

# **CIMA REPORT TO THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE 2009**

## **Microlight flying**

As in the previous years, Microlight flying is still in increase all over the world. It is not possible to give an exact figure of how many microlight aeroplanes there are, but a fair guess would be close to 200 000. One can distinguish between pure leisure flying as with Paramotors (New Classes) that has become most popular for the younger generation and the microlight flying with either three-axis or weight-shift aeroplanes (Classic Classes), were, apart from pure leisure flying, flying as a mean of transportation also is a reality. Paramotor flying is cheap and therefore most suitable for young people. Three-axis and weight-shift are, compared to normal category aeroplanes (Cessna, Pipers etc.) much cheaper and have therefore become an alternative for already established normal category-pilots.

Among all these microlight pilots there is just a fraction that is participating in competitions and record settings and we assume this is the situation for most of the other commissions. How to increase that figure is a topic that could be worth discussing between the commissions.

## **CIMA Meeting**

The international Microlight Commission held its annual meeting in Lausanne in November 2008.

Decisions taken by the CIMA plenum included:

The annual revision of the Sporting Code Section 10. Microlight flying is a relatively new sport and has not yet found its final form, why revisions are frequent.

It was decided to hold World Microlight and Paramotor Championships. This caused some trouble as the country chosen proved to be unsafe due to internal conflicts. The Championships were transferred to the Czech Republic instead

**WAG qualification** competitions were held in several countries, but mostly so in the Paramotor class. The Microlight class qualification was difficult to run at most places as it required inflatable pylons. However, in the end there was a complete “set” of qualified competitors in both classes.

## **2009 World Microlight and Paramotor Championships**

The result from the World Microlight and Paramotor Championships in the Czech Republic

Gold medal WL1 Weight shift-controlled, landing gear, single-seater, Alojzy Dernbach, POL

Gold medal WL2 Weightshift-controlled, landing gear, two-seater Rob Grimwood/A.Aiken GBR

Gold medal AL1 Aerodynamically controlled, landing gear, single-seater, Jan Lukes CZE

Gold medal AL2 Aerodynamically controlled, landing gear, two-seater, P. Nogueroles/M.Girou ESP.

Team prize: Gold medal Czech Republic, Silver medal Poland, Bronze medal Great Britain

Gold medal PF1 (para-controlled foot-launched single-seater) Michel Carnet GBR

Gold medal PL1 (para-controlled trike single seater) Tomas Kudaszewicz POL

Gold medal PF2 (para-controlled foot launched 2-seater) Peter Schulz/Katrin Pinkpank GER

Gold medal PL2 (para-controlled, landing gear, 2-seater) Walter Holzmüller/Peter Metzger AUT

Gold medal PF1 Team, Czech Republic  
Gold Medal PF2 Team, Czech Republic  
Gold medal PL1 Team, Spain  
Gold medal PL2 Team, Poland

This year's competition in the Czech Republic was a success in spite of the short notice for arranging the competitions .

### **World Air Games**

CIMA contributed to the world Air Games in Turin with two classes, Microlight 2-seater trikes and single-seater Paramotors. The trikes were competing in a pylon race while the Paramotors were flying Clover Leaf Slalom, Basket ball Slalom and the Dragon Tail Chase. The trikes were racing round two pylons one against one in a ground series. The two fastest trikes then went to the final. Winner was Rob Grimwood and Chris Saysel, with Robert Keen and Rees Keen second, both from the UK. Third was the trike with the Italian Paolo Rossi Soavi and Maurizio Vanzini.

The competitor with the shortest time from all three Paramotor tasks was the winner. The Gold Medal went to Matieau Rouanet France, Silver Laurent Salinas Canada and Bronze Alexander Mateos, France.

The games were very successful with fine weather and good spirit. The arrangement worked fine and the competitors had a good time. The Marshals did a good job which could be verified by the absence of complaints and protests.

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