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President's Report to the 2016 Plenary Meeting of the IPC

ACTIVITIES

2015 was another busy year with all IPC disciplines conducting First Category Events, including two firsts:-

1st World Championships of Indoor Skydiving in Prague; and
1st World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying in Netheravon, UK.

I attended all events I possibly could. I was not able to attend the Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing European Championships in Bulgaria as it clashed with the CP World Cup in Farnham, Canada, where I served as Jury President. I was also unable to attend the World Cup and European Championships of Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events and the World Cup of Speed Skydiving, due to other personal commitments, although I was present in the Netherlands just two weeks later for the FAI General Conference in Rotterdam, where IPC Vice-President Ronald Overdijk parachuted into the Conference venue as part of an air sports display.

As I write this report in time for the agenda, I am in Dubai preparing for the 4th FAI World Games, as President of the International Air Sports Board, which has an overall co-ordination function of the WAG Juries and Event Director to ensure the success of the event.

A list of events attended by me, in 2015, as IPC President, is as follows:-

<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Dates 2015</i>
15 th World Para Ski Championships	Unterammegau, Germany	17 – 21 Feb
PIA Symposium and USPA Board meeting	Daytona, Florida	27 Mar – 2 April
1 st World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying	Netheravon, U.K.	25 – 27 May
FAI EB and Air Sport Commission Presidents' Meeting	Lausanne, Suisse	28 – 29 May
IPC Mid-term Bureau Meeting	Netherlands	30 May – 1 Jun
8 th World Cup of Canopy Piloting	Farnham, Canada	23 – 29 August
FAI EB/ASCP meeting, CASI Plenary and FAI General Conference	Rotterdam, Netherlands	22 – 27 Sep
1 st World Championships of Indoor Skydiving	Prague, Czech Rep.	21 – 24 Oct
4 th World Air Games	Dubai	28 Nov – 12 Dec

A review of the Newsletters and the list of Bureau Decisions (listed in Annex 3) since the last Plenary meeting in Varshets, in 2015, is an indicator of the work done during the year by your Bureau.

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Issues that have taken a significant amount of attention include:-

The successful High Altitude Record jump by Alan Eustace, last year, and which is still a matter of contention. The data submitted by the FAI Official Observer and accepted by the FAI as the record differs from that put forward by the NAA (NAC) and the USA National Record.

This issue is ongoing and has resulted not only in an application by the USPA for affiliate membership of FAI, but also an appeal (which was rejected) to an FAI Board of Inquiry, and a subsequent appeal from USPA to the Court of Arbitration in Sport in Lausanne.

Work continues on **Competition Record Automation** whereby the FAI Air Sport General Commission has introduced a measure in the General Section for more automatic recognition of records set at First Category Events, based on the principle that the performances in competition have already been verified by the event Jury and need no further investigation.

Canopy Piloting Competition Rules 2015. The Bureau was charged at the last Plenary session with taking on this responsibility. Competition Rules for the 2015 WAG were agreed and approved in time for use in Dubai WAG.

Skydive TV was approved as IPC's media partner following a very successful and continually improving media coverage of parachuting events.

FAI

Good co-operation continues between IPC and the FAI staff under the leadership of Susanne Schödel. Dealing with the business of 11 Air Sport Commissions as well as the large membership of NACs is certainly not an easy task.

Susanne's first-hand knowledge and experience of air sport operations is certainly helpful in dealing with issues that arise.

The appointment of Markus Haggney as FAI's Sports and Marketing Director has also been a welcome initiative, and with these people in the FAI office, and new faces on the Executive Board, I hold positive expectations for the future of international air sports. The advent of a World Air Games has certainly impacted on the demands of FAI staff. The experiences of this will hopefully be put to good use in the future.

IPC Financial Secretary Doris Merz-Hunziker has developed a good working relationship with the FAI office and this is contributing to a better outcome on payment of IPC officials' reimbursement claims. IPC is still unable to operate its own account so very little has been achieved with efficiencies in this regard. The appointment of a new Finance Director and a Finance Advisory Group has resulted in a better presentation of FAI accounts at the FAI General Conference.

RECORDS

One of the initiatives of the new FAI Secretary-General was to appoint an external consultant (Randy Connell from USPA) to assist in dealing with a large backlog of record claims in the FAI office. This was a very welcome and productive exercise.

Following a request from the FAI office to provide an IPC Records Liaison Officer, Randy accepted an appointment to this post by the Bureau.

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Presentation

Last year I reported that presentation remained a challenging issue for IPC First Category Events. Live streaming of the 1st World Championships of Indoor Skydiving, Prague, has been a good example of what can be done. This is a matter for each Competition Committee to keep firmly in its sights.

Most disciplines need to work more on bringing results to the competitors as well as the viewing public, as they occur.

In today's world of advanced communication technology, the publication of results and video performances is a goal on which IPC should focus more energy. The last WPC in CP provided results, as soon as they had been assessed, over the DZ wifi to mobile devices and stationary TV screens.

IPETA

IPETA is an FAI-owned company operated by IPC for the purpose of establishing professional world skydiving tours and events. The company is supported entirely by the FAI International Parachute Commission as an investment project designed to bring lasting benefit to FAI international parachuting.

During 2015 Marylou Laughlin was appointed to the position of Tours and Events Director, and Finance Director Gail Bradley has also taken on the role of Company Secretary following the resignation of Richard 'Buzz' Bennett. The company's registered office is now co-located with the company accountants, Haines Watts in the UK, for a minimal fee.

My presentation to the Parachute Industry Symposium provided an ideal opportunity to disseminate information among the skydiving community of the future development of international competition tours. The company remains ready to capitalise on opportunities as they arise, not only in Canopy Piloting, but also, as interest increases, in other disciplines such as Indoor Skydiving.

Interestingly, the FAI General Conference has adopted a proposal emanating from the FAI EB to develop a World Air Sports Series, a parallel path to that on which IPETA is working.

During the course of this 2016 Plenary, Delegates will have the chance to attend the Annual General Meeting of IPETA, and subsequently to appoint the five Directors from IPC to the IPETA Board to join the two nominated by FAI. Nominations have been called for through the Newsletter and once again I remind Delegates of this opportunity to be involved in this exciting new development stage of international parachuting competition.

This will be reported on in more detail at the Plenary.

Anti Doping

The need for an out-of-competition testing pool has now been relaxed as FAI has shown a good level of compliance with anti-doping rules. It is important for IPC to continually remind Delegates of the need for athletes to carry Therapeutic Use Exemptions if they require the use of substances, for medical reasons, that are on the anti doping list.

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Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

I should report that once again I have been re-elected President of the Air Sport General Commission. I thank Richard 'Buzz' Bennett who served as 1st Vice President of CASI for the last few years and contributed greatly to a number of CASI projects, including a review of the Sporting Code General Section. Buzz remains in the Air Sport General Commission as the representative for Canada.

Bureau work

I thank all the Bureau members for their continued efforts, through the IPC, to carry out the wishes of the Plenary meeting, and to make the world a better place for skydiving.

IPC Committees and Working groups

I also thank all of IPC's committees and working groups for their diligent efforts during 2015 in looking after the interests of IPC's various disciplines and activities, and for keeping an eye on our strategic objectives, as IPC continues to develop with the emerging challenges of new disciplines and improvements in presentation of existing ones. IPC is very fortunate in having so many enthusiastic people ready to work voluntarily for the benefit of international skydiving.

Conclusion

I would like to send a special message to all those volunteers who contribute to the work of IPC, through participation as competitors, judges, officials or in some other way, which they do willingly because of their love of this wonderful sport. I would also like to thank the FAI office for all its support and its helpful approach.

It has been a real pleasure to work with so many talented people in IPC to achieve so many milestones. These achievements would not have been possible without such a good spirit of teamwork and enthusiasm towards the objectives which are defined in the IPC's Strategic Plan, and I remain very grateful to IPC for developing and adopting it during the early stages of my Presidency.

The IPC Strategic Plan lives and breathes within IPC – an initiative that has served IPC well in driving efforts to make IPC events dynamic and attractive. This has led to continued work on rule harmonisation and clarification, presentation of events and greater public awareness.

A Newsletter now informs delegates of IPC developments between Plenary meetings.

IPC now controls its own company, within FAI, to develop international tours and events designed to generate funds for IPC.

The Mondial concept introduced by my predecessor has been adopted and expanded and has now become a regular feature in the IPC calendar.

I feel fortunate to be part of IPC during the rise in interest from the UAE in skydiving events. This has certainly brought a new element to IPC existence.

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New disciplines added during my term include Speed Skydiving, Wingsuit Performance and Indoor Skydiving. All of these events are growing in popularity. Indoor Skydiving in particular introduces a new element of young people and with the exponential increase in wind tunnels being built around the globe, this event has much potential to contribute to the future development of IPC, with a good possibility for FAI branded pro-tours, which can bring our sport to an even wider global population for flyers of all ages and produce a financial return for IPC.

The organisation is in good financial shape and has a very good base of enthusiastic and talented volunteers, and I am confident international parachuting has a bright future.

I leave IPC feeling happy that this has been part of my life for about 25 years and as President since January 2007. I will miss the many friends I have made during that period, whom I will probably not see quite as often as I wind back my involvement. I intend to remain around FAI for a while as CASI President and will be available to help FAI and IPC in any way I can if needed.

Graeme Windsor
1 December 2015