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## **INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMITTEE CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015**

I would like to start my report by remembering those who have left us during the past year. We have had to regret the loss of friends to all of us and especially to the CP Community. I must make a special mention to Jessica Edgeington and Jan Andersson.

Two First Category Events have been held in Canopy Piloting during 2015. The World Air Games 2015 held in Dubai from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of December, and the 8<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting held in Farnham Canada.

The WAG Dubai 2015 will take place after I finish this annual report and we will have a report from the Chief Judge Dr. Rainer "Exi" Hoenle to present during the Open Meeting in Frankfurt. Due to the experience of the Organizer and the IPC Staff in the event we expect it to be a great competition for both the competitors and the Public.

The 8<sup>th</sup> FAI WC CP and the 4<sup>th</sup> European Championships in CP took place in Farnham Canada from August the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. 76 competitors from 19 countries attended the world Cup and 45 Competitors from 13 Countries were classified in the European Championship. The Competition was well managed and all rounds were completed. Chief Judge Björn has presented a report which highlights the deficiencies encountered specially with the 2014 rules which had to be amended by the Jury.

The year 2015 has been a difficult year for the Committee. We have worked hard and long on our rules with very frustrating results. I will make a short summary of the events as they happened which will help to understand the current situation.

The 2015 rules were presented by the former chair to the plenary during the IPC meeting in Bulgaria last year. The modifications were explained, voted and approved but since they had a poor format presentation the final approval was delayed and the Bureau was tasked with its approval once the rules were brought up to an IPC/FAI standard. Two NACs sent letters of concern to the Bureau since they did not agree to the approval of the rules arguing that not all the CP Committee had agreed to the new rule changes. The Former chair proved that in fact there had been an agreement to the rule changes. This delays the approval until the Bureau midterm meeting. By this time the rules had suffered a complete overhaul done by Elijah Florio from the USA who did an outstanding job.

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This new set of rules is approved by the CP Committee but not by the Bureau due to a technical issue, (The rules did not have highlighted sidelines reflecting the changes approved) The Bureau decides not to approve the 2015 rules and that the 2015 World Cup would be run under the 2014 rules. After the WC there is a Competitors' meeting with very valuable input. The rules are now handed to a third party for a new overhaul which includes all the requests from the competitor's meeting. The committee is forced to accept these changes in the rules without plenary approval in order to have a new set of rules for the WAG instead of running the biggest and most important FAI event ever with a set of rules proven to be outdated. The Bureau finally approves these 2015 WAG rules in November. This has given us the opportunity to test these rules during the WAG and to obtain more valuable feedback from the Competitors and Judges.

The 2016 CP Rules that will be presented for plenary approval are the result of this. They are absolutely up to FAI/IPC standard and reflect the changes presented last year and also include input from the competitor's meeting during the World Cup. The summary of the changes is included in the Open Meeting Agenda and will be explained to the plenary.

The 6<sup>th</sup> FAI World Championships in CP was approved last year during the plenary and will take place in Farnham, Canada from August the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. We expect an update from the organizer.

The World Games will take place in Poland in 2017 and there will be a test event during 2016. At this point in time the Committee does not have knowledge of any Bid for the 2017 World Cup and encourages potential Bidders to come forward.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their hard work and support throughout the year, Jacqui Coetze, Deputy Chair (RSA), Björn Korth (GER), Jasper Williams (RSA), Philippe Schorno (FRA), Ian Bobo (USA), Marylou Laughlin (USA) and Greg Windmiller (USA) and very specially the late Jan Andersson (FIN).

**Alberto Martin Paracuellos,  
Chair, Canopy Piloting Committee**

20 November 2015

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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
- 4.- Report on 8<sup>th</sup> World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2015
- 5.- Report on WAG Dubai 2015
- 6.- Report on 6<sup>th</sup> World Canopy Piloting Championship 2016
- 7.- Report on the World Games 2017 in Poland
- 8.- Rule changes for the 2016 Competition Rules
- 9.- Future Competitions
- 10.- Any other business

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The 2016 rules have gone through a complete overhaul and reflect all the changes introduced during the 2015 plenary in Bulgaria, and also feed back from the Judges and Competitors.

1. Marker Strike is again introduced into the rules by request from some competitors. The penalty will be a Default Result.
2. Composition of a National Canopy Piloting Team had been introduced in Bulgaria last year.
3. Description of the Standard Competition Formats and the Alternative Competition Formats as introduced in Bulgaria last year.
4. The Standard Drag Distance event had been modified last year introducing a gate at 70m. This rule was questioned during this year and has reverted to a 50m gate as it was in the 2014 rules.
5. For Zone Accuracy the wind limit had been changed from 7 m/s to 5 m/s as presented last year. In Zone Accuracy the wind will be monitored if exceeding 3 m/s.
6. Re-jumps due to wind conditions has been clarified.
7. The scoring in the different event formats has been better defined.
8. All The Zone Accuracy zones are now positive.
9. The calculation of percentage results in speed has been changed from raising to the power of 1.666 to 1.333
10. Combined Champion only awarded if there are 3 valid events.
11. Definition of Combined Team Champion
12. Addendum B Drag Speed 50 meters defined
13. Addendum C Distance course specifications defined.
14. Addendum F.3 shows positive Z8 and Z9
15. G5 in zone Accuracy deleted
16. Addendum G Judging signals simplified
17. Freestyle rules are the same as presented in 2015 which only had housekeeping modifications.