

## ***FAI Microlight Commission Meeting 2009***

### **Annual Report from Spain**

#### **Aircraft and pilots**

There are 3200 microlights flying ( $\frac{3}{4}$  of them legally) with a total of 7300 licensed pilots.

We can estimate a total of 1600 paramotors, 250 paratrikes and around 1000 pilots with paramotor licenses issued by regional sport federations.

#### **Accidents**

Three microlight accidents with a total of five fatalities. One fatal paramotor accident.

#### **National Competition**

The National microlight championship gathered nine aircraft, grouped in a single open class. There are very few new pilots interested in competition.

The Paramotor league had two events, plus the national championship, involving 25 pilots.

#### **Other events**

The *Vuelta Ibérica* (microlight tour around the Iberian peninsula) continues to gather almost 50 aircraft. Las Candelas and FIA-El Yelmo were two successful paramotor meetings with international participation.

#### **International Competition**

Only one aircraft was sent to the World Microlight Championship in Jihlava, Czech Republic. Pedro Nogueroles and Manuel Torné got the gold medal in AL2.

The teams sent to the World Paramotor Championship in Nové Město nad Metují, Czech Republic, were not so small: 6 PF1, 1 PF2, 4 PL1 and 2 PL2. The results were significantly worse than previous years: the PL1 team got the gold medal, and Francisco Guerra Cubero got the bronze medal in PL1.

#### **New regulation for microlights**

There are ongoing changes in the CAA regulations affecting microlights in Spain. Unfortunately the plans are to keep microlights strongly regulated as they are now. Paramotors will remain not regulated by CAA.

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