



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

- European Paramotor Championships Otepää - Palupera, Estonia planned for 23 May to 2 June 2013 but FAI Sanction withdrawn on 30 January 2013 as a result of the organizer failing to sign the FAI organizer agreement or agree to use the CIMA approved championship rules.
- 12th European Microlight Championships Kamenica Nad Cirochou, Slovak Republic, 6 August - 17 August 2013. Five classes, 45 aircraft, 78 competitors from 11 nations. It was felt that overall the competition was held in good spirit with numerous tight results. The organisation worked extremely hard to make the championship the success it undoubtedly was.
- 1st World Paramotor Slalom Championships. Aspres sur Buech France, 9-15 September 2013. Three classes, 79 pilots from 16 nations. A completely new competition format of tasks performed entirely local to the airfield which promises to be increasingly successful in future.
- The 2012 CIMA Plenary sanctioned its first continental championship outside of Europe. The 1st Asia-Oceania Paramotor Championships will take place in Phuket, Thailand in November 2013 simultaneous to an open test event for the 2014 Asian Beach Games.

**2. Positive and negative results:**

FAI Secretariat worked incredibly hard with the CIMA Bureau to get the EPC to happen but despite many deadline extensions the organizer continued to refuse to sign the standard organizer agreement or adopt the internationally agreed local regulations. This eventually forced CIMA to withdraw its sanction

On the other hand the Slovak and French NACs must be congratulated for making the 'classical' EMC and the new Paramotor Slalom championships such a success.

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

The withdrawal of the EPC sanction was a great disappointment to many potential competitors however many of the same pilots still had the opportunity to compete at international level in the WSPC.

WSPC is a new addition to CIMA's standard championship repertoire. For the time being it is planned for there to only be World championships happening every two years, in the same year as the classical Continental championships. This means that there should be a World Championships in paramotors every year from now on and it also seems possible the format could be easily integrated into the WAG.

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**4. Planned activities and projects for next year :**

World Microlight and World Paramotor Championships will for the first time since 2003 be happening in the same place at the same time in Dunajuvaros, Hungary.

Asian Beach Games in November 2014 at Phuket, Thailand will include Paramotors (plus two other airsports). The 2012 CIMA Plenary allocated some funding towards the development of an integrated 'instant performance collection' system which it is hoped will be ready in time for ABG and can be used in all future microlight and paramotor events

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

There is an outstanding issue concerning the rules of the Ann Welch Diploma, a proposed amendment to the FAI bylaws will be presented to EB in due course.

**6. Free reporting:**

none

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