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## **FAI World Microlight Championships 2011**

Dear All

The Bureau of the FAI Microlight Commission must regrettably inform you that the FAI World Microlight Championships scheduled to be at Ein Yahav, Israel in October 2011 has been cancelled.

This decision was made after long and detailed discussion with the organizers, consultation with the FAI Secretary General and FAI Executive Board, and arises simply because NACs, although a majority voted in favour of this event at the CIMA Plenary, have not provided enough competitors to make the Championships financially viable.

The Bureau of the FAI Microlight Commission recognizes that the organizers invested much time and money into their effort to provide a truly World class championships and did everything asked of them in good faith, but if NACs are not sending a viable number of competitors to it, then it is unfair to make the organizers pay the price.

Of course this is especially terrible news for those competitors who were planning to go to the championships. With only 64 days to go before the Opening Ceremony, we are only too aware how well advanced their planning must be. However, the organizers had also already invested a considerable amount of time, effort and money into the championships so it was very far from being an easy decision for them to take.

The Bureau of the FAI Microlight Commission thanks LSA Israel, the Israeli Government, all the event sponsors, Namaan Tam and his team for all the hard work they have all put into a project which has had such a regrettable outcome.

Yours Sincerely,

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