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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

1. The 2014 Safety Report was compiled. The T&S Committee is grateful for the work of ASIANIA and COLPAR in encouraging countries in their regions to participate in the Safety Survey. The report is on the CD being distributed at the Plenary Meeting, and the report will be e-mailed to all countries on the T & S e-mail lists.
2. The Data Collection Tool (DCT) is available for use, but has not and is not been utilized. There needs to be discussion on the future for this tool and whether it is of value having it if it is not going to be used.
3. Three Information Notices were issued during the year, regarding Parachutes de France reserve containers, single and dual IN No.50), and Vortex harness/container systems (IN No.51) and Vigil AAD cutters (IN No.52).
4. Changes in European Union law have resulted, in some countries, in the national aviation authorities having no further involvement in parachuting operations, while retaining involvement/oversight of **parachuting aircraft operations**. Parachutists are now regarded, in these countries, as 'task specialists' and the clubs or centres have the ordinary legal obligations and duty of care to all who partake of the activity provided or enter the premises.
5. The FAI Safety Expert Group (SEG) established in 2012 by FAI, has not been active during the year.
6. The IPC Certificate of Proficiency is popular in some countries and others are constantly examining the possibility of using the system.
- 7.. The IPC T&S CD being distributed at the Plenary meeting has these items:
 - *Safety Report for 2014 and Power Point Presentation of same.*
 - *The three Information Notices distributed in 2015.*
 - *The 2015 Safety Survey Form and related notes*

I thank the T & S Committee Members and Advisors, and those who responded to the T&S survey in 2015.

Their important input makes it possible for the T&S Committee to produce valuable safety material.

Blue skies

Gustavo Eduardo Reyes

T & S Committee Chair

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FRANKFURT, GERMANY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2016

AGENDA

TECHNICAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE 2015

Chair Gustavo Eduardo Reyes
Deputy Chair John Hitchen
Members Alberto Martin Paracuellos
 Faye Cox
 Jacqui Coetzee
 Frederic Bourinet
 Jiri Blaska
 István Sipos
 Liam McNulty

- 1. Review of T & S work in 2015**
- 2. Safety Survey and Report for 2014**
- 3. Data Collection Tool – status.**
- 4. Suggestions for future work of T & S Committee**
- 5. Any other item raised by attendees**