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WIND TUNNEL WORKING GROUP 2012 REPORT FOR 2013 PLENARY MEETING

The Wind Tunnel working group has had some difficulty functioning during the course of the year that has led to the disheartenment of some members.

The fact that so many nations were present at the 2012 Mondial in Dubai, 57 to be precise, it was decided to do a survey to get feedback from the competitors. Although, at the time of this report, there has not been full feedback, opinions seem to be 50/50.

Negative comments include:

- indoor skydiving is not parachuting
- the increased cost of competitions if they have IPC status (sanction fee and cost of officials),
- an FAI/IPC competition generates too much bureaucracy

Positive statements include:

- the opportunity to have fully recognised records
- the opportunity of issuing official world titles
- Indoor Skydiving is an inevitable evolution of parachuting and if we don't take it on board, someone else will.
- It is Media friendly and is a good way of showing our freefall disciplines.

Since no clear position has been reached either within the Working Group or through the survey, as Chair of the Working Group I propose to have the IPC Plenary vote on the subject (For or Against). Should the Plenary decide to recognise this indoor activity into our Commission, the Working Group will propose that the Rules and Regulations Committee determine what change should be made to both in the IPC documents and the FAI documents accordingly.