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PG AEROBATIC COMMITTEE REPORT

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Here's a short summary of the season.

WAG Dubai

For all pilots invited to the competition a fantastic experience, for myself as a Meet Director for Aerobatics an awful experience with the FAI high officials. The discipline was totally ignored by the local organizer during the games but at a later stage the impressive videos and pictures have been noticed and highly appreciated.

2nd Category competitions

Four in the whole season, two of which counted for APWT, but the first one was cancelled due to poor weather and the second one had just two solo and one synchro runs completed also due to poor weather.

1st Category competition

Finally, ten years after, the 2nd World Paragliding Aerobatic Championship took place at Lake Annecy, France. Seven great days of flying, seven solo and seven synchro runs. A huge success from all angles. I admit that after what happened at the WAG my motivation was highly affected and I was really close to give up and rid myself of it all. I finally decided to fully commit myself only for respect towards pilots and towards the organizers who did a truly remarkable job. The event had a tremendous media exposure thanks to the outstanding job of the communication team.

The Future

Well, I don't see any great future. Only two organizers (both in Italy) announced that they might organize a 2nd Category APWT competition in 2017. No 1st Category event planned or expected until 2020. I don't trust FAI anymore, plenty of words, plans and requests to provide event projects during the last years, which I did, but finally nothing becomes solid and all seems to be empty words.