



Meeting Minutes – 2024 Plenary Meeting FAI Medico-Physiological Commission



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1 WELCOME AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

CIMP President opened the meeting, welcomed the participants and summarized scientific session held on Friday and Saturday

1.1 ATTENDANCE

1.1.1 Roll Call

Isabelle	Bauer	AUT	Observer
Jacques	Berlo	BEL	CIMP Delegate
Kamila	Vokoun Hajkova	FAI	FAI Anti-Doping Manager
Thomas	Drekonja	FAI	CIMP President
Patrick	Rodriguez-Redington	FRA	CIMP Delegate
David	Bareford	GBR	CIMP Delegate
Juergen K.	Knueppel	GER	CIMP President of Honour
Hiltrud	Garthe	GER	CIMP Delegate
Fabio Saverio	Franceschini	ITA	CIMP Delegate
Marja	Osinga	NED	CIMP President of Honour
Paul Michel	de Grood	NED	CIMP Delegate
Kazuhito	Shimada	JPN	Observer
Greg	Schrago	SUI	CIMP Delegate
Henry	Lindholm	SWE	CIMP Delegate
Geoffrey	McCarthy	USA	CIMP Delegate
Stephan	Kramer	USA	CIMP Alternate Delegate

1.1.2 Apologies

Received from - Ann Lechat (BEL)

1.1.3 Proxy

None

1.1.4 Established Majorities

Majority 5 out of 9 established.

1.2 AGENDA

The agenda (v1.0, 17 Sep 2024) has been distributed to the delegates on 17 Sep 2024.

Agenda was approved unanimously.

1.3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.4 MINUTES OF CIMP 2023 PLENARY MEETING

Annex 1.4 -2023 CIMP Plenary Meeting Minutes

Attendees were invited to approve the minutes as an accurate and correct reflection of the Plenary Meeting held from 10 to 11 June 2023 in Stockholm, Sweden.

The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2 CIMP REPORT

Opening remarks and the report were delivered by the FAI CIMP President, Thomas DREKONJA, highlighting CIMP's achievements throughout the year, including:

- Finalizing the FAI Fairness and Inclusion Policy.
- Launching the safety protocol by the ISC.
- Collaborating with all Air Sports Commissions, most recently with ICARE.
- CIMP's efforts to ensure FAI's exemption from the mandatory Out-of-Competition Testing Program.
- CIMP's attendance at WADA events.
- And presentation, submission planned for FAI General Conference 2024

The CIMP President concluded his report by expressing gratitude to all experts in the Commission for their contributions and dedication to ensuring safety at FAI events and other activities.

3 FAI REPORT

CIMP-PM-2024-annex-3_FAJ report

The FAI report was presented by the FAI Anti-Doping Manager, Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA. A written summary of the report is provided as annex 3.

4 REPORT OF THE CIMP DELEGATES

Delegates provided a report on activities in their countries.

Germany

In 2023, aviation safety in Germany remained stable, with notable decreases in accidents and fatalities compared to 2022. Across all categories, there were 131 accidents and 31 fatalities, down from 167 accidents and 38 fatalities the previous year. Significant improvements were seen in helicopters, gliders, and balloons, with reduced incidents and no fatalities for helicopters and balloons. Light aircraft accidents decreased, but fatalities slightly increased, while touring motor gliders (TMG) saw more accidents but no fatalities.

No anti-doping incidents were reported in 2023. Anti-doping awareness was promoted through a successful tour at the AERO fair in Friedrichshafen in April.

Great Britain

In 2023, the UK recorded 170 General Aviation (GA) accidents, with 82% causing no injuries but 12 fatalities across 11 incidents. Most fatal accidents were due to Loss of Control in Flight (LOC-I) at low altitudes. Gliding reported 144 incidents, including 4 fatalities, but mid-air collisions remain rare thanks to FLARM technology. Drone activity continues to grow, with 601,980 registered operators in 2024, and 80 incidents reported in 2023, mostly due to loss of control. Tony Segal was honored with the FAI Peter Saundby Award for his contributions to glider safety.

Switzerland

In 2023, Switzerland experienced a relatively quiet year in aviation, with only three reported accidents involving aircraft under 2250 kg. These incidents resulted in five serious injuries and five fatalities. Commercial airline activity has nearly returned to pre-COVID-19 levels, with less than a 3% difference compared to 2019.

The Gordon Bennett Cup for balloons was successfully held in Münster, Germany. On the topic of ethics and doping, the Aero-Club of Switzerland (AeCS) updated its statutes to align with the latest WADA rules and Swiss Olympic requirements. Accredited athletes completed mandatory ethics and anti-doping courses, and Swiss Sport Integrity was recognized as the authority for handling violations.

Swiss expertise contributed to a European project revising cardiovascular medical requirements for pilots and air traffic controllers. Additionally, the Federal Office for Civil Aviation (FOCA) hosted its annual symposium for aviation medical examiners, continuing its focus on professional education.

The Swiss Society of Aviation Medicine (SSAVmed) marked the centenary of the Flieger Aerztliches Institut with a significant event, featuring contributions from international and local experts. Meanwhile, the Swiss Flying Physician Association (SFPA) strengthened its membership and organized high-level aerospace conferences, especially in French-speaking regions.

The Aero-Med AeCS group actively discussed aeromedical topics and planned a symposium on human factors and other critical issues for pilots in late 2023.

5 REPORT OF THE ASC/TC REPRESENTATIVES

The FAI Air Sport Commissions/ Technical Commissions representatives were invited to provide a report on activities.

The CIMP delegates involved in ASC work shared the insides from the collaboration on increasing safety at FAI event throughout the year.

US Alternate, Stephan KRAMER, delegate presented the Concussion/Injury Protocol which is officially in use from 15 July 2024.

The Concussion/Injury Protocol begins with a simple screening assessment for a potentially injured competitor. Only if the competitor received a positive screening, will they be evaluated by a licensed medical doctor to determine if they can safely return to competition. This important process creates a new level of safety for any injured competitor as well as others involved with them in the same event.

More : <https://www.fai.org/news/new-concussioninjury-protocol-released?type=node&id=24669>

6 REVIEW MISSION / SET OBJECTIVES OF CIMP

There was an open discussion and observations on the findings requested from the FAI Air Sport Commissions, along with reflections on the reports from NAC Delegates. The CIMP President proposed strengthening the connection between CIMP and all FAI ASCs by attending their plenary meetings in 2025, as was done in the past. For example, Geoff McCarthy's attendance at the CIVL Plenary provided valuable insights that helped expand CIMP's work. Additionally, CIMP will continue offering educational webinars for FAI stakeholders and participating in WADA, EASA, and similar training programs.

7 CIMP AWARDS

FAI Dr. Peter Saundby Diploma – no nomination received therefore – **not awarded in 2024**

This Diploma is established by the FAI in 2021, in memory of Dr. Robert Peter Saundby, glider pilot, President of the Commission Internationale Medico-Physiologique (CIMP) from 2005 to 2010 and then its Honorary President. He was a FAI Companion of Honour (2012) and holder of the Paul Tissandier Diploma (1996). His dogged persistence, powers of persuasion, structured and rational arguments and his many contributions to air sports, in particular to promote rational medical regulations and to reduce bureaucracy, have led to this token of recognition.

8 FAI CASUALTY GUIDELINES

CIMP-PM-2024-annex-8_Darft of the FAI Casualty Guidelines

Annex 8 – Draft of the FAI Casualty Guidelines

Discussion and further development of this supporting document for FAI stakeholders, with the aim of reviewing and finalizing it before the next Plenary Meeting.

Presentation of current Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) concepts in aviation, focusing on providing professional support to pilots and aircrews after traumatic incidents, and its integration into FAI casualty guidelines.

9 FAI FAIRNES AND INCLUSION POLICY

The policy was concluded and published by CIMP in October 2024.

It supports the vision that every individual has the inherent right to participate in sport without discrimination, while enjoying the utmost respect for their health, safety and dignity. At the same time, the integrity of competitive sport, particularly at the highest levels of organised competition, depends on the establishment of a level playing field. It is imperative that no athlete has an unfair or disproportionate advantage over their competitors. Nothing in this policy is intended to undermine in any way the requirement to comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and the WADA International Standards. This policy will be subject to review by CIMP considering any further scientific or medical developments.

More: <https://www.fai.org/news/FAI-transgender-policy-published-2024?type=node&id=24669>

10 FAI ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM

CIMP-PM-2024-annex-10_FA I Anti-Doping Program

The FAI report was presented by the FAI Anti-Doping Manager, Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA. A written summary of the report is provided as annex 10

11 FORMAL APPROVAL OF ANY ADVICE TO THE FAI EXECUTIVE BOARD

CIMP Delegates were invited to present proposals - nothing what requires EB endorsement was presented.

12 AERO-MEDICAL CONFERENCES

Reports from AsMA Conference by Marja Osinga.

Note to the upcoming Aero-Med Conferences: ESAM, IAASM.

13 NOMINATION, CONFIRMATION OF WORKING GROUPS INCLUDING TUE PANEL

Following CIMP experts accepted to act as members/chair of FAI TUE Panel

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| • Isabelle | Bauer | AUT | member |
| • Jacques | Berlo | BEL | member |
| • Hiltrud | Garthe | GER | member |
| • Greg | Schrago | SUI | member |
| • Geoffrey | McCarthy | USA | chair |

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Delegates were invited to propose items to be addressed.

US Delegate, Geoff McCarthy presented outcomes from him research on injuries in Hang-Gliding and Paragliding sports.

15 DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT PLENARY MEETING

The next CIMP Plenary Meeting will be in May-June 2025 in Lausanne, Switzerland – exact date TBC.



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