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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I wanted to provide a short report to you on events since the last Newsletter.

USA

The 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships at Zephyrhills, Florida were completed in just two days of good weather. The final round of Zone Accuracy was conducted with a solid downwind component making for very difficult conditions for most competitors. The competitors' meeting at the conclusion of competition led to a number of recommendations to the CP Committee which I trust will be considered at the coming Plenary meeting. It was also pleasing to see the competitors' support for IPETA proceeding with its efforts to establish a CP tour.

The 1st World Cup of Indoor Skydiving in Austin Texas provided a very interesting display of FS (open, women and VFS) as well as the Artistic Events of Freestyle and Freefly.

Both events were attended by the USA NAC's (NAA) President and CEO, Jonathan Gaffney, who put into words the emotions felt by many while watching the two Junior 4 way teams and the Junior Freestyle competitors, ranging in ages from 12 to 14. This indeed was a historic first for IPC not only in conducting a Wind Tunnel event but also being able to provide a First Category Event for those too young to jump from aircraft. The future direction for the Indoor Skydiving discipline within the IPC framework is likely to be a subject of some debate at the coming Plenary. I would therefore urge Delegates to discuss this issue with their respective organisations, prior to attending the Plenary meeting in Bulgaria.

I wish to thank the USPA for supporting my participation in Florida. In the days between events I was able to conduct productive meetings with IPETA Directors, Marylou Laughlin and John Smyth, as well as meeting with Edward "Bushman" Anderson on establishing the basics for future IPETA progress such as a web presence, brochures etc. I was also fortunate in being present at the presentation of the USPA Gold Parachuting Medal to Roger Ponce de Leon by IPC President of Honour, B.J. Worth.

Following the indoor skydiving event in Texas, and with the assistance of friends in Arizona, I met with IPC President of Honour Jacques Istel at his home in Felicity. Jacques was responsible for establishing the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal with an endowment to support the provision of the medal.

WAG 2015 Planning

The recent election of Gillian Rayner and Niels-Christian Levin Hansen to the FAI Executive Board, along with the CIVL President Agust Gamundsson, will bring a new view of air sports experience and direction to the FAI Executive Board. At the same time, IPC will need to find new persons for the Bureau next Plenary meeting.

Among her many IPC responsibilities, 1st V-P, Gill Rayner has been the IPC's WAG Liaison Officer. To ensure continuity, I will accompany Gill to the planning meetings being conducted during DIPC 5 in the coming days. I am very thankful to the President of the Emirates Aerosport Federation, Mr. Nasser Al Neyadi and the Vice President of the Emirates Aerosport Federation, Mr. Yousif Hassan Al Hammadi, for once again kindly inviting me to attend the DIPC.

Plenary

I hope to see many of you in Varshets, Bulgaria at the next IPC Plenary. Please register now if you have not yet already done so.

IPETA Directors

There will be an open discussion session and the AGM for IPETA during the course of the IPC Plenary 2015. Election of Directors will also take place and interested persons are invited to nominate prior to the meeting. Nominations may be sent directly to me at any time.

Graeme Windsor
President IPC

2. IPC PLENARY MEETING 2015 – AGENDA

The 2015 Plenary Meeting shall be similar to those of previous years. The Bureau, Committee and Working Group Chairs and the CISM Representative, where possible, shall arrive on the Monday 26 January, for Bureau and Extended Bureau Meetings on Tuesday 27 January. Delegates arrive on Tuesday 27 January. The Open Meetings shall commence on the morning of Wednesday 28 and continue until Thursday 29. Friday 30 is available for Closed Committee and Working Group meetings, so that changes can be finalised for the Plenary Meeting. The Plenary Meeting will commence on the morning of Saturday 31 January and will continue on Sunday 1 February.

There has been some confusion by the entry in the Plenary Bulletin that Sunday is the departure day. Sunday IS the departure day – after the Plenary is concluded. It would be impossible, under the present system, to conduct a Plenary in one day only. While the aim is to finish the Plenary by midday Sunday, and that has been the case for many years, that can never be guaranteed.

If anyone wishes to fly from Sofia on Sunday 1 February, they are advised to try to get a late evening flight.

The Meetings Schedule has been sent to Delegates and is also posted on the website. The agenda and annexes will be available on the website on 17 December 2014.

3. CISM NEWS

38th CISM World Military Parachuting Championship WMPC Solo, Indonesia –
17-28 Sep 2014

38th WMPC came to a successful end in spite of the high winds that made accuracy jumping inside the stadium and also on the alternate dropzone at Solo international airport very difficult. It was a very rare experience to have a 737 airliner circling above the target area for some five holding rounds while the jump helicopter continued dropping accuracy landing competitors.



During 38th WMPC two CISM records were broken, junior female style 8,04 sec by Viktorya Saldatava/BLR and 4way female formation skydiving with 32 points by USA team. Results, photos and short daily reports from Solo are available on the CISM website - <http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/38wmcparachuting/>

I want to use this opportunity to thank BG Sodik and his KomiTNI staff for the outstanding hospitality all participants experienced in Indonesia and for all his efforts for CISM parachuting.

6th MWG & 39th WMPC 2015 –Pohang Korea Rep.

6th MWG & 39th WMPC 2015 presentation slides are attached to open CPC meeting minutes (CISM parachuting website <http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/parachuting>)
The full MWG invitation file for all sports is available at <http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/invitation-file> for download you will need the usual cism password.

Schedule 39th WMPC 2015:

- 29 Sep – 01 Oct Arrival days and optional training jump
- 02 Oct Last training jump and official opening ceremony in Mungyeong/KOR
- 03 Oct- 09 Oct Competition days (7 days)
- 10 Oct Reserve competition day (only for minimum rounds or tie-break jumps)
- 11 Oct Official closing ceremony
- 12 Oct Departure

The 2nd Preliminary Entry is due **15th March 2015** and **has to include the name of a valid parachuting judge**. “No judge-no team” rule applies and no parachuting entry without a judge will be accepted.

Other CISM activities 2015

CISM Accuracy Landing Tournament in Poland end of July 2015
CISM Formation Skydiving Tournament in Switzerland 13th -16th September 2015

CISM Parachuting Regulations 2015

Some changes have been made in order to reduce IPC/CISM differences in judging and scoring but it is not possible to synchronize IPC and CISM rules completely (e.g. protest and jury procedures)
CISM will not impose any additional technical and financial burden on the organizer (e.g. for a camera system that controls an electronic measurement system or supervises the judges' work)
The 2015 CISM Parachuting rules are available for download at <http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/parachuting>

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4. TECHNICAL & SAFETY

The Technical & safety Committee, to complete the 2013 safety Report, for presentation to the upcoming Plenary Meeting, now **URGENTLY** needs the 2013 Safety Reports from those countries which have not yet sent them. Delegates and Technical & Safety Officers are asked to please complete the form for the 2013 Safety Survey and return it immediately to lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie
The finalised report will be sent to all countries, by e-mail, and a CD with the report will be given to Delegates at the Plenary Meeting.

5. 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.

# 40/2014	17 Nov 2014	<p>Subject - Return of deposit, 1st FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, held at Austin, Texas, USA, 11 – 16 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - Following a positive Final Jury Report, stating</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In our opinion the FCE has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules 2. In our opinion, the Organiser has meet all contractual commitments 3. All protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public. 4. The final results have been verified and are valid. <p>the Bureau was asked to consider the refunding of the Deposit paid.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau, in light of the positive Final Jury Report, agreed to the return of the actual amount paid into the IPC account at FAI. (There had been a lesser amount, than what was required, paid, and this was being investigated by the Organiser).</p>
#41/2014	18 Nov 2014	<p>Subject – Return of deposit, 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, held at Zephyr Hills, Florida, USA, held 01 – 08 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - Following a positive Final Jury Report, stating</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In our opinion the FCE has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules 2. In our opinion, the Organiser has meet all contractual commitments 3. There were no protests to be dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public. 4. The final results have been presented by the Chief Judge, Anders Berggren, to the Jury, they have been verified and declared to be valid. <p>the Bureau was asked to consider the refunding of the Deposit paid.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau, in light of the positive Final Jury Report, agreed to the return of the Deposit.</p>
#42/2014	22 Nov 2014	<p>Subject - Proposed provision of a loan of US\$3,500 from IPC funds to IPETA.</p> <p>Details - The IPETA Board had agreed to accept a quotation from Mr Edward "Bushman" Anderson to create a web site and promotional materials for IPETA. The quote was in the region of US\$3500. This agreement was made in preparation for an attendance at the SportAccord convention last year. Unfortunately, agreement from the FAI president and EB arrived too late to make the exercise viable at that time. Preparations are now underway for a presence at the next SportAccord convention. President Graeme Windsor, on a recent trip to US, in dialogue with Mr Edward "Bushman" Anderson and Ms Marylou Laughlin agreed that IPETA needs to avail of any upcoming opportunity. Ms Marylou Laughlin agreed to see this project through.</p> <p>IPETA has not had the funds voted by IPC transferred into its bank account and there has been a reluctance to transfer funds until such time as IPETA has a Finance Director and procedures in place.</p> <p>In the meantime, to proceed, it was proposed that IPETA be given a loan from IPC funds.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau agreed to the provision of the loan of US\$3,500 from IPC funds to IPETA.</p>