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This past year 2017 has been a very active and intense year for the IPC. We held Parachuting and Indoor Skydiving World Championships in all our disciplines with great success and without any noticeable problem in any of them. We actively took part in FAI General Conference, CISM World Military Parachuting Championship and in Asiana International Parachuting Championships. We held Judges Courses in all disciplines where many new Judges obtained their FAI Judge rating. And as a highlight of the competitions for the year, we took part in a very successful World Games edition in Poland. I am happy and proud to report that we have achieved all the objectives that I, as IPC President, had proposed for 2017, as you will read in the following report

Thanks to all our volunteers working for the benefit of IPC in all the official positions, from FAI Controller, Jury, Chief Judges, Judges, Media Reporter, Meet director, Scorer or simply helping out because all of them made it possible. And also many thanks to all the event organizers and NAC's that made the effort of hosting our events.

2017 ACTIVITIES

This report had to wait up to the deadline for the Agenda this year to be finished. The last FCE of the 2017-season, the Canopy Piloting World Cup 2017 in Dubai, UAE just ended with the closing ceremony – one day before the Agenda deadline. This event was a good example of the intention to have IPC-Bureau representation at every IPC First Category Event.

To achieve this IPC Bureau members were assigned to representative tasks whenever possible, be it as FAI Controller, Jury members, Judges, Chief of Judge Training or as Media Liaison Officer. I am proud to report, that this system worked fine as shown in the attendance list of competitions for 2017 below.

The most positive and clear outcome of this action is the money saved on representation tasks.

Competitions and other activities 2017 with IPC-Bureau representation:

Event	Location	Date	IPC-Bureau-Representation
16 th World Para-Ski Championships, St. Johann, AUT		07-12-03-2017	Dr.Rainer EXI Hoenle Principal Judge Susan Dixon Media Liaison Officer
40 th CISM World Military Parachuting Championship 2017	Soest, GER	13-07-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Org. invited IPC-Representative, own expenses
World Games Event 2017	Wroczlaw, POL	18-23-07-2017	Alberto Martin Paracuellos Meet Director Dr.Rainer EXI Hoenle Chief Judge
WCp/EPC 2017 FS, AE, CF, SP 2017 Saarlouis, GER		06-13-08-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Meet Director Alberto Martin Paracuellos FAI Controller Patrice Giradin Jury President Susan Dixon Media Liaison Officer

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9th FAI European AL-ST Championships 2017 6th FAI European Junior AL-ST Championships	Podgorica, MNE	21-31-08-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Additional judge own expenses/invited Susan Dixon Media Liaison Officer
2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships	Laval, Montreal, CAN	18-23-10-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Principal FS Judge
111th FAI General Conference	Lausanne, SUI	23-28-10-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle ASC Commission President (IPC)
6th FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships	Overton, NV, USA	01-09-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Jury President Susan Dixon Jury member Media Liaison Officer
18th ASIANIA International Parachuting Championships 2017	Ji'An, CHN	18-23-11-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Chief of Judge Training CF
9th World Cup in Canopy Piloting	Dubai, UAE	25-30-11-2017	Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle Chief of Judge Training CP Alberto Martin Paracuellos Jury Member Peter Pfalzgraf Jury Member Susan Dixon Media Liaison Officer

IPC-Bureau Activities in 2017

IBD (Interim Bureau Decisions)

The IPC-Bureau during 2017 made 8 IBD decisions, which have been published on the web-site and are listed in a separate annex. It was my policy to avoid unnecessary IBD by simply applying the rules and avoiding repetition of them in IBD's

Refund of Deposits:

The IPC-Bureau was able to apply SC 5, 4.7.2 (6) regulation, on the basis of the Jury Reports, to refund the Deposit for all IPC/FAI events to all the 2017 organisers. They were all refunded in full. This procedure proved to be an efficient form of speeding up the payback-process. But unfortunately, not always. The fact, that IPC is still unable to directly transfer any amount from the IPC account, led to some delays and complaints from organizers, who had to wait for their money longer than necessary. In my view, this must improve and it could be improved if IPC is allowed and receives the possibility to be in charge of the refund transfer of the Deposits directly. We have already initiated contacts with FAI office to try to improve the refund procedures and our accounting in general. **Annex 1.1** - All FCE events: The Final page of the Jury Reports.

Record approval activities on the right path.

During our plenary meeting last year a new system to ratify competition records was implemented. In 2017 the process of the direct ratification of World and Continental Competition Records picked up speed during the year and culminated in a record ratification time of less than a week for Canopy Piloting records from Dubai. We are happy to see that the athletes are becoming more aware of the benefits of this program and I am happy to report, that in the meantime we even have Continental Competition Record holders in South America in Canopy Formation (Argentina) and in Canopy Piloting (Brazil). My personal thanks go to Christine Rousson, to Visa-Matti and to RCO Randy Connell, who can give details in his report.

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I have not done the statistics about how many records have been ratified since the direct application process has been introduced last year, but in Canopy Piloting alone this year 25 WR or Continental Records have been applied at FAI. A plus of 2000 CHF for FAI, savings of 3000 CHF for the NACs/athletes and most importantly not losing a record ratification and recognition due to not completing the paperwork in time. If I may say so, my gut feeling is that we gained about three times more record ratifications, especially in the younger events like Wingsuit Flying and Indoor Skydiving. Randy Connell will deliver more details in his report.

FAI & IPC Activities.

During 2017 we directed our attention to interesting and promising initiatives for an international presence of our Sport on another level other than our conventional platform of World Championships, Continental Championships and World Cups. We have initiated contacts to actively participate in events happening in Asia and South America. Our close collaboration with FAI will lead us into new formats more appealing to both the media and the competitors. With media attention comes sponsorship.

I am convinced that we must pay attention to these activities and must assist these efforts in widening the platform so that Continental Championships will be hosted in the near future also outside of Europe. Markus Haggeneby from FAI has visited Wuhan, China, a very potent candidate for presenting Parachuting and Skydiving, Outdoor and Indoor as well. Myself, I was in Ji'An at the ASIANIA championships and there are open doors for our engagement there also.

World Air Games.

IPC 1st Vice President Patrice Girardin will be in the lead to present proceedings of activities for World Air Games in 2019 and about efforts spearheaded by France in connection with the Paris Olympics and possibilities for being involved as a newcomer presentation event.

Indoor, Outdoor, Parachuting, Skydiving et al.

The increasing number of windtunnels around the globe and the sheer interest of organisers in hosting events is an indication that we need to widen our views. We need to start thinking globally and in new and appealing structures by setting up a series of competitions, which are based on the continents as qualifiers, to participate on a global scale for a final tournament, pretty much as it is practiced in the FIFA with soccer.

FAI Swooping Freestyle World Championships Series.

We are all aware of a CP Freestyle Swooping competition that has been taking place in Copenhagen for the past 3 years. The event Organizer is a company called ASports and had approached FAI with the vision to promote its event into a FAI sanctioned series of events aimed at present World Champions in Swooping Freestyle.

ASports expressed their willingness to reach an agreement for competitions, based on the basic principles of FAI sanctioned competitions; All competitors must hold a FAI Sporting Licence, thus approved by their NAC, athletes selection based on a ranking list, FAI judges, FAI-Controller/Jury President. The negotiations between FAI and ASports led to an agreement for a runner-up event in 2017 with a perspective for a series of events the following years, in which World Swooping Freestyle Champions will be awarded applying a ranking point system for the series.

Anyone that followed the event must concede that the Swooping Freestyle presentation is a highly visible professional promotion of our sport at the highest level. The CP Committee Chair will update us on the situation.

IPETA planning for closure.

Last year the Plenary took the first step to recover the loan given to IPETA for IPC, but during the year concerns appeared that a bankrupt company may make the Board of Directors of IPETA financially responsible.

On the other hand, FAI as owner of the company has requested an official mandate from the IPC Plenary to close the company. The members of the IPETA Board of Directors have been asked to remain in their

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position until the closure is legally accomplished and the financial status can be cleared. According to the Company Secretary and accountant Gail Bradley the account balance in the IPETA account is approximately 27.000,00 EUR. The plenary will be asked to continue with the plan to terminate IPETA and recover the loan as soon as possible.

IPC Finances

At the FAI GC in Lausanne it was also mentioned, that FAI closed its financial year with a deficit. Deliberations were made, that Air Sport Commission funds may be a future tool to balance the deficit of FAI accounts with ASC money. Buzz Bennett, member of the finance working will report about FAI funding explicitly. So far, cooperation between FAI and IPC is standing on a firm mutual platform of appreciation and respect, both professionally and personally. Let us see, if this is still the case in the future.

It is apparent, that we need to have a close look at our financial power and must think harder on how to feed our money back to the ones who are filling our funds: the competitors. I am in favour of reducing the Sanction fee per competitor from 90 EUR to 60 EUR with the limitation of keeping a fund of 20.000,00 EUR as a reserve. The IPC Finance Committee will be tasked to investigate the possibilities.

Future Objectives

For the next year we have exciting times coming. We look forward to continuing the work started during the past couple of years. We will continue to work closely with FAI to increase the collaboration between the two bodies, with the help of the FAI Secretary General and all the staff at FAI headquarters. We will continue to increase the presence of IPC in all the continents, participating actively in the promotion of our sport by helping all NAC's and organizers. We are already working hard with the Turkish NAC preparing the WAG. By meeting our objectives in the WG we have proved to the IWGA and the IOC that our Federation is a strong union with a lot of experience in organizing events and with reliable man power capable of meeting our commitments. We have opened the door for the Olympic dream and will work closely with the French Parachuting Federation in our common goal.

My thanks go to my appreciated members and colleagues in the IPC Bureau 2017, that is Patrice Girardin, IPC 1st Vice-President, Ronald Overdijk IPC Vice-President, Alberto Martin Paracuellos, IPC Vice-President, Peter Pfalzgraf, IPC Finance Secretary and IPC Recording Secretary Susan Dixon.

Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle

IPC President

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