



COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGIQUE (CIMP)

President's Report
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During the past year there have been two main issues, the anti doping regulations from WADA and new legislation in Europe. The annual meeting of CIMP was held in Lausanne during June and was attended by fourteen delegates from twelve countries. CIMP is fortunate in having delegates of high professional quality and for any Technical Commission; this is the secret of success. In addition an active part has been played by other delegates during the year through email correspondence.

The random testing of air sports pilots by anti doping agencies has exposed a relatively high level of positive findings. These have all been either a failure to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) when one was justified or injudicious use of illicit recreational drugs. There was no example of performance enhancing doping. A meeting was held with WADA concerning the enforcement of WADA rules to discuss policing practices. As with any other law enforcement, the co-operation of the population being policed is essential.

In March the European Parliament passed the new European law on aviation, 216/2008. This establishes the European Safety Agency and is favourable for recreational and sports and aviation. Specifically it provides for a sub-ICAO Leisure Pilot Licence, permits mitigating limitations for less fit pilots and ordains that regulatory measures should be proportionate. Sadly the proposed implementation by EASA has been unsatisfactory. The 800 pages of the NPA currently out for response contains some 90 pages of medical rules which can be compared with the 16 pages of the ICAO chapter. A response has been drafted by CIMP for consideration by the Executive Board. If the NPA is implemented unchanged, the aim of the European Parliament in obtaining simple regulation will not have been achieved.

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