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