

Annual Meeting of the FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)**Bucharest, Romania****10th September and 11th September 2011**

Three topics of interest to the CIA

World Anti- Doping Agency (WADA)

WADA inspectors will visit FAI to assess procedures. In particular FAI must present a plan to test “out of competition competitors”. In consultation with WADA officials there appears to be an acceptable plan proposed that is acceptable to both sides and can be instituted in the general time frame of competitions when competitors will be available. The anti-doping committee of CIMP pointed out other complexities of dealing with WADA standards and advising FAI and individual competitors. The President outlined that the problems extend from multiple areas of ignorance and misinformation. The matter of illicit doping in sport is handled by the national sporting bodies at a national level. The procedures though WADA outlined are dealt with in differing levels of competence by different national teams. Violations of the WADA rules are interpreted and prosecuted via a national law in the country the violation occurred. It also appears that teams have differing understanding of the regulations and in some cases don't understand the gravity of the infractions and the potential cost in lost competitors and potential championships that their competitor would be suspended from.

It was resolved by CIMP that FAI Executive Board should implement the following;

- a. FAI must **promote Anti-Doping Awareness** to all air sport commissions. It must emphasize that it should be because of the serious ramifications of noncompliance to international competitions and titles
- b. **Educational programs** should be organized as soon as possible and disseminated to each commission and passed on to the individual national aero clubs. – This is not a medical, it is an operational political task.
- c. FAI should **allocate adequate knowledgeable staff (policy makers)** to anti-doping matters.
- d. CIMP can be used further as the resource to expedite **Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) requests**.
- e. In any case, FAI should **always include CIMP** / and/or a flight surgeon to make sure medical aspects are taken into account when a Doping Violation is reported to FAI.
- f. FAI should have **clear procedures on handling “First level Doping Violation Court Decisions”** to be able to consider all PROs and CONs if applying /supporting the second level, the CAS (Arbitration Court) in Lausanne.

Impact of increasing flying costs on flight safety

It was felt that the emerging problem of exorbitant taxes and fees levied on pilots has decreased the amount that pilots can fly and has adversely affected flight safety due to loss of proficiency.

Decision: FAI Executive Board should support politically the following;

CIMP recommends to FAI Executive Board to lobby EASA and member countries to **decrease flying operation costs** under governmental control so that sport flying and initial flight training is made more affordable and will **encourage more flight training and enhance safety**.

Psychological Support Services

An accident involving a parachutist at a FAI championship in South Africa was the inciting event for CASI to ask CIMP for a review for medical / accident preparedness at FAI sponsored events. In particular is the recognition of need for mental health resources. The following Draft Proposal was suggested:

“Organizers should be prepared to care for the availability of knowledgeable (voluntary and/or professional) persons to provide for “Psychological First Aid Services” to family members, teams, athletes, participants and others at these events (World Championships) when accidents and fatalities occur. (e.g. CISM, Critical Incident Stress Management etc., for Psychological Trauma Relief)”