INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMITTEE
CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

During this year 2016 we held two major events in Canopy Piloting, the World Games Test Event held in Wroclaw, Poland from the 27th of June to the 3rd of July, and the 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championship held in Farnham, Canada.

The World Games test event took place in the Szymanów Airfield, venue site for the World Games this year. Our IPC World Games Liaison Officer, Elisabet Mikaelsson will report on both the test event and the upcoming World games. The test event went well, it was a small competition but thanks to the Alter Ego team, that held a training camp the previous days attracting local competitors, we were able to properly test our capacity to operate in conjunction with the other two Airsports selected by the World Games Association to participate in this edition of the World Games. I believe that IPC proved that we can run a good public-attractive event with the other two airsports. During the previous days we also held a workshop hosted by FAI Sports & Events Director, Markus Haggeney to coordinate and make sure that all three air sports would take advantage of the available time and gain from our mutual understanding. The Pond is state of the art and the airfield manager Marek Jozwicki is a capable and willing leader. The Technical Course Director, Jasper Williams and the Chief Judge Björn Korth and the panel of Judges did an outstanding job and I can only add that everything is ready for this year’s edition of the World Games. The CP committee is proud to represent IPC in the WG and I am convinced that it will be a good event.

The 6th FAI World CP Championship took place in Farnham Canada from August the 20th to the 26th, 82 competitors from 23 Nations attended the World Championships. The Host Martin Lemay and Parachutisme Nouvel Air did everything possible to look after the competitors making everybody feel welcome and at home. Unfortunately the weather did not collaborate and it was only possible to complete one round in accuracy and one in speed. The Overall medals were not awarded nor the Distance Event medals. It was a strange situation when the accuracy medals were awarded and there were 2 gold and 4 silver medalists on the podium due to ties. It was detected prior to the start of the competition that the course markers provided were not according to the rules, they were the only ones available so it was decided to use them

but that no records could be achieved during this competition. There were also other unacceptable mistakes in the course set up which needed to be corrected as soon as they were made evident. There were also some friendly decisions which were questioned. The Chief Judge Björn Korth did an outstanding job handling all the rejumps due to bad weather.
There was a competitor’s meeting at the end of the competition. The changes to the 2016 rules were explained and discussed. They were all well accepted. Lessons learnt from this competition prompt some small rule changes that were suggested to the competitors present.

The summary of the proposed changes is included in the Open Meeting Agenda and will be explained in detail to the plenary. The 2017 CP Rules that will be presented for plenary approval are the result of this.

The 9th FAI World Cup in CP was approved last year during the plenary and will take place in Dubai, UAE from November the 28th to December the 1st. We expect an update from the organizer and remind the plenary that a Judges Course was offered.

The World Games will take place in Wroclaw, Poland from July the 19th to the 24th. Invitations have been sent to the Competitors and all 36 selected athletes have accepted. The competition will include the freestyle event. The IPC WG Liaison Elisabet Mikaelsson will update any information available.

We already have a Bid for the 7th World CP Championship 2018 from Poland. The dates are from July the 1st to the 8th in Wroclaw Airfield. The Polish Delegate will present the BID.

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) and Mike Teague (RSA)

Alberto Martin Paracuellos,
Chair, Canopy Piloting Committee

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IPC CANOPY PILOTING OPEN MEETING AGENDA

1. - Opening by the CP Committee Chair.
2. - Composition of the Committee
3. - Annual Report
5. - Report on World Games Test Event
6. - Report on 9th World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2017
7. - Report on the World Games 2017 in Poland
8. - Rule changes for the 2016 Competition Rules
9. - Introduction of Swoop Freestyle World Series
10. - Future Competitions, Bid from Poland for 2018
11. - Any other business
1. 5.4 OFFICIAL PRACTICE PERIOD. Make at least one training jump mandatory for all competitors.
2. 5.5 JUMP ORDER AND EXIT ASSIGNMENT. National CP teams do not need to be grouped together.
3. 9 DETERMINATION OF CHAMPIONS. A valid competition with 2 valid events instead of all events.
4. F.3 ZONE ACCURACY COURSE. Modify the value of the zones to avoid ties.
5. A.6.2 COURSE MARKERS. Better define the markers and other equipment on the course.
6. Better define the safety procedures and the procedure for closing the course.
7. 6.8 CALCULATION OF POINTS. Implement new calculation procedure to convert to points, avoiding % calculations.
8. ADDENDUM D: Define material to be used in the accuracy landing pit.
9. SC 5. Reduce the number of Judges by allowing the Chief Judge to use assistants from the Organization.
10. 6. SCORING. Define a Default Result for those competitors that do not make a minimum distance.
11. 5.2 EXIT ALTITUDE. Modify exit altitude to accommodate to slower opening canopies.