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### 1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### News from the FAI General Conference

##### Autonomy and Freedom for ASCs

Firstly, thank you to all those IPC delegates who have discussed the issues raised in the recent discussion paper that was distributed. This generated enough comment to bring IPC matters to the fore. The many informal discussions I had with Delegates to the FAI General Conference and other ASC Presidents highlighted the fact to me that IPC issues were taken seriously.

As a result of the feedback, I intend to propose a new element to the IPC Strategic Plan at the Plenary in Banja Luka scheduled from 22 – 27 January 2013. The organisers are working hard to produce a Bulletin for this Plenary meeting.

My brief presentation to the FAI Conference on the state of parachuting focussed on the matters raised in the discussion paper, and was centred on those parts of the FAI Statutes which allow IPC to be fully responsible for parachuting matters within FAI. The presentation received a positive reception.

A small task force comprising IPC Vice-President Niels-Christian Levin-Hansen and myself will meet with FAI EB members Otto Lagerhaus and Alvaro De Orleans Borbon during the course of Mondial 2012, in an effort to settle the questions surrounding the establishment of IPETA, so that we can finally establish a way to go ahead with the IPC funds we need to kick start a World CP tour and undertake other activities outside the remit of IPC.

##### Anti-Doping

In other news, the FAI anti-doping measures are now being rolled out into all air sports. This is causing some concern among some of them, although the measures have been part of Parachuting First Category Events at a national level for many years. A time table has been adopted for implementation of FAI initiated out-of competition testing on a risk target basis. As many countries in IPC already have this testing and "whereabouts" registrations at a national level, IPC will not be required to submit nominations to the FAI Registered Testing Pool for out-of-competition testing in 2013. There will be 10 air sport competitors selected from Microlights and Paramotors, Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, General Aviation, and Ballooning for the Registered Testing Pool, and these competitors will need to comply with the whereabouts requirements of the FAI/WADA provisions. Any testing required will be carried out by the international SportAccord organisation on FAI's behalf.

Parachuting competitors in IPC events will remain subject to the possibility of testing in competition, and I am asked to remind all Delegates to make sure competitors have a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) registered with FAI (and local organisations) if they need one.

## 2. MONDIAL 2012 - DUBAI

Bulletin #2 is now available on the web site, along with full details of the dropzones to be used, and an updated Registration Listing.

## 3. BIDS FOR WPCs 2014 & MONDIAL 2016

### Bids Open For World Championships 2014 and Mondial 2016

Bids for World Championships in 2014 are now being called for. This is a result of a Bureau decision not to proceed with a Mondial in 2014.

Delegates wishing to bid for a World Championships in 2014 are invited to submit bids in accordance with the First Category Event Application Document on the FAI/IPC website.

Bids are also open for Mondial 2016,

The decision to not proceed with a Mondial in 2014 was based on a number of factors, which led the Bureau to conclude that the hosting of a Mondial in 2016 would be more suitable.

## 4. HIGH ALTITUDE JUMP AND RECORDS

Congratulations to Felix Baumgartner on his remarkable achievement in exiting a balloon at 39,045 metres over New Mexico, USA, on 14 October 2012.

Record claims for Exit Altitude, Vertical Speed without Drogue and Freefall Distance have been lodged with FAI and are being processed.

## 5. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

IPC Delegates are asked to please help with the collection of the 2011 Safety Reports from their countries, by asking their Technical and Safety Officers to please forward these, if they have not already done so.

Please send the reports, as soon as possible, to Liam McNulty – [lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie](mailto:lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie)

If the report from is needed in your country please advise and it will be immediately sent to you by e-mail. Thanks to those who have already forwarded the reports.

### *From the 2010 Safety Report*

*Technological developments in sports can have unintended consequences, and this can be seen in the increased level, in more recent years, of fatalities while landing, and also canopy collisions after openings.*

*All of these fatalities occur after the successful opening of the main parachute.*



## 6. CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

The FAI/IPC Certificate of Proficiency was introduced in 2002. The idea behind the move was to make available to the skydiver who travelled between countries, a document showing that the holder had reached a certain level of skill or proficiency. Thus a centre being visited would immediately know, from the CoP, at what level the visitor could participate in skydiving. Of course a logbook or other documentation is necessary, to show currency, as a CoP is held for life and is not subject to annual renewal. A National Licence may not be an acceptable document when travelling as the requirements for the various levels of a skydiver's National Licence may not be known in the country/at the centre being visited. The CoP is in four languages, English, French, Russian and Spanish, the four official FAI languages, and shows the requirements for each level, A, B, C, D.

A misconception exists, in that some people believe that by adopting the Cert of Proficiency system this will somehow interfere with, or override, their National Licensing System. That is incorrect; the C of P system can exist alongside a National Licensing System and the C of Ps can be issued, as appropriate, in addition to a National Licence. Countries which have not yet adopted the C of P system are urged to do so, as a service to their members who travel to dropzones outside their home countries.

## 7. PLENARY 2013 AGENDA & ORGANISATION OF OPEN MEETINGS

The 2013 IPC Plenary Meeting, due to be held in Banjaluka, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013 will differ from previous meeting in the following respect: - instead of times being allocated to the Open Meetings of the various Committees and Working Groups, these meetings will commence on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 14:30, and follow each other for the rest of Wednesday and for all of Thursday. This is an attempt to run the meetings more efficiently, and not waste time between meetings which sometimes last a shorter time than scheduled. Full details will be included in the Plenary Agenda, which is due to be with Delegates by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Delegates bring bids or any document which will not have been previously sent for inclusion in the agenda MUST also bring an electronic copy, so that the document can be copied into the IPC system and be readily available for electronic transmission.

**The Bulletin for the 2013 Plenary in Banja Luka is now available on the web site.**

## 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.**

15 Aug. 2012	2012/10/8	<p><b>Subject</b> - Request by Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina for further extension of one month, to 31 August 2012, for Mondial 2014 Bid to be sent to IPC.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina provided a Letter of Intent at the 2012 IPC Plenary Meeting in Buenos Aires to bid for Mondial 2014. The bid deadline for a 2014 Mondial is 30 June 2012.</p> <p>Due to the recent tragic aircraft accident in Banja Luka, Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina requested, in June 2012 as extension of one month, to 31 July 2012 to make the bid. On 15 August Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina requested a further extension, to 31 August 2012.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - In view of the extenuating circumstances and in the absence of any other known bidder at this stage, the IPC Bureau unanimously approved the request and agreed to extend the time by which the bid for Mondial 2014 is to be made to 31 August 2012.</p>
18 Aug. 2012	2012/11/08	<p><b>Subject</b> - Number of AE Judges for 8th FAI European Artistic Events Championships &amp; 9th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events, to be held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 27 August – 02 September 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - Due to family reasons one of the selected AE Judges for the above AE events had to withdraw at very short notice before the start of the event. The AE Committee discussed the situation and agreed that if no replacement can be found before the start of the competition the Bureau would be asked to agree to a total number of six (6) AE Judges for this event.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau acceded to the request from the AE Committee and agreed that this event could, if necessary, be conducted with six AE Judges.</p>
12 June 2012	2012/12/06	<p><b>Subject</b> - Approval of Bulletin #1, Mondial 2012, to be held at Dubai, UAE, 28 Nov – 09 Dec 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Organiser had submitted, through the FAI Controller, Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Bulletin #1 for Bureau approval. The Bulletin had the approval of the FAI Controller, the Chief Judges and the Chairs of the Discipline Committees.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau unanimously approved the release and publication of Bulletin #1 for this event.</p>

05 Sept. 2012	2012/13/09	<p><b>Subject</b> - Reversal of Bureau Interim Decision # 2012/04/06 of 02 June 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - BID # 2012/04/06 - The IPC Bureau, by majority decision, decided that, when IPETA was incorporated and a bank account had been set up, both the Czech Republic and the UAE would be directed to pay the required Deposit and Sanction Fees directly to that IPETA bank account.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau reversed the above BID and agreed to transfer the Sanction Fees which had been lodged to the IPETA account in UK to the FAI account in Switzerland, for the credit of IPC in the FAI account.</p>
05 Sept. 2012	2012/14/09	<p><b>Subject</b> - Repayment of Deposit and overpayment of Sanction Fee to the Organiser of the 18<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup and 11<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships in FS and 9<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup and 8<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships in AE, held at Prostějov, Czech Rep., 27 Aug – 02 Sept 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Jury has submitted a Final Report, as required by SC5, 4.7.2.6. This report was favourable, declaring that the event had been conducted in accordance with the SC and the rules for the event, that all protests had been dealt with and all Jury reports had been made public (there were no protests), and that the final results had been verified and were valid.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - In view of the favourable Final Jury Report, the IPC Bureau agreed to refund to the Organiser the Deposit of €17,000 and the amount of €270, being overpayment of the Sanction Fee.</p>
20 Sept. 2012	2012/15/09	<p><b>Subject</b> - Deposit for the 18<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup and 11<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships in FS and 9<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup and 8<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships in AE, held at Prostějov, Czech Republic, 27 Aug. – 02 Sept. 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Jury had submitted a Final Report, as required by SC5, 4.7.2.6, and had reported that the Organiser had fulfilled all contractual obligations. The IPC Bureau therefore agreed that the Deposit be returned to the Organiser and requested FAI, as per normal procedure, to make payment of 17,000 Euros. In a letter of 14 Sept to IPC President Windsor, the FAI President stated that the Deposit would not be returned to the Organiser until the Sanction Fees, which the IPC Bureau had deposited with IPETA (International Parachuting Tours &amp; Events Agency), were transferred to FAI.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau agreed to transfer the required Sanction Fee amount from IPETA to the FAI.</p>
07 Oct. 2012	2012/16/10	<p><b>Subject</b> - The IPC Media Liaison Officer, at Mondial 2012, Dubai, Susan Dixon asked the Bureau for approval for Ms Fay Kimble as an assistant. She described as daunting the task of keeping the IPC web site updated with 4 World Championships Events and a Demonstration Event in terms of daily reports, photographs, team profiles etc. as well as working with the organisation on the English press releases and their web site.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The IPC Bureau recognized the need for this assistance and also recognized that Ms Kimble was preparing to do this all at her own expense.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - In the circumstances, The IPC Bureau agreed to Ms Kimble's appointment and offered to reimburse Ms Fay Kimble the amount of the reduced Registration Fee she would pay for attendance at Mondial 2012, Dubai (\$1000 USD).</p>
11 Oct. 2012	2012/17/10	<p><b>Subject</b> - IPC Bureau approval for Bulletin #2, Mondial 2012, to be held in Dubai, 28 November to 09 December 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The FAI Controller, Alberto Martin Paracuellos, submitted Bulletin #2 to the IPC Bureau for approval and issue. Some minor modifications and corrections were suggested and incorporated into the Bulletin.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau approved Bulletin #2 and agreed to its publication.</p>
11 Oct. 2012	2012/18/10	<p><b>Subject</b> - IPC Bureau approval for a proposed amendment to Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Competition Rule 5.1.10 (3), for Mondial 2012.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The IPC Freefall Style &amp; Accuracy Landing Committee requested an IPC Bureau Interim Decision, for in addition to CR 5.1.10 (3) Individual Accuracy Landing Event, which is inserted below in bold italic. CR 5.1.10 (3) For Junior competitors, the exit altitude is 800m, 2 competitors per pass. If the exit altitude is</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau approved this amendment to the Competition Rules for Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing <b>for Mondial 2012 only.</b></p> <p>It is noted that a proposal from the S&amp;A Committee should be put on the agenda of the 2013 IPC Plenary Meeting if it is intended that this</p>

		<p>lowered to 700m, only 1 competitor per pass. For individual competitors, the organiser will put competitors into pairs, preferably from the same country, and they should jump in those pairs for the whole of the competition.</p> <p><b><i>At a Mondial, or if it is considered necessary by the Meet Director for the completion of a competition, up to 4 competitors per pass is allowed, if the exit altitude is raised to at least 1000 m.</i></b></p> <p><b>Explanation:</b> The extraordinary high number of registered participants for the Mondial 2012 in Accuracy Landing gives reason for considerations, that being restricted by the rule to drop 2 competitors only at 800m, will lead to a situation where the completion of the full event may be in danger. A raising of the exit altitude and freedom to drop 4 competitors on one pass will increase the possibility for a completion. The Committee has taken into consideration also, that the age of the Junior competitors has been raised to 24 years and naturally also, the safety aspects of the extension. Also, a great number of the Juniors compete quite often in open competitions in Accuracy Landing.</p>	<p>amendment is to apply to future FCEs.</p>
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