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## **INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMITTEE CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018**

During this year 2018 we held two major events in Canopy Piloting, the 7<sup>th</sup> FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships 2018 and the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships 2018 held in Wroclaw, Poland from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July to the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, and the FAI Swoop Challenge series with two events in Copenhagen, Denmark on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August and in San Diego, USA on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

The CP World Championships took place in the Szymanów Airfield, Poland. The Airfield had hosted the Test Event and the World Games the previous years and this year, after all the experience gained, the event was managed at the highest level. 85 competitors from 27 Nations attended the 7<sup>th</sup> CP World Championships and 56 competitors from 20 Nations participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> World CP Freestyle Championship 2018. Both events were completed in time without any problems or delays. The Meet Director Björn Korth did an extraordinary job taking advantage of all the opportunities to jump despite the winds and the tight schedule to allow the Freestyle jumpers to be able to perform the training jumps. There were some minor issues regarding the judging and the posting of the official scores which I am sure the Judges Committee will address. Dr. Rainer "Exi" Hoenle held a Judges training course during the event. The Airfield Director Marek Józwicki again did an extraordinary job attracting media and public to the event with over 10.000 spectators on the opening ceremony and live coverage on local and national TV stations for the freestyle event.

During the Competition 7 new World and Continental Records were set,

1. World Female, Carved Speed 70m, 2.273 s Cornelia Mihai UAE
2. Asian, Carved Speed 70m, 2.273 s Cornelia Mihai UAE
3. Africa, Carved Speed 70m, 2.404 s, Christopher Teague RSA
4. S. America, Carved Speed 70m, 2.239 s, Arthur Carneiro Lima BRA
5. European, Carved Speed 70m, 2.173 s, Cédric Veiga Rios FRA
6. N. America, Drag Distance 50m 144.96 m, Nicolas J. Batsch USA
7. N. America, Drag Distance 50m 160.21 m, Nicolas J. Batsch USA

69<sup>th</sup> FAI/IPC PLENARY MEETING, LILLE, FRANCE, 26 - 27 JANUARY 2019

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There was a competitor's meeting at the end of the competition. The Committee has discussed the proposals and they will be dealt with in the Open Meeting.

The second Competition that was held this year was the FAI World Freestyle Swoop Challenge which this year had two stops. The two events in Copenhagen, Denmark on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August and in San Diego, USA on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September were both a huge success. Last year A. Sports CEO George Blythe presented the event to the plenary and this year delivered as promised. Both events were attended by members of the Bureau and IPC officials in different capacities and all agreed that the concept is working extraordinarily and advice that IPC continue to collaborate with A. Sports, organizer of the Swoop Challenge series. The event has proven to be one of the best presentations of our sport to the public and I am convinced it will continue to grow in the next years.

The 10<sup>th</sup> FAI CP World Cup 2019 was approved last year during the plenary and will take place in Skydive Pretoria RSA from November the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> FAI CP WC and the 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI CP Freestyle will take place with the Mondial in Tanay, Rusia. We expect an update from both organizers.

There is no Bid in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI CP Freestyle Cup 2019. Any last minute BID could be considered by the plenary.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their work and support throughout the year, Agnieszka Solomon, Deputy Chair (POL), Björn Korth (GER), Jasper Williams (RSA), Philippe Schorno (FRA), Ian Bobo (USA), Marylou Laughlin (USA), Greg Windmiller (USA), Mike Teague (RSA) and advisors Nina Engel (GER) and Rainer "Exi" Hoenle (GER).

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