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Material for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to the IPC Secretary [Liam McNULTY](#)

1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to welcome back Gill Winter as IPC's 1st Vice President. Gill was recently reappointed as Delegate to France, after having been retired from the position a few months earlier in the year. Gill was retained as a specialist by the Bureau in the intervening period so that she could carry on with some valuable projects she was working on for the IPC.

The 2010 First Category Event competition season finished with the Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing World Championships in Montenegro. It is now time for IPC to review the experiences of all 2010 FCEs in conjunction with IPC's Strategic Plan so that we can make these events even more dynamic and attractive in future. It is clear that our events can do much more in bringing parachuting to a wider audience, through better presentation and commentary.

The Bureau will be recommending some changes to the Strategic Plan in this regard to the next Plenary.

Sport Development

China

In September, I was invited to attend the 2nd China International Air Fiesta in Laiwu City, near Jinan. The event was held on a purpose built venue and featured world class performers in many air sport events. Highlights included parachuting, featuring US Redline Canopy Formation team, aerobatics, paramotors, ballooning, aeromodels etc. The FAI flag and logo appeared prominently at the event, which was addressed by then FAI President Portmann during the opening ceremony. While the event was not on the FAI Calendar, its significance for future air sport development in China was quite apparent, and I have been told that there are plans for constructing more similar venues in the future in China. The event was also attended by FAI Executive Board Member Jong Hoon Lee, and now current FAI President Dr John Grubbstrom. Dr Grubbstrom's election to the FAI Presidency was marked by a promise by him to establish an FAI office in Beijing (free of charge to FAI).

South America

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on the revival of COLPAR – the Confederation of Latin-American Parachuting. COLPAR has requested the FAI to grant it associate membership. At its August 2010 meeting, the FAI Executive Board decided that further investigation was needed to make a decision, and tasked the Secretariat with:-

- a) Seeking advice from our Members in South America; and
- b) Getting more information on COLPAR's activities and objectives.

2. BUREAU HALF-YEARLY MEETING – 11-12 OCTOBER 2010

The IPC Bureau held a Half-Yearly Meeting over the two days 11th – 12th October in Dublin. This location was chosen as it was in that city the FAI General Conference was held in the days preceding the IPC Bureau meeting, and meeting in the same place and with no delay between meetings keeps the Bureau meeting travel costs to a minimum. Three of the Bureau members were already committed to attending the FAI General Conference.

The agenda for the Bureau meeting had been sent to IPC Delegates and Alternate Delegates some time before the meeting, to allow for input, suggestions and comments.

Over the two days a large amount of work was done and the minutes of the meeting have been sent to Delegates and Alternate Delegates, who are asked to read these minutes carefully, so that the 2011 Plenary meeting can deal with the many matters which will be discussed, arising from the Bureau meeting.

An actions list has been sent to Bureau members and Committee Chairs who have tasks to carry out as a result of decisions taken at the Bureau meeting.

If there are questions about any aspect of the Half-Yearly Meeting minutes please address these to the Bureau.

3. 2011 IPC PLENARY MEETING AGENDA

The 62nd IPC Meeting will take place at Bar, Montenegro, from Tuesday 25th January 2011 (arrival day) to Sunday 30th January 2011 (departure day). The Committee and Working Group Chairs, and the Bureau members will arrive on Monday 24th January and shall spend the full day of Tuesday 25th reviewing 2010, discussing the IPC Strategic Plan and other matters, and in preparation for the Open Meetings.

The Plenary Meeting will be on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January.

The Bulletin and Registration Form for the 2011 Plenary has been posed on the web site and can be accessed at www.fai.org/parachuting/meetings/2011. The Agenda and Annexes will also be available, after 15 December, through that link.

Last date for submission of reports - Committee and Working Group Chairs, Chief Judges at 2010 FCEs, and others who report to the Plenary are respectfully requested to send their reports to the IPC Secretary by **Monday 15th November 2010** (75 days before the Plenary Meeting – as per IPC Internal Regulations 3.7.3). Proposals, nominations and bids must also be received by this date.

The agenda must appear on the web site by Wednesday 15th December 2010, 45 days before the Plenary Meeting. An e-mail will be sent to Delegates and Alternate Delegates advising them of when the agenda has been posted.

4. JUDGE NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 PARA SKI

13th FAI Para-Ski World Parachuting Championships, Gosau, Austria - 28 Feb- 05 Mar 2011 - Please submit your NAC's Judges who are available for the above world championships by **31st October 2010**, using the correct form, which is available on the web site, or from Elisabet Pettersson. Completed forms with nominations are to be sent, by e-mail, to piaberggren@telia.com with copy to elisabet.pettersson@comhem.se.

5. VISA COSTS – WPC, MENZELINSK, 2010 – REFUND POSSIBILITIES

The IPC Bureau, on 11 October 2010, met with Mr Sergey Serendeev, President of the Federation of Parachute Sport of Russia. Among the matters discussed were the high costs, for some people, of Visas to enter the Russian Federation for the WPC held at Menzelinsk.

Mr Serendeev explained that this matter had been taken up with the Assistant to the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Russian Federation, as he said he would to teams at Menzelinsk.

Mr Serendeev repeated his offer made in Menzelinsk, that for anyone who incurred costs above the normal Visa cost should provide documentary evidence of those additional or higher costs and every effort will be made by Mr Serendeev to seek reimbursement. Please note that this applies **ONLY** to actual Visa costs, and not to any agency fees, which were or are the responsibility of the Visa applicant.

Good quality scanned documents should be sent to Mr Sergey Serendeev, President, Federation of Parachute Sport of Russia, e-mail:- tritron@yandex.ru

6. COLPAR – South American Parachuting Federation

Tomás Berriolo, IPC Delegate from Argentina, and Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, President of the Argentina Parachuting Federation (FAP), have both been active in reviving the Confederation Latinoamericana de Paracaidismo (COLPAR-Siglo XXI).

The following is a report of the inaugural meeting:-

On Saturday June 19 2010, the Confederacion Latinoamericana de Paracaidismo (COLPAR-Siglo XXI) was founded at a meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The meeting which was held at the headquarters of the FAP, Anchorena 275 of the City of Buenos Aires had in attendance Delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The Delegate appointed by Chile apologized and could not attend for personal reasons, while the Cuban Federation of Sport Parachuting apology stated that a Delegate could not attend for reasons unrelated to the entity, but adhering strongly to all that they were in the assembly and requesting its inclusion as a member of the COLPAR-Siglo XXI, pledging to complete all statutory requirements approved by the assembly.

- 1) Statutes were approved after a detailed study of all parts, introducing some modifications.
- 2) The COLPAR-Siglo XXI will be based permanently in the street Anchorena 275, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and its administrative headquarters in the country where the incumbent President has taken up permanent residence.
- 3) Authorities were chosen for the next two years and all were elected unanimously by the Delegates present:
President: **Tomas D. Berriolo** (Argentina) tberriolo@paracaidismo.org.ar
Vicepresidente 1st: **Jorge Derviche** (Brazil) jderviche@terra.com.br
Vicepresidente 2nd.: **Omar Rodriguez** (Panama) hpomar2000@yahoo.com
Secretary: **Lisandro Doria Valiente** (Paraguay) ilcapo@adsl.net.py
Treasurer: **Norma Elia Sansone** (Argentina) norma@paracaidismo.org.ar
- 4) It was determined that during 2011, two Latin American Championships will be held:
 - Latin American Championship Accuracy & Canopy Piloting, Argentina, competition to be held at the San Juan city, 28 April-01 May 2011.
 - Latin American Championship – FS-4 and FF, Brazil, competition to be held, in Boituva, from 11-15 Nov. 2011.

At night the FAP invited Delegates participants to a fellowship barbecue in the "Cabaña Las Lilas" in Puerto Madero, and thus successfully culminated a day of intense work, recreating the COLPAR-Siglo XXI, essential tool for integrating the international calendar.

Our most important goal is to make this institution a continental bloc to work together to achieve common progress of the sport in all its aspects.

Tomas D. Berriolo, President COLPAR-Siglo XXI

We are now contacting Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, Guatemala and Honduras, where sport parachuting is not well organized, for incorporation into the COLPAR-Siglo XXI and guide them to meet FAI rules.

Our championships will be made within the FAI regulations, and so I think it will spread the spirit of our sport within the rules of safety, technical and organizational responsibility.



At the inaugural COLPAR meeting

Standing, from left:- Rene Rodriguez Hurtado, Delegate, El Salvador; Alfredo Imbrogno, Merial Member, Argentina Federation; Omar Rodriguez, Delegate, Panama; Hector Gerling, Argentina, held proxy for Costa Rica; Lisandro Doria, Delegate, Paraguay; Thomas Berriolo, Delegate, Argentina; Rodolfo Urruty, Delegate, Uruguay; Gustavo Reyes, President Argentina Federation; Miguel Terzo, 83-year old skydiver from 1947, the year of Sport Parachuting commencing in Argentina.

Sitting, from left:- Marcelo Vilar, Former President Argentine Federation, Government Inspector; Jorge Derviche, Delegate, Brazil; Ivonne Pedraza, Delegate, Colombia; Norma Sansone, Secretary to Argentine Federation

7. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

Three Technical & Safety Information Notices, Nos. 29, 30 and 31, have been posted on the web site and has been sent to Technical and Safety Officers worldwide.

As 2010 is drawing to a close, T&S Officers are asked to PLEASE forward the 2009 Safety and AAD Reports, if they have not already sent them on.

Also, the instructor Requirements Survey Report is requested as many countries have not yet returned it. Forms for any of these reports can be had from the T& S Committee - Imcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

Online Survey on Skydiving while Pregnant

Dr Florian Ebner is an Obstetrician and an FAI AE Judge. Here is the text of a message from Dr Ebner:-

Dear Skydiver,

Every couple of years the question 'Can I jump while pregnant?' comes up and is discussed in online forums or parachuting magazines.

Due to the rarity of this question nothing is published in the professional medical press.

Therefore, obstetricians and midwives do generally not recommend skydiving during pregnancy, due to the lack of data.

The aim of this online survey, <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M8RDHG6> is to provide a bigger database for mothers-to-be about the risks and the restrictions other skydivers have found acceptable.

If you have jumped during pregnancy or are doing so please take a moment to fill out the 10 questions contained in the online survey.

And also please forward it to friends who may have jumped while pregnant.

Thanks,

Dr Florian Ebner

IPC Artistic Judge

Obstetrician

The IPC Bureau and the IPC T&S Committee encourage the collection of data on any technical, safety or medical aspect of skydiving and urge those who may be able to help with this survey to please do so by responding to the online questionnaire.

8. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

Fuller details/background regarding any Bureau Interim Decision may be had by contacting a Bureau member or the Committee Chair of the Committee concerned.

03 July 2010	2010/13/07	<p>Subject Approval of Bulletin No.2, 3rd FAI Canopy Piloting World Parachuting Championships, to be held at Aerograd Kolomna, Russia, 10th/14th August 2010.</p> <p>Details In accordance with SC5 4.2.5, Bulletin No.2 was sent to the Bureau for approval following its review by the FAI Controller, Gillian Winter, the Chief Judge and the relevant Committee Chair.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau approved Bulletin No.2, 3rd FAI Canopy Piloting WPC, to be held at Aerograd Kolomna, Russia, 10th/14th August 2010.</p>
16 July 2010	2010/14/07	<p>Subject Approval of Bulletin No.2, 19th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving, 14th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Canopy Formation and 8th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Artistic Events, to be held at Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia, 29th July to 06th August 2010.</p> <p>Details Bulletin No.2 was sent to the Bureau, for approval, by the FAI Controller, Fiona McEachern.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau, by majority decision, approved Bulletin No.2 for the above event. R. 'Buzz' Bennett did not approve the Bulletin as the Training Judge Course fee issue was not resolved to his satisfaction.</p>

20 July 2010	2010/15/07	<p>Subject Awarding of Ottley Sword and Medals at 8-Way FS event, 19th FAI Formation Skydiving World Parachuting Championships, Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia, 29th July – 06th August 2010.</p> <p>Details As there would be less than 4 NACs represented in 8-Way FS, the Bureau considered whether:-</p> <p>a) The Ottley Sword be awarded for the 8-Way FS, and</p> <p>b) Medals with the words inscribed "19th World Championships in Formation Skydiving – 8-way 2010" will be awarded to the winners.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau, by majority decision, approved the awarding of the Ottley Sword to the winners of the 8-Way FS competition and also approved the use of the medals as already prepared, and as described above..</p> <p>R Buzz Bennett voted No, as he is of the opinion that there is no 8-Way FS World Championship.</p>
20 July 2010	2010/16/07	<p>Subject Waiver to SC5, 4.10 (2) as requested by the USA delegate, Marylou Laughlin.</p> <p>SC5, 4.10 (2) – Minimum Participation, states :- <i>(2) If 4 or more NACs indicate an intention as per (1) to a WPC or Continental Regional Championship but less than 4 NACs make an official entry and participate, the event will take place, but the title of Winner will be used rather than Champion. The same provision regarding entries applies to any other FCE, where the title of Winner is always used.</i></p> <p>Details The Bureau was requested to grant a waiver to SC5, 4.10 (2) as less than 4 NACs would be represented at the 8-Way FS Competition at the 19th FAI Formation Skydiving World Parachuting Championships, to be held at Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia, 29th July – 06th August 2010.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau, by majority decision, decided that it was not empowered to set aside a clear rule adopted by an IPC Plenary Meeting, and consequently the Bureau declined to grant a waiver to SC5, 4.10 (2).</p>
24 July 2010	2010/17/07	<p>Subject Bureau approval of Bulletin #2, 31st FAI Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing World Parachuting Championships and 5th FAI Junior Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing World Parachuting Championships, to be held 28th August – 04th September 2010, at Niksic, Montenegro.</p> <p>Details Bulletin #2 was approved by the FAI Controller, John Hitchen, and forwarded to the Bureau for the Bureau's approval.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau approved Bulletin #2 and its release.</p>
15 Sept 2010	2010/18/09	<p>Subject Return of Deposit for 31st FAI Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing World Parachuting Championships and 5th FAI Junior Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing World Parachuting Championships, held 28th August – 04th September 2010, at Nikši , Montenegro.</p> <p>Details The Final Jury Report, with reference to SC5 4.7.2 (6), stated:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 In our opinion the event has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the rules for the event. 2. All protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public. 3 The final results have been verified and are valid. <p>The IPC Bureau considered the return of the Deposit for this FCE</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved the return of the Deposit to the Organiser, the Montenegro NAC. L. McNulty, Jury President at Nikši , abstained from voting on this matter.</p>
12 Oct. 2010	2010/19/10	<p>Subject The status of Gillian Winter as IPC 1st Vice President.</p> <p>Details Gillian Winter had been removed as</p>	<p>Bureau Decision By majority decision, the IPC Bureau agreed to reinstate Gillian Winter as IPC</p>

		French IPC Delegate and as a consequence of not then being a Delegate she could no longer hold the position of IPC 1 st Vice President. Gillian Winter had recently been reinstated as the French Delegate to IPC.	1 st Vice President.
12 Oct. 2010	2010/20/10	Subject Status of Liam McNulty in the position of IPC Secretary. Details L. McNulty had ceased to be the Alternate Delegate for Kenya, as Kenya had resigned from the FAI, and as such L. McNulty no longer meets the requirements of IPC's Internal Regulations. IPC Internal Regulations require the IPC Secretary to be either a Delegate or Alternate Delegate.	Bureau Decision As an interim measure, the IPC Bureau appointed L. McNulty a specialist, retaining the duties of the Secretary's position and without having any voting rights in Bureau decisions.
12 Oct. 2010	2010/21/10	Subject Return of Deposit for 3 rd FAI World Parachuting Canopy Piloting Championships, held 10 th – 14 th August 2010, at Kolomna, Russia. Details The Final Jury Report for this event was positive. The IPC Bureau considered the return of the Deposit for this FCE.	Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved the return of the Deposit to the Organiser. As some Diplomas had not been distributed to those competitors who were to receive them, the Bureau agreed to defer payment until all Diplomas had been sent to those competitors.
12 Oct. 2010	2010/22/10	Subject Return of Deposit for 19 th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships, 14 th FAI World Canopy Formation Championships and 8 th DAI World Artistic Events Parachuting Championships, held 01 st – 05 th August 2010, at Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russian Federation. Details The IPC Bureau considered the return of the Deposit for this FCE. The Final Jury Report having been considered by the IPC Bureau, and following internal Bureau consideration and detailed discussion with Mr Sergey Serendeev, President, Federation of Parachute Sport of Russia.	Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved the return of the Deposit to the Organiser. As some Diplomas had not been distributed to those competitors who were to receive them, the Bureau agreed to defer payment until all Diplomas had been sent to those competitors
12 Oct. 2010	2010/23/10	Subject Scoring Systems evaluation and finalisation for 2011 IPC Plenary Meeting presentation to Delegates. Details Following the presentation by Gillian Winter to the IPC Bureau on the various Scoring Systems which had been evaluated by Gillian Winter, the Bureau considered the setting up of a Working Group to finalise the matter and make a presentation to the 2011 IPC Plenary Meeting.	Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau agreed to set up a Working Group comprising Gillian Winter IPC 1 st Vice President, (W.G. Chair), Stephane Desprez, Secretary General FAI (to help with any contract), Graeme Windsor, IPC President and Richard <i>Buzz</i> Bennett, IPC Treasurer, to handle this matter.
01 Nov. 2010	2010/24/11	Subject Scoring System - ongoing evaluation. Details Gillian Winter, as Chair of the Scoring Systems Working Group, requested Bureau approval to meet at FAI Headquarters in Lausanne, with a potential electronic scoring system supplier to discuss contract conditions. Stephane Desprez, FAI Secretary -General, would be involved in these discussions. Gillian Winter sought Bureau approval for:-- a) contacting the potential supplier and making an appointment for them to go to Lausanne b) her travel to Lausanne and expenses reimbursement for the trip (cost approx. 400€).	Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau agreed to the request from Gillian Winter as noted above.

04 Nov. 2010	2010/25/11	<p>Subject Approval of Bulletin #1, 2011 IPC Plenary Meeting, to be held at Bar, Montenegro, 24th – 30th January 2011</p> <p>Details Bulletin #1 was forwarded by the meeting Organiser for Bureau approval.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau unanimously approved the release and publication of this Bulletin.</p>
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