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Report from the IPC Judge Training Course Coordinator

In 2017 in total 7 FAI Judges Training Courses were organised and additionally reevaluations were organised and ran around the world, either during a Judges Training Course or individually under the supervision of a current FAI Judge in different countries. All courses were taught by current FAI Judges.

Statistics:

Discipline	Courses	Countries
Accuracy Landing and Style	1 course	China
Canopy Piloting	1 course	Dubai
Speed Skydiving	1 course	Germany
Formation Skydiving	2 courses	Germany, China
Canopy Formation	1 course	China
Wingsuit Flying	1 course	USA

Participants	Countries	Pass	%
26 in total	from 13 countries Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Korea, Netherlands, Peru, Sweden, UK, USA	23	88,5%

Our 2nd Chief Judge Training workshop will be run two days prior to the 2018 IPC meeting in Sofia. 18 FAI judges from 9 different countries have already registered for the workshop. With the great help from Ani Stamenova from Bulgeria, we are able to work and stay in the same hotel as where the IPC meeting is being held.

It will be great to have so many Chief Judges of Training meeting and working together.

The following themes will be covered during the workshop:

- How to run evaluations and re-evaluations
- How to teach the rules GS+S5+CR
- What is important for a FAI judge to know about records
- Qualities of a good CJT (e.g. what experience is needed...)

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I have already been contacted from Organisers for next year's First Class Events asking me about having FAI Judges Training Courses during the competitions. Once all dates and places are confirmed, I will be able to get back to them with the required information.

Speed Skydiving and Wingsuit Flying are new disciplines that have settled in very well with the judges. Dynamic however is still a big problem. We have a list of trained FAI Judges, but when it comes to competitions, most of them will not judge. The main reason is that all of the Dynamic judges are Flyers, so they would rather compete than judge. Another big point is the fact that Dynamic Judges want to be payed to judge, which is not possible for any FAI competition. This needs to be discussed and we need to find a solution otherwise we will not have enough judges for the upcoming competitions. The Dynamic community still only accepts Dynamic Flyers as judges, which is not helping to solve the problem.

Many thanks go to all the organisers who have supported and helped run the FAI Judges training courses. Thank you also to the Judges Committee, who have worked closely with me and provided me with all the support I needed to organise the courses.

My biggest "Thank you" goes to all the Chief Judges of Training for their commitment and time, their willingness to work on new training standards and particularly their passion for teaching and supporting new judges on their way to become experienced judges.

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