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### 1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Friends

I would like to report to you on the following:-

- ASC Presidents' meeting with the FAI Executive Board
- IPETA News
- IPC/FAI Task Force progress

#### ASC Presidents' Meeting

Please note these comments on the meeting are taken from my own notes. Official minutes will be produced by the FAI office in due course

This meeting, held on May 3, 2013, was designed to allow an exchange of views between the ASC Presidents and the FAI Executive Board (EB).

Items discussed at the meeting were:-

#### 1) Anti-doping update.

A registered testing pool of athletes has now been established for out-of-competition testing. One selected athlete refused to join the program and retired from competition. Parachuting has not been included in the out-of-competition testing pool this year because of its past experience compared to other air sports.

The meeting was informed that WADA intends to remove alcohol from the special drug list. This will raise some questions for each of the air sports as to what FAI policy should be. Questions to be considered include: -

- Should a low dose (0.1 to 0.4) be tolerated?
- Should FAI (and IPC) keep alcohol as a banned substance because of safety concerns).

These and other related questions will be considered in the future by the FAI's Anti-Doping Advisory Group in consultation with the Air Sport Commissions.

#### 2) FAI Medals

IPC is the only ASC at present to adopt the option of allowing organisers to produce their own medals. A proposed schedule was put forward by the office for FAI Medals in 2014 which would require an extraordinary long lead time if organisers wish to purchase medals produced by the FAI supplier.

#### 3) Organiser Agreement Review

This is a long outstanding project in the FAI office. There have been some difficulties with the present OA in some air sports and the delay in finalising a new OA had consequential effects on the revision of the FAI Jury Handbook and the Guide to Advertising projects. The FAI lawyer was in attendance and advised that some more work was still needed on describing the relationship between event sanction and the agreement.

It seems logical that IPC includes the OA as an Annex to the IPC First Category Event Application Document, so that bidders can review their obligations prior to submitting a competition bid.

#### 4) FAI Sporting Licences

After many years of difficulties, the FAI office announced it is ready to implement the web-based FAI Sporting Licence database.

ASC Presidents were asked to express their views on a proposal from the FAI office on whether an FAI Sporting Licence should be required to:-

- Apply for performance badges ( not an IPC issue);
- Be eligible to compete at Category 2 events;
- To be listed on a World Ranking List; and
- Be eligible to serve as an FAI Official, such as Jury, Judges, Controllers etc.

No consensus was reached on the proposals. I commented that based on the IPC experience at the 2012 Mondial, there were more critical Sporting Licence issues, with many competitors and issuing NACs not fully complying with all General Section validity requirements, and it would serve FAI well to address these issues in the first instance.

#### 5) World Air Games

Two positive EOI had been received at FAI. There is an end of May deadline for the bid fee. Confidentiality requires that no more information than that may be given to the ASCs at this time. Provided bid fees are received, evaluation of bids will happen in June, with a decision by end of July. This will be done without reference to the ASCs. Quote from the President on the matter – “not completely a dead duck- we will let you know”.

#### 6) World Games, Cali

Rob Hughes provided a report on latest developments. The swoop pond was being enlarged, and all looked to be ready for CP. The test event of indoor musical aero models looked set to be dropped because of the lack of a suitable venue.

#### 7) FAME

A report was provided by the FAME CEO, who announced the launch of a new FAME web site. No events had yet been established.

#### 8) Breitling Contract

It was recognized that the FAI had imposed Breitling on organizers – a one way transaction. In recognition of this imposition, the EB has decided that at least 4000 CHF will be given to the 8 remaining events targeted by Breitling for 2013 (none of which were parachuting) and in respect of further deals in following years. I asked for the rationale of compensating the selected events and not others that had their sponsorship rights removed without consultation. As compensation for sponsorship other Category 1 events not selected will receive something (symbolic). I also asked that if Breitling do not choose an event, would the exclusivity provisions still apply.

Also, the question was raised as to why compensation should go to organizers, particularly if the ASC concerned has or is assisting them at a cost.

ASC's expressed concern that that EB took a decision on Breitling involvement in their events without consulting with them. JG said the EB will review their decision again.

#### 9) Environment Commission

This Technical Commission has a new enthusiastic President who is looking to see how ASCs can be better served.

10) The CIAM President put forward a suggestion that a ranking system of nations across all air sports be established. There was no opposition to the idea, and it will be developed further in FAI.

## 11) Air Sport Management in the future.

President Grubbstrom introduced this topic with the following statement:-

*“In 1905, in a brave world where aviation had just started in earnest, the FAI was formed and a series of laudable objectives adopted for the new organization. Since then, aviation sport has survived two major world conflicts which, paradoxically, dramatically advanced the science of aviation and therefore the sporting capability. Today, it may be that the aims and objectives listed in FAI Statutes 1.2 have served their time and that the FAI needs to address its purpose.*

*This agenda item should allow the Commission Presidents and Executive Board to initiate a debate on what we expect the FAI to focus on for the future.”*

JG expanded on this statement with a reference to the *raison d’etre* for FAI as defined in the statutes. He outlined some of the challenges faced by FAI, and how the EB had planned to have a full day seminar the next day to review these issues. EB Member Otto Lagerhus said that he had prepared a hard-hitting paper which would challenge all.

Questions that JG said will be looked at included:-

- Are goals still valid?
- Are records etc. so important?
- Challenges facing FAI now
- Management structure
- Balance and focus - is it right?
- Is there too much bush fire handling?
- What is the relationship between politics and management?

The ensuing discussion was very positive and the President was generally thanked by the Air Sport Commission Presidents for taking on this initiative, with a consensus that more horizontal sharing under a new governance system was needed.

## 12) Finance

At the FAI General Conference in October 2012, all ASC Presidents made a written call on the Board to simplify accounting procedures. The Board was reminded of this in the lead up to this meeting.

Finance Director Bob Clipsham addressed the points raised in a positive manner. It was clear that there were fundamental issues with ASC accounts at the FAI office and that changes were needed. A new accounting software package had recently been installed. Changes foreshadowed included:-

Separate bank accounts for Commissions

ASC assets are to be listed separately in the Balance sheet. ASC inventories are to appear in the financial statements.

Funds received for events beyond the current year to be appropriately identified.

FAI will consider ASCs retaining the interest income generated by their funds.

ASC self-generation of payments is to be looked into. CIVL will be the first ASC to put this to the test.

At the time of writing IPC has not yet received an end of year statement for its funds with FAI for 2012.

## 13) FAI IT systems

The FAI office is about to change from the 6 virtual servers it has, to a single server located in a data centre in Germany. Each ASC will be provided an access point and will be free to operate its own web site (conditions will apply – these have not yet been specified). This should go some way to solving the problems all ASCs are having with their current FAI web sites. IPC’s webmaster Susan Dixon has been working with Elisabet Mikaelsson in an effort to establish IPC’s own web site because of the problems at FAI. ASC Presidents were advised that FAI’s view on changing current FAI web pages to suit mobile

devices is that it is not worth the cost.

The Sec-General advised that following the web site crash two years ago, and the expenditure since (mostly under previous management), and given the work required on the database, resources for further web site change are limited.

#### **IPETA News**

The FAI Executive Board agreed to fund the development of the CP tour concept for IPETA with IPC Funds. The development is being undertaken by a person known to many in IPC, Mr Edward "Bushman" Anderson who, amongst his many skydiving achievements, has served as an advisor to the FS Committee.

Implementation of the FAI/IPC task force recommendations of last December is getting closer, with the production of an agreed FAI/IPC framework. Draft documents have been prepared to enable the transfer of IPETA shares to FAI ownership, while leaving IPC with the freedom and autonomy to operate IPETA within certain parameters designed to limit risk to FAI. The resulting Memorandum of Understanding has had a rough passage through both the Executive Board and the IPC Bureau, but has now been agreed upon and is being executed. A Share Transfer agreement and Revised Articles of Association are the remaining documents to be settled, after which both FAI and IPC can turn their attention to the appointment of Directors:- five from IPC and two from FAI.

#### **IPC/FAI Task Force**

Assuming the transfer of IPETA to FAI ownership proceeds smoothly in the near future, the FAI/IPC task force can start work on the remaining task allocated by the FAI President, which is to :-

*"Identify a path to greater self-governance and autonomy for the ASCs, achieving an ASC status conducive to operating its own commercial entities (if desired), but under the supervision and umbrella of the FAI."*

Good wishes to all. I plan on attending all of IPC's 2013 First Category Events and I take this opportunity to record my thanks in advance to organisers for their kind invitations.

Graeme Windsor,  
President, IPC

## 2. FAI-Breitling Awards 2013



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# Breitling Youngster Award

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## Breitling Youngster Award

### History

This award was established in 2012 by the FAI and Breitling, a Global Sponsor of the FAI since 2012, to associate Breitling with an outstanding sporting performance or contribution to aeronautics or astronautics achieved by a youngster, and will be first awarded in 2013.

### Eligibility

The Breitling Youngster Award is reserved for a youngster who, during the previous 12 months and before the date of his 26<sup>th</sup> birthday :

Achieved an outstanding sporting performance. This means a performance which is considered by the

nominating authority as beyond the normal level of performance compared to what can usually be done, or

Excelled in a certain area of his sport and is considered as a reference, or

Significantly contributed to the development and promotion of aeronautics or astronautics.

### Frequency and Number

Only one Breitling Youngster Award may be awarded each year. However, as this Award should match with Breitling's spirit of technology and excellence, such achievements might not be available each year.

Therefore, if no suitable candidate is nominated for a specific year, then FAI and Breitling reserve their right not to assign this Award in this year.

## **General Principles**

1. Objectives : The purpose of the Breitling Awards is to give public recognition to those who have achieved an outstanding performance or contribution to aeronautics and astronautics.

2. Eligibility : Any person, group of persons, institution or commercial company is eligible to receive a Breitling Award. A recipient need not have had any previous connection with FAI or Breitling.

No Breitling Award may be awarded to the same recipient more than once.

3. Nomination process :

- a. Nominations for Breitling Awards may be made by Breitling (including Breitling Headquarters, President and Retailers), FAI (including FAI Members, Commission Presidents, Executive Board, President and Secretary General) or other institutions or commercial companies related to Breitling or FAI in the field of aeronautics or astronautics.
- b. In any given year, a nominating authority may propose only one candidate for each Breitling Award.
- c. Nominations for Breitling Awards shall be sent in writing (using the FAI-Breitling Awards Nomination Form available on the FAI and Breitling websites) to the FAI Head Office together with citations not exceeding 250 words, and other supporting information (photos, videos, etc.), to arrive no later than 31 May each year (Exception : For the first year of the Breitling Awards, the deadline for the receipt of nominations is 30 June 2013).

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5. Jury : The Jury will be composed of 3 Breitling Representatives appointed by Breitling and 3 FAI Representatives appointed by the FAI President.

6. Winners : The winners of Breitling Awards will be informed by the FAI and will then be invited and hosted by Breitling to receive their Award at the FAI Awards Ceremony taking place the day before the FAI General Conference in the same year.



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## **Breitling Milestone Trophy**

### History

This award was established in 2012 by the FAI and Breitling, a Global Sponsor of the FAI since 2012, to associate Breitling with a significant milestone in aeronautics or astronautics, and will be first awarded in 2013.

### Eligibility

The Breitling Milestone Trophy is reserved for an individual or a group of individuals having achieved a significant milestone, technological step or invention in aeronautics or astronautics (first flight, new technology, etc.) during the previous year and that might contribute to future developments, especially for the practice of air sports.

### Frequency and Number

Only one Breitling Milestone Trophy may be awarded each year. However, as this Trophy should match with Breitling's spirit of technology and excellence, such milestones might not be available each year. Therefore, if no suitable candidate is nominated for a specific year, then FAI and Breitling reserve their right not to assign this Trophy in this year.

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### 3. NEW PARACHUTING RECORD

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) World record :

Claim number : 16713

Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)

Category: General

Group : Canopy Piloting Records

Type of record : Distance

Course/location : Dubai (United Arab Emirates) Performance : 154.09 m Parachutist : Nicolas J. Batsch (USA) Date :03.12.2012 Previous record : 151.95 m (15.06.2012 - Nicolas J. Batsch, USA)

FAI and IPC congratulate the Parachutist on this splendid achievement.

### 4. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

#### From the 2011 Safety Report

*The slide, on right, from the 2011 Safety Report Presentation, shows trends and issues which were evident from the Safety Reports received from the responding countries.*

IPC Delegates are asked to assist in ensuring that their countries respond to the 2012 Safety Survey, the form for which has been sent to all Technical and Safety Officers.

Two Information Notices 3/2013 WN45 and 4/2013 WN46, have been published and sent to T&S Officers. They are also on the IPC web site. They relate to Tandem Vector and Sigma Tandem Parachute System – Student Harness (3/2103 WN45) and Javelin Odyssey Metal Flex Housings (4/2013 WN46).

#### Some Trends & Issues



- Increasing high percentage of fatalities, 62% (32) resulting from canopy handling, canopy control, and landing issues.
- Roughly similar percentage distribution of fatalities between Student/Intermediate/Expert as in previous years – no significant change, allowing for the mix of responding countries. The category 'Expert skydivers' continues to have the most fatalities, but they have the biggest numbers of jumps.
- Increased use of AAD and RSL reported

### 5. CISM NEWS

#### **37<sup>th</sup> World Military Parachuting Championships (WMPC) 2013**

The invitation file for 37<sup>th</sup> WMPC in Qionglai/ China 14-25 October 2013 is available at CISM website.

Preliminary registration form together with the name of a valid CISM or FAI judge is due **14 July 2013**, "no judge-no team" rule applies.

17<sup>th</sup> Asiana championships will be held in China until 13 Oct 2013; If a military team wants to attend, the details can be found at Asiana website.

#### **Future CISM World Military Parachuting Championships**

38<sup>th</sup> WMPC 2014 will not be held in Korea as previously planned, but in Indonesia -September 2014 with all three CISM disciplines Accuracy, Style and 4way Formation (same as 2013).

The details for 38<sup>th</sup> WMPC will be presented during open CPC meeting in Qionglai.

39<sup>th</sup> WMPC as part of 6<sup>th</sup> Military World Games (MWG) 2015 Mungyeong/ Republic of Korea will be held in Pohang on the eastern coast of Korean Peninsula.

A slight change of the plan (by two days) is the date which is now final 02 - 11 Oct 2015.

#### **Parachuting within CISM**

CISM has 26 different Sports that are organized on world level under the motto "Friendship through Sports". During recent CISM General Assembly in Jakarta, the CISM Secretary General presented the core military sports. Parachuting was included together with orienteering, shooting and the three pentathlons (aerial, naval and military) as CISM core military sports.

CISM will continue to have Style, Accuracy and 4way Formation Skydiving practiced by the same team.

#### **CISM judges**

The responsibility for CISM judges within CISM Parachuting Committee was passed on to AdjMaj Pascal DeHaes/ BEL

who will take care of the CISM judges evaluation and update the CISM list.  
 A CISM beginner seminar will be held together with the 37<sup>th</sup> WMPC in Qionglai.  
 The current list and CPC contacts can be found at CISM website [www.cismmilsport.org](http://www.cismmilsport.org) (new www address)

#### Participation of non CISM members in future WMPC

If there is a military parachuting team within a nation that is not one of the 133 CISM members, but wishes to participate at CISM championships as invited guest, CPC President Col Gernot Rittenschober may assist; contact address is available at CISM website. <http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/parachuting/>

## 6. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

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

10 April 2013	2013/06/04	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for World Games 2013, to be held at Cali, Colombia.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Chair of the Canopy Piloting Committee, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, submitted for Bureau approval the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules to be used at World Games 2013, at Cali, Colombia.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the submitted Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for World games 2013, to be held at Cali, Colombia.</p>
19 April 2013	2013/07/04	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval for payment of up to 350 Euros travel costs, for Elisabet Mikaelsson.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - Due to difficulties with the FAI web site, the possibility of IPC having its own site was being explored. To further investigate this matter it was proposed that Elisabet Mikaelsson travel to France to discuss the matter with Susan Dixon, the IPC Webmaster. It was further proposed that IPC cover the cost of travel, up to 350 Euros.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the payment of up to 350 Euros travel costs.</p>
26 April 2013	2013/08/04	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Bulletin #1, 9th FAI European Artistic Events Parachuting Championships, 12th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, 10th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events and 19th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving, to be held at Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The IPC First Vice President, Gillian Rayner, who had overseen the correct completion of Bulletin #1, submitted it to the IPC Bureau for approval.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1 for the above event.</p>
02 May 2013	2013/09/05	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Bulletin #1, 13<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup Freefall Style &amp; Accuracy Landing, 1<sup>st</sup> FAI Junior World Cup Freefall Style &amp; Accuracy Landing, 7<sup>th</sup> FAI European Freefall Style &amp; Accuracy Landing Championships and 4<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior European Freefall Style &amp; Accuracy Landing Championships, to be held at Cheboksary, Russia, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - Bulletin #1 for the above event had been presented to the Bureau for approval.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1 for the above event</p>
02 May 2013	2013/10/05	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Bulletin #1, 7th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting and 3rd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Kolomna, Russia, 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2013.</p> <p><b>Details</b> Bulletin #1 for the above event had been submitted it to the IPC Bureau for approval.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1 for the above event.</p>
11 May 2013	2013/11/05	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Memorandum of Understanding between FAI and IPC, regarding IPETA (International Parachuting Events &amp; Tours Association).</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau accepted the revised agreement, noting some suggestions for change in</p>

		<p><b>Details</b> - The Memorandum of Understanding, drawn up by IPC/FAI, and based on discussions by the IPC/FAI Task Force which met in Dubai in December 2012, was presented to the IPC Bureau by the IPC President, Graeme Windsor, for Bureau approval.</p>	<p>relation to :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 FAI presence at Board meetings;</li> <li>2. Voting at general meetings by an IPC member on behalf of FAI EB;</li> <li>3. Co-ordination on sponsorship, media and other arrangements;</li> <li>4. Sharing of experiences and information with FAI and related parties;</li> <li>5. Change in company location.</li> </ol>
01 June 2013	2013/12/06	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Bulletin 1, 14<sup>th</sup> FAI World Para Ski Championships, to be held at Tanay, Russia, 11 – 16 March 2014.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - Bulletin 1, having been approved by the Chief Judge, FAI Controller and Chair of the Para Ski Committee, had been sent to the Bureau for approval.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The IPC Bureau approved Bulletin 1 for the above event.</p>