

Activity report ITALY 2011

In 2011 the Italian Balloon Federation (FITA) has continued its efforts in the diffusion of our sport in Italy. In 2011 the Italian Championship was held in Mantova 01-05 June and two national competitions. It is very difficult in these days to continue with a positive trend, finding sponsors and getting support from the National Aero Club is fundamental in order to pursue our goals.

Unfortunately 2011 has been a very challenging year with a new scenario in Italy where the National Aero Club, that has cancelled all Aero Sport Federations like ours (FITA), and has introduced specific commissions to manage sport activities for each aeronautical field.

The number of new pilots every year is still limited but at least it seems to be steady positive trend. We are working on finding the way to promote all aerostatic activity in order to invert this trend.

The Aero Club of Mondovì organized, for the fourth year, a safety seminar with the presence of the ANSV (Italian Air Accident Investigation branch). It has been a very important meeting setting down points to review and assess what is an occurrence or an air accident in ballooning.

If we have the possibility to continue our work and our efforts are not vain, we are confident that things can only improve.