ITALIAN REPORT FOR CIMA MEETING

MICROLIGHT ACTIVITIES

The most important news about microlight in Italy is that we have a new regulation. In the facts, a new microlight category is born: "advanced microlights". Basically the acfts are the same, mtow is the same, but some microlights that meet the requirements of the technical annex of the new regulation and equipped with two way radio, transponder and automatic E.L.T. can use the GA ATC services and so fly in controlled airspaces and land in minor airports. Other important thing is that the now following the VFR rules microlights have one more hour for fly. Pilots that want to have this rights must follow a course and earn an "advanced microlight pilot" rating that will be released by the flight schools. Basically the new concept is "same space and same rules" for advanced microlights and GA light aircrafts. The last registrations are up to 10200 units and over 42500 licences released, with about 7000 renewed.

SPORT ACTIVITIES

MICROLIGHT
Sport have also a good new, for the first time an italian microlight team has gone to compete in a Continental Championship. Also in Italy in our National Championship there's the same problem that is in EMC and WMC: no AL1 entries. National Team is working for the next WMC and the goal is to improve its ranking.

PARAMOTOR
In Paramotor for the first time our National Championship was done in open formula. Due to late decision and invitations we had only foreign pilots from France and Brazil. Many few minor comps was done, specially in precision tasks around the pylons, and one of this comps was performed inside an Airport in Rome, and this is an important event for Paramotor activity in Italy.

ACCIDENTS REPORT

Basically we had less accidents than the last year, but with more fatalities. There's an increment in human factor causes with most of the cases due to low level flight and impact against trees and wires, generally due to objects trowing. Only three cases are due to technical factors, one by an non italian microlight.