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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Competitions

We are now well into the competition season and three of our First Category Events have been successfully completed - the 8th FAI World Cup and the 4th European Championships of Canopy Piloting in Canada, the 8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships (with the 5th FAI Junior European FS &AL Championships) in Bulgaria, from whence three record claims were sent to FAI, and the 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships, 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, 1st FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships, 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events, 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving, 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving in the Netherlands, from whence two record claims were sent to FAI.

The Canopy Piloting Event was run using the 2014 CP rules. Due to safety reasons and to the obvious appreciation of the competitors, the Meet Director did not allow zone accuracy to take place in more than 5m/sec winds.

Still to come is the Indoor Skydiving event in Prague which shows a high number of teams.

Canopy Piloting Rules

A very productive competitors' meeting took place at Farnham, as it gave clear directions to the CP Committee for the way forward in 2016. The Jury was asked to provide an unusually high number of interpretations, which in itself points to the need for a good overhaul of the existing written rules. This need has been reinforced by the expressed concern of the FAI Executive Board to all Air Sports Commissions to ensure that Competition Rules are sound, particularly in the light of the high number of appeals dealt with this year by an FAI International Appeals Tribunal.

FAI appoints Board of Inquiry into USA NAC

Relating to the dossier submitted for certification of the record high altitude performance by Alan Eustace

FAI approved the records based on the original dossier prepared by the FAI Official Observer, James Hayhurst. However, I understand that the NAA has not adopted this data for the USA National Record.

The FAI Official Observer sought an investigation by FAI in March 2015. The appointment of a Board of Inquiry by the FAI Executive Board to undertake this task finally took place very recently.

USPA has applied for affiliate membership of FAI on the basis that its NAC, the NAA, has failed in its responsibilities to USPA.

From a broader perspective, this emphasises the difficulties inherent in an FAI structure consisting solely of NAC membership. There are many national parachute associations around that operate totally independently

from their NACs, whose only purpose from an FAI membership point of view is to serve as a conduit to FAI.

World Air Games

Many of the teams and individuals selected for the World Air Games have now confirmed their attendance. With the fairly late notice, some have been unable to accept ~~in time~~, in which case, the next qualifiers on the selection lists have been invited.

WAG Liaison Officer, Mubarak Al-Swilim has been taking care of IPC issues as they arise.

IPC Records Liaison Officer

To assist the FAI office in dealing with the complexity of parachuting records claims, the Bureau has appointed Randy Connell of the USA to act as its Records Liaison Officer. This addresses a need suggested by the FAI office and follows the Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM).

Randy has spent time in the FAI office on a number of occasions to assist the office in processing a backlog of record claims in all airports. The appointment will be reviewed at the next Plenary meeting.

I would like to record my thanks to Randy for volunteering to perform this task and to USPA for supporting the appointment.

FAI General Conference

This year the conference will be held in Rotterdam on 25/26 September. The meeting will be preceded by meetings between the Executive Board and the Commission Presidents Group and the annual Plenary meeting of the Air Sport General Commission, CASI.

The agenda for the meetings is on the FAI web site. If there are any issues you wish me to chase up on your behalf, please feel free to contact me at gwindsor@fai.org

2. 2016 IPC PLENARY AGENDA DOCUMENTS

Putting the Plenary agenda together, with about 70 annexes, is a big task. However, it can be made a good deal easier if all those, who wish to have reports, proposals or bids on the agenda, would send ~~ing~~ those items to the Recording Secretary at an early date.

The official closing date for receipt of items for the 2016 Plenary Agenda is 24 November, but all are asked to submit items before that date, if possible, no later than the end of October.

Please note -

- **Documents received after 24 November will NOT be included in the agenda papers.**
- **Documents MUST BE IN WORD FORMAT, and photographs are not allowed in bids.**

Your co-operation in this matter will be very much appreciated.

3. 2015 COMPETITION BULLETIN

Bulletin #2 for the following 2015 competition is now on the FAI/IPC website, under Events, and is also available on the Organiser's website.

1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2015

Hurricane Factory, Prague, Czech Republic, 21st – 24th October 2015

www.wisc2015.com



4. FAI NEWS

Dear Commission Presidents,



We have recently noted some discrepancies in the use of abbreviations for countries. The FAI is following the official list issued by the IOC (International Olympic Committee). We would like to remind you to use this list in any context and even down to scoring systems. We let you communicate with your respective bureaus about this and disseminate the information around as deemed necessary.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

The list of IOC abbreviations can be obtained from the IPC Recording Secretary, lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

5. ASIANIA NEWS



ASIANIA PARACHUTE FEDERATION



The 17th ASIANIA Parachuting Championships and China International Open are being held at the Air Sports Centre in Taiyuan, China, 6 – 15 September.

FAI Judge Training Courses are being conducted in Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Accuracy Landing. The competition results will be published on the ASIANIA website.

The annual general meeting of ASIANIA was held on 12 September, at Taiyuan.

6. TECHNICAL & SAFETY

2014 Safety Reports

Technical and Safety Officers and IPC Delegates are reminded that 2014 reports from most countries are outstanding, and these should be forwarded as soon as possible.

Parachuting and Government Authorities - Operational Survey

Please respond as soon as possible to this survey, on which there are only four or five questions (depending upon your region) and a space for any notes. In some countries and regions there is a trend towards less government regulation of parachuting (but with aviation authorities' retaining control of **parachuting aircraft operations**). As it is important to know the extent of this trend and to keep abreast of this development please complete the short questionnaire and return it without delay.

7. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

More complete details of, or the background to, any Bureau Decision may be had by contacting a Bureau member or the Committee Chair of the Committee concerned.

#26/2015	22 July 2015	<p>Subject Jury for - 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships 1st FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving To be held at Teuge, The Netherlands, 07-13 September 2015.</p> <p>Details Due to the tragic death on 5 June 2015, of Jury Member for these events, Jan Andersson, it was necessary to find a replacement. IPC First Vice President proposed John Hitchen to fill the position. John Hitchen was available and willing to be on the Jury.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau approved the nomination of John Hitchen for the Teuge Jury, which will now be – Rina Gallo, Jury President Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Jury Member John Hitchen, Jury Member</p>
#27/2015	06 Aug 2015	<p>Subject Participation in 4-Way Female Event at 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships To be held at Teuge, The Netherlands, 07-13 September 2015.</p> <p>Details As three NACs (France, Poland and Russia) had registered to participate in this event, the Bureau, in accordance with SC5 4.10 <i>MINIMUM PARTICIPATION Where less than 4 NACs are entered in an event (see Competition Rules – SC5 4.2) at an FCE, the Sporting Code, GS 4.4.3.1 permits the IPC to determine whether the event will take place and whether the title of Champion will be awarded.</i></p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau agreed 1 That the 4-Way Female Event at the 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships should be conducted. 2 That the title of ‘Winner’ rather than ‘Champion’ be awarded.</p> <p>It was further agreed that if a late entry was received, which would bring the number of NACs to four or more, the title of ‘Champion’ could be awarded.</p>
#28/2015	06 Aug 2015	<p>Subject Bulletin #2, 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting and 4th FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Farnham, Canada, 203 – 30 August 2015.</p> <p>Details Bulletin #2 for these events had been sent to the IPC Bureau for approval.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau approved Bulletin #2 and its publication.</p> <p>Distribution of this decision IPC Bureau IPC Delegates, through the IPC Newsletter, and in Plenary 2016 Agenda Annex Competition Organisers – CSPA, Michelle Matte-Stotyn and Martin Lemay, Parachutisme Nouvel Air Jury – Graeme Windsor, Johannes Gritsch, James Hayhurst FAI Controller – Marylou Laughlin CP Committee Chair – Alberto Martin Paracuellos</p>
#29/2015	10 Aug. 2015	<p>Subject Bulletin #2, 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships 1st FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving To be held at Teuge, The Netherlands, 7 – 13 September 2015.</p> <p>Details Bulletin #2 for these events had been sent to the IPC Bureau for approval.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau approved Bulletin #2 and its publication.</p>

#30/2015	11 Aug. 2015	<p>Subject Appointment of IPC Records Officer.</p> <p>Details FAI office had suggested to the IPC president that IPC appoint a Record Claims Liaison Officer to provide technical assistance with parachuting record claims, due to the number and complexity of claims. This would follow a successful project with another air sport, CIAM (aeromodelling) which also has many categories and claims.</p> <p>Mr Randy Connell, USPA, has been employed on a part time basis to assist FAI in their records claim work. On request, he kindly volunteered to be the IPC Records Liaison officer for this work and USPA had graciously agreed to allow R. Connell the time to do it.</p> <p>It was proposed that R. Connell be confirmed in the position of IPC Records Officer until Plenary 2016, when the position will be discussed.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau approved the appointment of Mr Randy Connell to the position of IPC Records Officer, and thanked him and USPA for this positive contribution to IPC.</p>
#31/2015	01 Sept 2015	<p>Subject Return of Deposit (€4,000) and amount of overpayment of Sanction Fees (€90) to the Organiser of the 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting & 4th FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships Held at Farnham, Quebec, Canada, 23 – 30 August 2015</p> <p>Details The Jury provided a positive final report and confirmed that –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In our opinion the FCE has has not been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules. 2. In our opinion, the Organiser has met all contractual commitments. 3. All protests have have not been dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public. 4. The final results have have not been verified and are valid. 	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau agreed to the Return of Deposit (€4,000) and amount of overpayment of Sanction Fees (€90) to the Organiser of the event.</p>
#32/2015	01 Sept 2015	<p>Subject Return of Deposit (€13,000) to the Organiser of the 8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships & 5th FAI Junior European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships Held at Erden, Montana, Bulgaria, 21 – 29 August 2015</p> <p>Details The Jury provided a positive final report and confirmed that -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In our opinion the FCE has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules. 2. In our opinion, the Organiser has met all contractual commitments 3. All protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public. (There were no protests) 4. The final results have been verified and are valid. 	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau agreed to the return of the Deposit (€13,000). The Application Fee (€800) and an amount of overpayment of Sanction Fees (€1,620 - payment was made for 153 people, but the final figure was 135, a difference of 18 at €90 each) were noted also as being due to the Organiser.</p>