

COMMISSION INTERNATIONALE MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGIQUE (CIMP)

National Report - Guatemala

By Dr Quevedo

Dear friends:

Please accept my apologies for not being able to go to the meeting. Serious medical problems with my oldest grandson require that I stay here.

I will give a short report.

From July 2006 to June 2007 there was only one fatal accident, in a private twin engine Duke, where a medical problem is suspect. The inquire has not ended yet, so we don't know for sure. ALL the other deaths in private airplanes were caused by the usual pilot error, mechanical failure, bad weather, etc.

The tragic news of the year is the death of 5 microlight pilots, all due to pilot error. Read that as INADEQUATE TRAINING. AGDA, the national NAC, took the unprecedented step of removing recognition of the existing microlight association, and help round up a number of qualified pilots, form a new association, and empower them with the task of enforcing training and safety. We hope to have better numbers next year.

I must agree wholeheartedly with the position of Rene Maire that we are waisting time, energy and resources tightening the medical requirement of pilots, and completely ignoring the obviously more important facet of TRAINING.

It is obvious that Dr. Maire has found by himself how the encroached bureaucracies, formed mostly by non qualified desk jerks, come up with ever so troglodyte regulations that ignore sound medical data.

Sincerely

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