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The standardised database on accident reports of the DHV is now 10 years old and contains more than 2200 incidents. Preliminary results show typical injury patterns for paragliders (lower limb 49%, lower spine 39%) and hanggliders (upper limb 53%, head 27%). Haering 1978 first described the distal humeral spiral fractures of hanggliding pilots during landing incidents. We still see them with the same fracture type today, but no good solution to prevent this in sight. Increased numbers of pelvis injuries due to impacts with a rotation component, leads the DHV to develop a new certifying protocol for harness protectors in paragliding.

An international database for hang-/paragliding accidents is now under construction with members of the EHPU. Responsible is the Emergency Safety and Training Committee. France, Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Austria and Germany are involved today.

Pitch control measurements during hang gliding competitions still has not a sufficient international acceptance due to technical problems. Data collection on the problem is ongoing. The DHV keep providing controls and sanctions on national competitions.

The Anti-Doping-Site of DHV-Homepage offers extended information. This is used as the information-base for pilots taking part in FAI-Competitions. It was recently decided, that they have to submit an acknowledgment and agreement form (like in App. 2 of the FAI Anti Doping Rules).

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Abbreviations:

DHV German Hang Gliding Association