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### 1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It seems like only yesterday since the Plenary meeting finished and we moved on to the 2015 year of international parachuting events.

The first major event of the year was the Para-ski World Championships in Unterammergau, Germany, 17–21 February. The event was held in beautiful weather and finished well in time. It was attended by a delegation from St Johann in Tyrol, Austria, who will host the next World Championships in 2017. The new 2-way team format for women proved to be a popular innovation and competitors voiced their support for the continuation of this event.

The new Bureau will be meeting near the offices of the Dutch Parachute Federation on 30 May to 01 June. Review of the strategic plan and its implementation will be the main agenda item along with other issues that have arisen since the Plenary meeting.

I should highlight that considerable time has been spent by Bureau members and the CP committee on CP rules for 2015. This follows the decision at the Plenary to hand the Bureau the task of approving the rules as the Plenary was unable to do so at the time. Letters from the IPC Delegates of both the Canadian Sport Parachuting Association and United States Parachute Association were received, objecting to the rules as proposed at the Plenary.

The Bureau has decided not to approve the rules that were put forward by the Committee. I am trusting that the Committee might use this opportunity to review the CP rules with a view to making them a simpler and more easily understood document which has the full support of the CP community.

In other news, the FAI record claim for the recent high altitude jump by Tim Eustace, USA has hit a snag because the FAI Official Observer's data was changed, without any agreement, by the NAA before submission. The matter is currently under review at FAI.

World Air Games planning is well underway and invitations should shortly be on their way to the teams and competitors selected by the IPC competition committees. Indoor Skydiving as a WAG event has not yet been confirmed.

In this issue there is a tribute to Raija Kosonen who recently died unexpectedly. I take this opportunity to express my sorrow at her loss. She was a wonderful and well-liked woman who contributed much to judging internationally at both national and international events and will be sadly missed by all those who knew her.

Until next time,  
Blue skies, stay safe

**Graeme Windsor, IPC President**

## 2. MINUTES OF IPC PLENARY MEETING 2015 AND CORRECTION

The 2015 IPC Plenary Minutes and appendices are available on the web site, at - <http://www.fai.org/ipc-about-us/ipc-meetings>  
> 2015 Varshets (BUL), 31 January - 1 February 2015  
> Minutes

### Attendance List

The Attendance List which has been sent by FAI to Delegates, is not accurate. At least 23 names do not appear. This is being corrected and an amended, full, Attendance List will be sent to Delegates. A new system of compiling the list, other than from papers which are passed about for attendees to sign, is being devised.

The attendance list is not posted, as it contains Delegates' personal details. The list is sent by FAI directly to Delegates and can also be had from the IPC Recording Secretary. The initial Attendance List distributed by FAI had large number of attendees omitted. This has been corrected and the new list has been distributed to Delegates.

### Correction to Minutes

Minutes Item 13.4. The minutes record 6.1.1 as -

#### 6.1.1 Decision on Landing point

6.1.1.1 Three judges positioned at or near the target will independently assess the landing and indicate by a visible signal (hand/arm) if the displayed score is valid/invalid. The decision of the judges will be made by simple majority.

The correct text should be –

#### 6.1.1 Decision on Landing point

Three judges positioned at or near the target will independently assess the landing and indicate by a visible signal (hand/arm, **pre-determined by the Chief Judge**) if the displayed score is valid or invalid. The decision of the judges will be made by simple majority.

The correct, lower, text, is included correctly in the 2015 Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules which are posted on the website.

This correction to the 2015 Plenary Minutes shall appear in Annex 1 (Amendments and Corrections to 2015 IPC Plenary Minutes) to the 2016 Plenary Agenda.

## 3. FAI NEWS

### Minors in FAI Competition

At the Extended Bureau Meeting, prior to the IPC Plenary in Varshets, Bulgaria, the matter of Under 18s in Competition - Child Protection Issues was discussed. The Extended Bureau Meeting agreed that FAI should be urged to insist that NACs who enter children in competition must have Child Protection Policies in place.



Nations bidding to host future FCEs where under-18s may participate must ensure that protocols for protecting children are in place and strictly observed. It is also a very strict responsibility of any NAC in whose name minors are competition, to ensure that child protection policies are in place to cover such participation.

### Naming of FAI Competitions

The latest version of **Naming of FAI Competitions**, approved during the last Executive Board Meeting, is available online at: <http://www.fai.org/downloads/fai/namingofcompetitions>  
This naming process should be used when making bids for future competitions.

## 4. SPORTING LICENCES

FAI has advised, and asked that it be made clear to all, that the responsibility for checking that competitors have valid Sporting Licences lies with the FAI Controller at the competition. FAI itself has no role in this.  
The onus for entering competitions on the Sporting Licence Database rests with the NAC of the Competitor's country.

**Every IPC Delegate must ensure that his/her country's parachuting competitors are entered onto the database.**

## 5. 1<sup>st</sup> FAI WORLD INDOOR SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS – PRICE REDUCTION

**1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships**, the Hurricane Factory, Prague, Czech Republic, 21-24 October 2015.

The Organiser is pleased to announce that there has been a reduction in the **hourly training time** cost. The bid, accepted at the 2015 Plenary meeting, stated an hourly training rate of 490 Euro per hour. This is now reduced to 400 Euro per hour. This never, reduced rate, will be noted in Bulletin No. 1 for this event.

## 6. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

The image on the right is from the 2013 Safety Report Presentation.

The Safety Report, the Presentation and the form and Notes for the 2014 Safety Survey were distributed to IPC Delegates at the Plenary Meeting in Varshets, Bulgaria, 31 Jan – 01 Feb. 2015.

The material was sent by e-mail to Technical and Safety Officers worldwide. If you need a copy of the CD please contact the IPC's Technical & Safety Committee.

**Please complete the form for the 2014 Safety Survey and return it as soon as possible to [lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie](mailto:lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie)**

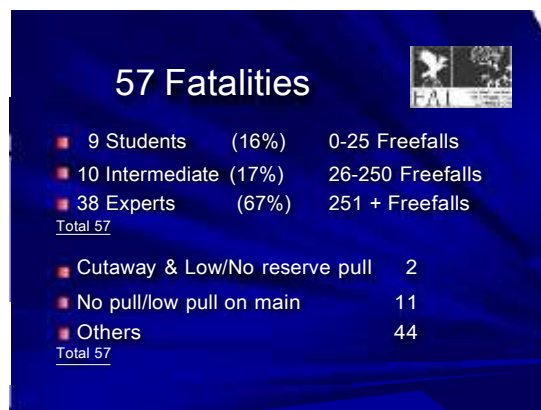
### Information Notice

An Information Notice, #50, concerning reserves/containers, has been issued by the T&S Committee. It is available on the website and it has been sent to all T&S Officers worldwide.

### 2013 Safety Report

Table 11, Appendix 1, page 18 of the 2013 Safety Report is incorrect. The table shown is the 2012 table, not that for 2013.

The 2013 Safety Report has been amended, with the insertion of the correct 2013 table, and the rprot has been sent to Technical and Safety officers worldwide.



## 7. RAIJA KOSONEN, 1950 - 2015

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Raija Kosonen 15.1.1950 - 2.3.2015

Artistic Events and FS judge Raija Kosonen passed away suddenly at home doing what she loved, in the middle of organizing an international Judges' meeting for the coming weekend.

She started skydiving in April 1993. She was not the youngest skydiving student on the course, positive. She immediately fell in love with the sport and the people in it. A few years and a couple of hundred jumps later she felt that there could also be something else to do in skydiving, and decided to try judging. After enlisting as a trainee judge, no one remembered to invite her to a judging seminar, so the first information came as a phone call on the evening before the start of the seminar. She showed her qualities as a good judge by showing up next morning anyway. After a bumpy start she soon had national judge's rating, FS 1998 and AE 1999, and continued to FAI judges training course.

The first FAI judges rating Raija achieved was for FS in the year 2000, and a year later for Artistic Events. In 2002 she was called to judge AE at a World Cup in Austria. The weather was not in favour, and as usual in those circumstances, it meant long days and judging until midnight. In difficult conditions Raija's best qualities, always in good humour, ability to adapt, her professional attitude and judging skills came to light. After that Raija was year after year invited to major competitions, World Championships, World Cups and others. Also now she had invitations to other competitions, but unfortunately her last competition was the 2014 World Championships in Czech Republic.

For Raija it was always as important to judge in small local competitions as to judge in World Championships. During 18



years in judging, she hardly missed any local competitions, unless being in some other country judging some other major event. And in most years she was also judging in other Nordic countries, for their nationals and other competitions.

Many judges do most of their work in judging rooms, but for Raija that was not enough. She was always offering assistance to competitors for understanding the rules, and explaining what judges will be looking for in a team's performance, and at the same time trying to learn from the teams, which made her very popular amongst the competitors as well. And after all that, it is no surprise that she did even more. In years 2002 - 2010 she was a member and a chair of the Competition Committee in Finland.

Raija also had a loving husband, Lauri, 3 children and 8 grand children, who are in our thoughts.

Skydiving has lost a lot, but memories remain. Raija's warm and charming personality will be remembered around the world.

## 8. COLPAR CANOPY PILOTING JUDGE COURSE

### CONFEDERAÇÃO LATINO AMERICANA DE PÁRA-QUEDISMO SÉCULO XXI CONFEDERACIÓN LATINOAMERICANA DE PARACAIDISMO SIGLO XXI



An FAI Canopy Piloting Judge course will be held in Brazil in May 2015.

This course was proposed by Mr. Björn Korth, from Austria, who will also be the Chief Judge for instruction.

This proposal was sent directly to the Canopy Piloting Committee of Confederação Brasileira de Pára-quedismo (Brazilian Parachuting Confederation), which found the proposal to be very interesting.

The course will be held during the Latin American Canopy Piloting Cup, to be held in May of this year.

There will be national judges from Brazil, Chile and Argentina, among other countries, which would be very helpful for the development of this modality on our continent.

The IPC Canopy Piloting Committee and the IPC Judges Committee have both welcomed this important initiative.

## 9. CISM NEWS



### 1) 39th WMPC Pohang & 6th MWG Mungyeong/ KOR

At the preliminary registration deadline 15th March about 100 nations have been registered to the 24 different sports. In parachuting there will be around 40 nations with a team participating in Style, Accuracy and 4way Formation.

For details see: [www.korea2015mwg.org](http://www.korea2015mwg.org)

#### 24 Sports:

**Ball Games (5)** [Basketball](#), [Football](#), [Golf](#), [Handball](#), [Volleyball](#)

**Individual Games (9)** [Cycling](#), [Archery](#), [Marathon](#), [Modern Pentathlon](#), [Sailing](#), [Shooting](#), [Swimming](#), [Track& Field](#), [Triathlon](#)

**Combat Games (5)** [Boxing](#), [Fencing](#), [Judo](#), [Taekwondo](#), [Wrestling](#)

**Military Games (5)** [Orienteering](#), [Parachuting](#), [Military Pentathlon](#), [Naval Pentathlon](#), [Aeronautical Pentathlon](#)

### 2) CISM parachuting judges training seminar

In preparation of 39th WMPC & 6th MWG Pohang/ KOR a joint judges seminar is held from 7th - 16th May 2015 at the competition venues in Pohang.

In addition to military parachuting judges, NACs may register FAI students to the training course with Karla Cole (IPC JTCC)

For details see: <http://www.fai.org/ipc-news/39314-judges-training-courses-2015>

### 3) Other military parachuting competitions

open to military and civilian participation:

Para Cross (Shooting, Orienteering, Accuracy Landing) in Freistadt/ Austria 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

<http://www.skydive-freistadt.at/sport/events/paracross2015/paracross2015.html>

CISM teams on invitation only:

CISM Accuracy Landing Tournament in Poznan Poland 26<sup>th</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015

<http://www.cismeurope.org/2015-dates/>

CISM Formation Skydiving Tournament in Switzerland 13th -16th September 2015

<http://www.he.admin.ch/internet/heer/en/home/themen/sport/cism.author.contactform.html>

Contacts and details about CISM Parachuting can be found at <http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/parachuting>

## 10. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

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

# 44/2014	26 Dec. 2014	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau consideration of two late bids, received on 19 December 2014, from Poland, for 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2015, and 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2016.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The closing date for items for the agenda of the 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting was 02 December 2014, which date had been widely publicised.</p> <p>Two bids, for the above-noted FCEs, were received from Czech Republic on 01 December.</p> <p>Two late bids from Poland, for the same FCEs, were received on 19 December 2014.</p> <p>IPC's Internal Regulation, 3.8.3, gives the IPC Bureau the authority to refuse to accept a late bid, if such late bid is deemed to be in conflict with an existing bid.</p> <p><b>Note – This Bureau Interim Decision was made in the period between the publication of the 2014 Bureau Interim Decisions in the Plenary Agenda, and the 2015 Plenary Meeting.</b></p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau decided that the late Polish bids were direct conflict with those already received from Czech Republic, and consequently the Polish bids would not be brought forward to the 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting.</p>
#1/2015	04 Jan 2015	<p><b>Subject</b> - Request to Bureau, from President Graeme Windsor, to fund cost of travel and accommodation to attend PIA Symposium 2015.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Parachute Industries Association had invited President Windsor to attend the PIA Symposium, to be held 30 March – 3 April 2015, at Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, USA.</p> <p>President Windsor sought Bureau approval for travel and accommodation costs to attend, for the following reasons –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To promote IPC and IPETA</li> <li>2 To promote IPC's Technical &amp; Safety Committee's aim of working with manufacturers, as outlined at the 2014 Plenary meeting,</li> </ol>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau agreed to fund the travel and accommodation cost of President Windsor to attend this event.</p>
#2/2015	12 Feb 2015	<p><b>Subject</b> - Approval of membership of 2015 Canopy Piloting Committee.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The composition of the Canopy Piloting Committee for 2015 was not finalised at the Plenary Meeting in Varshets, Bulgaria, 31 Jan-01 Feb 2015. The 2014 Deputy Chair, Alberto Martin Paracuellos, was asked to consult the 2014 Committee Members to agree upon a Chair, a Deputy Chair and the membership of the Committee.</p> <p>The following was suggested as the CP Committee</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the Canopy Piloting Committee for 2015, as listed above, and this listing will appear in the appendix to the Plenary Minutes, with note as to the Bureau approval, post-Plenary.</p>

<p>#3/2015</p>	<p>18 Feb 2015</p>	<p>composition for 2015.  Chair Alberto Martin Paracuellos  Deputy Chair, Jacqui Coetzee  Members, Jan Andersson  Björn Korth  Philippe Schorno  Ian Bobo  Marylou Laughlin  Jasper Williams  Greg Windmiller  and the Bureau was requested to approve this.</p> <p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of changes to membership of 2015 Technical &amp; Safety Committee.  <b>Details</b> - The composition of the Technical &amp; Safety Committee for 2015, as approved by the IPC Plenary meeting on 1 February 2015, was –</p> <p>Chair Gustavo Eduardo Reyes  Deputy Chair Alberto Martin Paracuellos  Members, Faye Cox  Jacqui Coetzee  James Hayhurst  Frederic Bourinet  Jiri Blaska  István Sipos  John Hitchen</p> <p><b>It was later noticed that James Hayhurst was on three other Committees and Working Groups, the maximum allowed and Alberto Martin Paracuellos was appointed Chair of the Canopy Piloting Committee, so he could not be Deputy Chair of T&amp;S. Consequently, James Hayhurst asked to be removed from T&amp;S, Alberto Martin Paracuellos became a Member, John Hitchen agreed to be Deputy Chair and Liam McNulty was asked to become a Member.</b></p> <p>Chair Gustavo Eduardo Reyes  Deputy Chair John Hitchen  Members Alberto Martin Paracuellos  Faye Cox Jacqui Coetzee Frederic Bourinet Jiri Blaska István Sipos Liam McNulty</p> <p>The Bureau was requested to approve the new arrangement of the T&amp;S Committee.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the Technical &amp; Safety Committee for 2015, as listed above, and this listing will appear in the appendix to the Plenary Minutes, with a note as to the Bureau approval, post-Plenary.</p>
<p>#4/2015</p>	<p>21 Feb 2015</p>	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Bulletin #1 for 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying.  <b>Details</b> - Bulletin #1 for the above FCE had been sent to the Bureau for approval.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the Bulletin and consented to its publication.</p>
<p>#5/2015</p>	<p>23 Feb 2015</p>	<p><b>Subject</b>- Bureau approval of refund of deposit in relation to 15<sup>th</sup> FAI World Para Ski Championships, held at Unterammergau (Germany), 17-22 February 2015.  <b>Details</b> - The Final Jury Report, signed by Jury Members Michael Egger (Jury President), Susan Dixon and Mark Potapov , declared that –</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - In light of the positive Final Jury Report, the Bureau approved the refund of the deposit to the Organiser, Deutscher Fallschirmsportverband DFV e. V.</p>



#6/2015	03 Mar 2015	<p>1. In our opinion, the FCE has <del>has not</del> been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules.</p> <p>2. In our opinion, the Organiser has <del>not</del> met all contractual commitments</p> <p>3. All protests have <del>have not</del> been dealt with and all Jury reports have <del>have not</del> been made public. <i>There was no protest</i></p> <p>4. The final results have <del>not</del> been verified and are <del>not</del> valid.</p> <p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of payment of €297.50 to Deutscher Fallschirmsportverband DFV e. V. <b>Details-</b> This expense had been incurred through Customs Levies imposed by the Colombian authorities on equipment being used at the World Gales in Cali, Colombia, 30 July – 04 August 2013. This customs levy had been unforeseen and not budgeted for and it was deemed unlikely that the money could be recovered from FAI or from the World Games organization.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the payment of €297.50 to Deutscher Fallschirmsportverband DFV e. V.</p>
#7/2015	04 Mar 2015	<p>The 2014 IPC Bureau had agreed to reimburse Deutscher Fallschirmsportverband DFV e. V. from IPC funds, but this decision had, erroneously, not been recorded.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - In view of this the Bureau agreed to the return of the deposit of €500 to the Bulgarian NAC, the host of the 2015 Plenary Meeting.</p>
#8/2015	06 Mar 2015	<p><b>Subject</b> - Return of deposit for 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting to Bulgarian NAC. <b>Details</b> - The Bureau, at the end of the 2015 Plenary Meeting, on 1 February 2015, agreed that the Organiser had met all obligations and had hosted a most successful Plenary Meeting.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1.</p>
#9/2015	11 Mar 2015	<p><b>Subject</b> - Approval of Bulletin #1, 8<sup>th</sup> FAI European Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championships &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior European Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championships, to be held at Montana, Bulgaria, 21 – 29 August 2015 <b>Details</b> - Bulletin #1 for this event had been submitted to the IPC Bureau for approval, having been approved by the IPC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, and the Chair of the Freefall Style &amp; Accuracy Landing Committee, Günter Berendt. It was noted that the Organiser had reduced the fee for Accompanying Persons from 600 Euro (the fee in the bid) to 450 Euro.</p> <p><b>Subject</b> - Draft Canopy Piloting Competition Rules 2015 – which had been presented to the Bureau for approval. <b>Details</b> - The 2015 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules had not been finalised or adopted at the 2015 Plenary Meeting. The two entries, regarding this matter, in the Plenary minutes state</p> <p><b>18.3 Proposed changes to the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules</b> The proposed changes were not finalised at the Plenary meeting. The CRs for Canopy Piloting will be finalised by the CP Committee, reviewed and approved by the Bureau and posted on the website. <b>See 25.3.</b></p> <p><b>25.3 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules</b> The proposals to amend the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules were brought forward at this stage. There was disagreement as to whether CP Committee members had been consulted about some of the proposed changes and the subject was deferred. <b>See 18.3</b></p> <p>Following work by the Canopy Piloting Committee on the Competition Rules, the Bureau did not approve the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules, for the reasons –</p> <p>1. The draft rules were not finalised, and were in need of an overhaul.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau adopted the recommendation of President Graeme Windsor.</p>

		<p>2. There was still disagreement within the CP Committee on the draft rules.</p> <p>Further to this, USA and Canada had both written letters to the IPC opposing adoption of the changes presented in principle at the IPC Plenary.</p> <p>IPC President Graeme Windsor, in light of these circumstances and being unable to achieve Bureau consensus, recommended to the Bureau that the draft Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for 2015 not be approved by the Bureau. This would allow the CP committee time to develop proposals and update its rules for 2016.</p>		
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