

National Report ITALY to CIMP Dear Peter and dear friends,

In this year the Medical Commission of the Aero Club of Italy was quite busy with some doping offences discovered in different specialities of sport flying.

It is very difficult to explain to the doping authorities that the sport of flying is different from the other sport in many aspects but I prefer to discuss this aspect with the colleagues during the next meeting.

I did participate to different national and international meetings and scientific Congresses about the problem to improve the safety in flying activities, in particular gliding, and I did receive very good remarks but nothing about the real will to change the rules.

I got an excellent collaboration with the Research Center of the Group FIAT in electronic simulation of the accidents and in verifying some aspects of gliding crashes.

These studies did demonstrate the possibilities to save some lives in gliding.

I did work in different sport activities, in favour of the safety, and in some of them I had good results, but the flying world is totally deaf.

The several thousand of ultra-light pilots that in Italy use their motorized and not motorized machines did pay a quite heavy toll. As usual, in this activities, did occur several fatalities and injured people, but, in comparison with the number of the users, does not seams to me, in absence of official statistics, that we are affording a situation different from the other years.

As consultant of the group FIAT I had the possibility to create a couple of mini-ambulances based on two models of totally not modified very small and mono-volume cars.

The target of this study is to have an extremely compact and not expensive car that can be used as normal car by a club or of a voluntary team but in case one emergency occurs, in a few moments the vehicle can be transformed in a complete equipped vehicle for any kind of sanitary support , traumatologic, cardiac etc. etc.

A car like this can be used in some of the very small field in which there is a very busy activity of general aviation, ultra-light, parachuting etc. I am of course referring at places in which normally does not exist any medical support.

Of course a similar vehicle has a cost that is a small fraction of a normal size ambulance and it is so small that can reach places where the other traditional ambulance and the same helicopters cannot reach.

Do not forget that Italy is full of not modernized villages and their interior is the same of medieval period.

In the meeting I can be more punctual about the interest that this kind of emergency vehicle is producing in the sector of the sport and recreational aviation.

Looking forward to meet all of you in Lausanne.

With my warmest regards  
Antonio Dal Monte