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During this year 2017 we held two major events in Canopy Piloting, the World Games held in Wroclow, Poland from the 18th of July to the 25th of July, and the 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2017 held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The World Games took place in the Szymanów Airfield. After the learning experience from the Test Event the previous year the event ran smoothly. The Competition took place at the same time as the other two airports selected to participate in the WG, Paramotors and Glider Acrobatics. We had agreed on different windows of operation for each of the sports which made it challenging to meet our schedule but in the end it worked well and we were able to complete all the rounds and finish the 4 events. We had 12 rounds and it was the first time that we held freestyle included. It was a great experience to see freestyle and confirm that it is the most media friendly of all our CP events. For the WG we used Intime Scoring system which was specially developed for us in order to accommodate our WG rules and our special requirements regarding presentation. It worked perfectly contributing to a better presentation of our sport. I believe that it was a great event and a success for IPC. All the feed back received from FAI Officials, IWGA and the media were extremely good and we looking forward to participating actively in the next WG in the USA.

The 9th FAI World Cup of CP took place in Dubai, UAE from November the 27th to December the 2nd, 96 competitors from 24 Nations attended the World Cup. The initial Venue Location was changed which caused some controversy and some informal complaints from some competitors and NAC's but in the end all agreed that the new location at the palm DZ was much better than in the desert DZ. The Host had made accommodation arrangements that could not be cancelled and this ment that competitors had to get up very early for the one hour bus ride to be at the drop zone at 7 am. We were allowed to jump only until 11 which at first seemed like not enough time but the organizer managed to run the competition at a fast pace and was even able to offer two additional freestyle rounds which included prize money. 70 competitors took part and showed their skills to the public. The Panel of Judges did an extraordinary job judging every day without a minute to rest.

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There was a competitor's meeting at the end of the competition. For the WG we tested a ranking system which had not been very well accepted and the committee has decided to drop the proposal for the time being and look for other possibilities. During the year there had also been a lively discussion regarding the inclusion of the freestyle event in the overall classification and the competitors were informed that the Committee will not make a proposal in that direction. There was a suggestion to the committee to investigate a two competitor team event.

In regards to the rules the summary of the proposed changes is included in the Open Meeting Agenda and will be explained in detail to the plenary. There are no major changes since this year is a World Championship year and only some minor house-keeping items. The 2018 CP Rules that will be presented for plenary approval are the result of this.

The 7th World CP Championship 2018 was approved last year during the plenary and will take place in Wroclow Poland from from July the 1st to the 8th. We expect an update from the organizer and remind the plenary that a Judges Course was offered.

At this point in time we have knowledge of a possible bid from France for 2019 but the committee has not received any confirmation.

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 Nina Engel (GER)

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