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## IPC JUDGES COMMITTEE REPORT

## IPC MEETING SOFIA JANUARY 2018

As every year the IPC Judges Committee, that I represent in this institution, reports the activity of its members since the last Plenary.

So it is therefore with pleasure that I bring to the attention of the members of this Assembly and the representatives of IPC Bureau all items related to our activity.

The composition of the Committee remains the same except for the replacement of Lindy Rochow Williams of Australia by Zeljko Tanaskovic, Swedish delegate.

I want to thank Lindy very warmly and affectionately for the many years of service to the IPC on many committees. Her passion for our sport, her constant work, her competence, her kindness and her patience, have been unanimously recognized. I would like to thank her officially.

In the same way, I welcome Zjelko, whose skills everyone knows, and I know that he will be able to integrate perfectly and bring his energy efficiently to our committee.

To end this introduction, thank you to the members of my committee for their effective help, unconditionally to the development of our sport, but also to overcome sometimes my inexperience. Big thanks to all of you.

The activity of our committee is summarised as follows:

- 1- Judging activity at FCEs
- 2- Training courses
- 3- Modification of the regulations
- 4- Library
- 5- Other questions

Judging activity at the FCEs:

After having selected the Chief Judges for the competitions in 2017, the latter have perfectly fulfilled their mission, particularly in Germany, Montenegro, Canada, the United States and the United Arab Emirates. The detailed reports are available to this meeting in the annexes. I thank very sincerely these people who had to form panels of judges sometimes in very difficult conditions. The reasons are multiple and must challenge us. Unavailability of registered judges, absence of selectable judges on the list of possibilities, in certain disciplines with the choice of qualified judges to participate as competitors...

I would also like to call the attention of this assembly to the requests made by the organisers during the competitions in Saarlouis, specifically in CF and AE.

Due to the very small number of teams the organisers have requested and obtained a reduction to the number of judges in these disciplines based on the rules in force at the time of the acceptance of their request. However, these requests were solicited before the expiry of the registration deadline, which disrupted the constitution of the panels of judges.

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I personally thank the Chief Judges involved in these amendments and the judges who have agreed to no longer be selected as a personal decision.

During September the Committee was informed of the resignation of the Chief Judge scheduled for Dubai, impossible to ensure his mission for personal reasons. In accordance with the rules in force, a replacement was selected and his name proposed to the Bureau. Several trips back and forth between the committee and the office were required before the committee selection was accepted. Following this incident, the committee will propose to this assembly a regulatory addendum to cover this exceptional situation.

#### Judging and Scoring Systems:

The judging and scoring systems used were generally satisfactory and attracted no negative remarks. However, the Weckbecker system used during precision landings in Montenegro showed notorious inadequacies. More than 40 re-jumps have been recorded, most for unknown reasons of system failure. To date the company concerned is working to understand these malfunctions and improve the efficiency of these materials. This system will again have to be approved by the Judges Committee and the Discipline Committee to retain its homologation.

A new system was used during the competition at Quebec Canada for the Dynamic: Dynamar system events. It seems to have been satisfactory since its first use two years ago. To date, neither the owner of this system nor the various organisers have applied for approval of this system. This will have to be requested before April 2018 for the competition in Norway.

During the Wing Suit competition at Overton FCE the OmniSkore HD scoring system has been tested, by the provider, Ted Wagner, in working conditions for the Wingsuit Performance Flying event. Three members of the Judges Committee and the Chair and Deputy Chair of the WS Committee were present. At the end of the demonstration, after having received the explanations and necessary insurance, this system has received official approval for Wingsuit Performance Flying event. It was already used for Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying event.

However for all scoring and judging systems we remind providers that results from their systems are the property of the FAI. In order to avoid any future problems, contracts linking providers and FAI/IPC, should clearly mention that the providers must deliver the results during and at the end of the competition in priority to the FAI/IPC. The online sites of the providers could not intervene until after the official end of the competition. Not to respect this clause could result in financial penalties. May be it would be useful to change the Sporting Code section 5 in the Organisation of a FCE.

#### Judges Training Courses

Under the effective guidance of Karla Cole, in charge of Training courses in the Judges Committee, there have been 6 training courses in various disciplines. Welcome to the new FAI judges and special recognition to the Chiefs of Training who have worked effectively for the realisation of these courses. I remind everyone that such training must be conducted according to the criteria laid down in section 5 with use of the videos library as well as the documents made available by Karla. If that is not the case the results could be questionable.

I would also call your attention to the fact that the increase in these courses and thus in the number of FAI Judges can lead to blocking or frustrating situations. In fact certain disciplines attract more and more judges, FS, WS, Speed, and CP for initial qualifications or re qualification. But be aware that the number of judges required for a FCE is clearly defined in Section 5 as well as the number of

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new entrants. This does inevitably lead to frustration or negative situations because some disciplines have only one meet in a year. This reduces automatically the opportunity given to new judges to participate in a FCE in the year following their qualification. The validity is 2 years, so, it's almost automatic when you get your first qualification you should already be thinking about your re qualification within the following two years. The NACS should think particularly about this point.

Modifications of the regulations:  
Resignation of Chief Judge.

FAI Judges Re evaluation. (Webinar : Russian Proposal)

Judges Attendance for FCE

Chief Judge Handbook.

These topics will be dealt with separately.

Library:

Tamara Koyn the video librarian sent to the judges committee her detailed report. It is included in the annexes of IPC Plenary.

We had two meetings with her in order to make this tool even more attractive, accessible and readable. This is ongoing.

The Committee remains available to this Plenary to provide all relevant information.

Before concluding I recommend to all delegates to check the conformity of the references of their FAI judges, by discipline, by qualification and address e mail on the lists of the FAI judges displayed in this room. This is very important for us and especially for Rina Gallo in charge of Judges FAI database. If you do not correctly complete this list your judges may not be selected according to their expressed wishes. Thank you in advance.

Thank you for your attention

Bernard Nicolas Chair of the IPC Judges Committee.

