

Report from Italy on Microlight Activities

GENERAL:

In this year the Microlight n° 10.000 (I-A000) was registered in the Italian Microlight Register. Also in the last days was signed the new regulation for the Italian microlight activity. In the main substance, this introduces a new class of “advanced” microlight that, equipped with radio and transponder, and with an advanced rating of the pilot, will be able to operate on the Italian minor airports. Some new private airfields were born and some other was improved with fuel facility for both avgas and mogas, as well as with jetA1 for turbine powered aircrafts and helicopters. All the major microlight meetings were almost confirmed and someone new is borning for the next year.

SPORT:

The major microlight sport event in the year was the World Air games in Turin. This event, also if in the beginning was not followed at the best from Italian pilots, especially in Paramotor, later had a big success in the game formula and the tasks was appreciated. The giant inflatable pylons used both from WL and Paramotor are very attractive and our national broadcast, that followed the games, are interested in this kind of competitions. This is very important for the future diffusion of our sport.

We had two National Championships, one for the Paramotor and the other for the classic classes. Again the WAG pylon race formula pushed new WL pilots in competition and bring them to compete also in the classic tasks of a championship. A national team took part in the World Paramotor Championship, and a delegation of pilots and the sport responsible of our Federation gone to the World Microlight Championship. This mission gave the pilots a very good impression and got some new competitors also in AL2 class. Now we're working also on a National Team in the Classic Classes for the next European Microlight Championships.

Once more, the idea of organize the 2010 European Paramotor Championship was abandoned for economical reasons, but the project of organize an international microlight event is still alive.

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