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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Competitions

The World Championships in Prostejov (FS and AE) and Banja Luka (Classics and CF) have been well reported on. The scoring and presentation of classic events needs more work to bring about the ability of spectators to follow competition progression as competitors land. The decision by the Jury in Banja Luka to re-jump almost a complete round of accuracy has resulted in an appeal to FAI's International Appeals Tribunal. This may take some time, but I am hopeful that there may be a decision by the time of the next Plenary.

The CP World Championships in Florida are to be covered by Skydive TV in an effort to more fully publicise FAI events. Skydive TV was retained by USPA to cover the US Nationals, which it did with very good results.

The first World Cup of Indoor Skydiving in Florida will provide a good opportunity for IPC to review this activity at the next Plenary meeting. Just over 50 competitors have registered at the time of writing.

I had the pleasure of attending this year's ASIANIA Parachuting Championships in Bandung, Indonesia, closely followed by the CISM Military World Parachute Championships in Solo. Both events received excellent support from the Indonesian Air Force, through its relationship with the Federation of Air Sports Indonesia (FASI). Indonesia is preparing a bid to host next year's ASIANIA Championship with Lombok (via Bali) being considered as a likely venue. The work of ASIANIA in bringing Asian and Arab countries together for parachuting has proved to be very successful over the years, resulting in FAI gaining a considerable number of new members due to ASIANIA's activities.

Performance

The recent achievement in the USA, of a record-breaking high altitude jump from 138,000 feet deserves special mention. This was an incredible feat, with fairly limited resources and budget, and the efforts of Alan Eustace, the StratEx team and all involved in the exercise should be applauded.

FAI General Conference

FAI has a new Executive Board with three new Directors, who have a very close involvement with FAI air sports, being elected.

CIVL (hang/paragliding) President Agust Gumundsson was joined by IPC's Gillian Rayner and Niels-Christian Levin Hansen on the new Executive Board.

Two former Directors, Otto Lagarhus (Norway NAC) and Beat Neuschwander (Swiss NAC) had announced their intentions of retiring at the 2014 Conference. Former FAI Finance Director Robert Clipsham (Canada NAC) was not returned to the Board. This result reflects the level of dissatisfaction with the presentation of FAI accounts and budgets to the General Conference, combined with issues ASCs continue to have in administering their accounts.

President John Grubbstrom was re-elected unopposed for a final 3rd term.

The new FAI Executive Board is (in order of votes cast) :-

Alvaro DE ORLEANS BORBON (Spain)
Gillian RAYNER (France)
Robert HENDERSON (New Zealand)
Agust GUDMUNDSSON (Iceland)
Niels-Christian LEVIN HANSEN (Denmark)
Frederik BRINK (Nederlands)

Both Gill and Niels-Christian will be able to continue in their Bureau roles and other IPC commitments, at least until the next Plenary meeting, in a transitional arrangement approved by the FAI Executive Board.

A new General Section of the Sporting Code has been prepared, through CASI, in time for the 2015 Dubai World Air Games, in a workgroup headed by IPC's Richard 'Buzz' Bennett. Work is nearing completion of a fuller overall review of the GS, which pushes responsibility for a number of areas back to ASCs. ASCs will then have until an implementation date of January 2016 to update their specialised sections of the Sporting Code before the implementation of the updated GS.

IPC's objection to the proposed FAI Mission Statement, which I reported on in the last issue, was recognised, but the General Conference decided to adopt it anyway as a guiding principle only. The statement "*A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available to everyone at reasonable cost.*" was regarded by the Bureau as unrealistic, unachievable, and could lead to unrealistic expectations.

Pleasingly, the Vision Statement is a more general unqualified statement which contains no qualifications as to safety, cost and availability. "*FAI - the global organisation for the promotion of air sports and recreational flying*"

The next FAI General Conference will be in Rotterdam at the end of September 2015. Indonesia was successful in its bid to host the 2016 GC.

Claims processing

There has been a noticeable delay in processing travel claims at FAI, for volunteers appointed by IPC. The IPC account established specifically to make the procedures more efficient does not achieve the efficiencies envisaged. IPC's Finance Secretary is working with FAI office in an effort to alleviate this matter.

Reminder

Closing date for agenda items for the next IPC Plenary is 2 December. There is no bid yet on the table for a 2015 European Championship/World Cup in FS and AE. Indoor Skydiving and CF also have no bids for First Category Events in 2015. Anyone interested in bidding for a future event is invited to contact the relevant Committee Chairs or myself.

Blue skies, stay safe.

Graeme Windsor
President IPC

2. IPC PLENARY MEETING 2015 – AGENDA AND BULLETIN

The closing date for receipt of items for the agenda of the 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting is **02 December 2014** (60 days prior to the Plenary, as per the regulations).

Items for the agenda must be sent in **Word Format**, pdf format is not acceptable, and should be sent to IPC President Graeme Windsor at graemeapf@ozemail.com.au and to IPC Recording Secretary Liam McNulty at lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

Delegates and Committee Chairs are asked to please forward items as early as possible, before 02 December where this can be done, to facilitate the production of the agenda and annexes.

The Bulletin (which includes the registration form) for the 2015 Plenary, is on the website – go to 'About Us' and then 'Meetings'. In an attempt to give as much notice as possible, and due to the long delay by FAI in posting, the Bulletin was sent directly to Delegates and Alternate Delegates at an earlier date.

3. BIDS FOR 2015 COMPETITIONS

To date there have not been any bids for 2015 European Championships or for World Cups in FS and AE. Countries intending to bid are advised to do so as soon as possible. Bids should be sent to IPC President, Graeme Windsor graemeapf@ozemail.com.au and copied to 1st Vice President Gillian Rayner gillian.tayner@sfr.fr. Please note that bids must be received by 02 Dec 2014, to appear in the 2015 Plenary agenda.

4. TIM MACE



It was with sadness that I heard of Tim Mace's death. Tim had been suffering from cancer, and was a registered competitor in the Speed Skydiving World Cup at Prostejov, in August 2014. It was clear at that time that Tim was not well, and his illness forced him to withdraw.

In 2012, IPC awarded Tim the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal, which he received in front of many of his peers during the course of the Dubai Mondial 2012.

Tim will be sadly missed. The brief that accompanied Tim's nomination for the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal makes for interesting reading and is reproduced below.

Tim Mace started skydiving in 1977, and has 8100 jumps. In that time he has competed as a performer in every IPC discipline at World Championship level. He is probably the first person to do this in modern times when so many disciplines are active. He has competed in more than 150 competitions, including 23 First Category Events in which he has obtained 6 medals and placed in the top-ten 16 times. He competed in FAI World Championships in **Formation Skydiving** in Yugoslavia 1985 and Spain 1989, **Freefly** and **Freestyle** in France 2003, **Freefall Style** and **Accuracy Landing** in Croatia 2004, **Skysurfing** in Germany 2006, **Paraski** in Montenegro 2005, Italy 2007, Austria 2009 and 2011, and **Canopy Piloting** in Russia 2010. Tim is joint holder of the current 400 person FAI Formation Skydiving Large Formation World Record, and has been on two previous FAI Large Formation records (282 Thailand 1999, 357 Thailand 2004). Tim was also on the team that set the 16-way Formation Skydiving Sequential 12 point World Record in France in 1998.

He has been an AFF instructor since 1984, and a wingsuit instructor since 1999. He received the Royal Aero Club Prince of Wales Cup in 1990 for performance in 8-way at the 1989 FS World Championship. By profession he is an experimental test pilot. He is also a former astronaut, and received the Royal Aero Club silver medal in 1991 for his work as an astronaut on the UK-Soviet space programme, which included high altitude parachuting.

Rest in Peace, Tim

Graeme Windsor, IPC President

5. BERND WIESNER



Bernd Wiesner was born on 8 May 1954 in Raeckelwitz.

He started his jumping career with the Neuhausen Aero Club in 1970. In 1972 he joined the Army Dynamo Eilenburg and in the early years most of his jumping was military. With his great talent he very quickly reached the level of champion and joined the National Team of GDR. As a member of the GDR National Team, from 1974 to 1986, he attended many European and World competitions.

Bernd Wiesner was one of the most successful sportsmen in Germany. During all his jumping years he won 11 medals (6 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze) at World Parachuting Championships in Style & Accuracy. Three of them were individual (2 gold medals at WPC 1982, 1 bronze medal at WPC 1984).

From 1987 to 1990 he was a Parachute Instructor and Coach of the National German Team, with good achievements. Two of his national team members were world champions (Roland Eilenstein and Klaas Jorgen Boehme).

As a Parachuting Instructor he contributed to the education of young jumpers. After that he was an Instructor and coach of teams from Denmark and Holland. Because his wife was also an active skydiver it was no big surprise that both of their children Manja and Stefan started jumping and they both reached international level. There were competitions where the Wiesner family together composed the whole team.

His son and daughter attended as national team members at WPC, Manja in 2004, Stefan still jumping.

When his son Stefan was born in 1982 Bernd took first place at the World Championships; 32 years later his son took the same, first, place at WPC.

As if it was not enough Bernd earned his Tandem Master License and jumped all over Germany with different kind of passengers. For many years he was a member of Fallschirmsport Club eve., which he represented at competitions, even at POPS WPC. He trained young people. He had many friends all over the world.

The last jump he made with his family in Neuhausen at 21.12.2013. Following diagnosis Bernd started to struggle against his illness. This time he could not win it and he died on 24th of September 2014. We have lost a good human being and sportsman. Bernd was awarded a Leonardo da Vinci Diploma by FAI & Master of Skydiving Sport.

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6. TECHNICAL & SAFETY

As we are rapidly coming to the end of 2014, it is essential that the Safety Reports for 2013 be completed and returned, so that the overall report can be compiled in time for the 2015 Plenary Meeting.

Delegates and Technical & Safety Officers are asked once again, **as a matter of urgency**, to please complete the form for the 2013 Safety Survey and return it as soon as possible to lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

7. IPC BUREAU INTERIM 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.

# 29/2014	16 Sep 2014	<p>Subject - Approval of Bulletin #1, 15th FAI World Para Ski Championships, to be held at Unterammergau, Bavaria, Germany, 17 – 22 Feb 2015.</p> <p>Details - Bulletin #1 was submitted to the Bureau for approval, having been previously approved by the Chair of the Para Ski Committee Michael Egger, who is also the FAI Controller for this WPC.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1 for the above event.</p>
#30/2014	23 Sep 2014	<p>Subject – Inter-Plenary changes to membership of the Wingsuit Working Group.</p> <p>Details - The Chair of the Wingsuit Working Group, James Hayhurst, requested the IPC Bureau's approval of changes to the Wingsuit Working Group membership, as follows – Taya Weiss and Karla Cole to be replaced by Zach Schroedel and Klaus Rheinwald.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the above changes.</p>
#31/2014	27 Sep 2014	<p>Subject - Bulletin #1, 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting, to be held at Varshets, Bulgaria, 31 Jan – 01 Feb 2015, with preceding meetings 28 – 30 January inclusive.</p> <p>Details - Bulletin #1 was approved by IPC 1st Vice President, Gillian Rayner, and sent to the Bureau for Bureau approval.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1 for the 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting.</p>
#32/2014	01 Oct 2014	<p>Subject - Addition of member to the Formation Skydiving Committee.</p> <p>Details - Trude Sviggum, Chair of the FS Committee, requested Bureau approval for the addition of Martin Lemay to the FS Committee, as M. Lemay has special expertise in the area of VFS. T. Sviggum felt that the</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the addition of Martin Lemay to the FS Committee.</p>

#33/2014	06 Oct 2014	<p>addition of M. Lemay to the FS Committee was of importance to the Committee at this time. The appointment, if approved, would be from the time of approval until IPC Plenary 2015 (31 Jan – 01 Feb. 2015).</p> <p>Subject - Jury for 1st FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving (FS and AE), to be held at Austin, Texas, USA, 11 – 16 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - The Jury, approved by the 2014 IPC Plenary Meeting, for this event was – Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, President Pia Berggren, Member Ray Williams, Member Sara Sacchet, Alternative Pia Berggren and Sara Sacchet both indicated their inability to attend the event.</p> <p>The Bureau was asked to consider the appointment of IPC President Graeme Windsor as a replacement Jury Member, and the appointed Jury President Niels-Christian Levin Hansen asked that G. Windsor take on the role of Jury President, and he, N-C Levin Hansen would then assume the role of Jury Member.</p> <p>The Jury would then be – Graeme Windsor, President Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, Member Ray Williams - Member</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved Graeme Windsor as Jury Member, and Jury President, for this event. The Bureau felt that, in view of the expected low attendance at the event and the fact that President Windsor had in any case decided to attend, this was the better option for IPC, and that the fact that two of the Jury members would be from the same country (Australia) could in this case be disregarded.</p>
#34/2014	08 Oct 2014	<p>Subject - Replacement Chief Judge for 1st FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving (FS and AE), to be held at Austin, Texas, USA, 11 – 16 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - The Chief Judge, approved by the 2014 IPC Plenary meeting, was Chanel Gibbens. Chanel Gibbens is now unable to fill this position and the Claire King was suggested by the Judges Committee as a replacement Chief Judge.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the appointment of Claire King as Chief Judge for this event.</p>
#35/2014	14 Oct 2014	<p>Subject - The engagement of Skydive TV to cover the 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Zephyr Hills, Florida, USA, 01 – 08 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - A proposal had been received from Sammy Vassilev and Ivelina Vassilev, Founders and Executive Producers at Skydive TV, to cover the 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, as a lead-in to covering all IPC events and all FAI events. Skydive TV already has a three-year agreement with USPA to cover the USPA Nationals. Following the receipt of positive comments from Susan Dixon, IPC Webmaster, Ed Scott of USPA and T.K. Hayes of Skydive City, the competition host, the Bureau endorsed the engagement of Skydive TV for this event.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the engagement of Skydive TV for the 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships and clearance over media rights use is being sought from FAI.</p>
#36/2014	15 Oct 2014	<p>Subject - Appointment of replacement Chief Judge for the 1st FAI Indoor World Cup in FS and AE, to be held at Austin, Texas USA, 11 – 16 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - The Chief Judge for this event, appointed at the 2014 Plenary Meeting, Chanel Gibbens, indicated inability to attend the event, as did the replacement Chief Judge, Claire King (see Bureau Interim Decision #34, dated 08 October 2014) Having consulted with IPC President, Graeme Windsor, and Chair of the Judges Committee, Pia Berggren, IPC 1st Vice President contacted Ron Miasnikov, Event Judge for AE at this event, and asked her to accept the role of Chief Judge, in addition to being event Judge for AE. Ron Miasnikov consented to taking on the role of Chief Judge.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the appointment Ron Miasnikov at Chief Judge for this event.</p>

#37/2014	19 Oct 2014	<p>Subject - Application for allocation of 500 Euro towards costs of attendance, at Dubai Cup 2014, by a developer to test a camera video system for Accuracy Landing.</p> <p>Details - The Chair of the Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Committee, Günter Berendt, requested the Bureau to allocate funds to cover the cost of travel to the Dubai Cup 2014 of a developer of a high speed camera system to be used for assisting with judging Accuracy Landing.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the allocation of funds, which are expected to be about 500 Euro, for this purpose.</p>
#38/2014	02 Nov 2014	<p>Subject - Allocation towards costs of Skydive TV attendance and recording, for TV usage, the 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Zephyr Hills, Florida, 01 – 08 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - An application had been received from Skydive TV to contribute towards the costs of that company at the above competition, for the purpose of obtaining footage for use on TV. The application was for US\$3,100.</p> <p>USPA officers gave satisfactory references for the company concerned, Skydive TV.</p> <p>Some questions were raised, and satisfactorily answered, regarding the allocation, safeguards for IPC and documentary verification of costs.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau, having received satisfactory response to the questions raised, agreed to allocate the amount of US\$3,100.</p>
#39/2014	02 Nov 2014	<p>Subject - Investigation of complaint received from Canada regarding words allegedly spoken by Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Jury President, to Canadian Head of Delegation, Jeff Gemmell, in relation to a protest by the Canadian Team, at the 21st FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships, held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 25 – 31 August 2014.</p> <p>Details - It was alleged that the Jury President, Alberto Martin Paracuellos, spoke in an inappropriate manner to the HoD of the Canadian Team, Jeff Gemmell, in such a way as to suggest that the protest had been pre-judged by the Jury President.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - Following investigation of the complaint by the IPC Bureau, including the receipt of reports from other Jury members who were present at the protest hearing, it was concluded that there was nothing to substantiate the claims.</p> <p>This conclusion was reported to the Canadian IPC Delegate, Richard 'Buzz' Bennett.</p>