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First of all I want to thank my Fellow Bureau Members for the faithful, effective and constructive work we had together during the last year.

Backing up this report you will receive a Provisional Finance Statement for 2017 as at 15th December 2017 and a Balance of the First Category Events 2017 to state the provisional result of the competition year.

At the Plenary Meeting, you will be provided with schedules updated to December 31st 2017 and an updated 2017, and proposed 2018 budgets. As normal, any spending or budget requests for 2018 must be submitted in writing in accordance with the Internal Regulations.

Secondly I want to thank my working group members for the constructive cooperation during the year 2017.

As this was my second year in this position the work was a little easier but not less at all. The introduction of the new PDF claim form has turned out a success and saved a lot of confusion with the money transactions. Also the use of the staff list issued by the FAI Controller at each FCE was very useful. Now that the information on banking etc. is doubtlessly clear the claimants still sometimes confuse the FAI by giving wrong information in clear letters which caused unnecessary work for me and Cosette at the FAI Headquarter.

Also it turned out that my last years impression that the Expense Reimbursement Policy in the past has not been always applied as it was written was not completely wrong. In some events I received claims that did not match with the ERP while the claimants put forward that in the past they got away with such claims. This of course was in the past. Nowadays the ERP is going to be applied as it is written. If the problems with claims that do not match the ERP sustain we will have to look for a way to make conditions more even for everybody, for instance by making it mandatory to book all travel through one designated travel agency that is approved by the IPC.

Further it showed that in some regions the common travel expenses have risen a lot so that some claims that obviously meet the rules of the ERP exceeded the limits that are defined. These claims were of course fully satisfied with the approval of the president. We do not want the judges, who sacrifice their free time to serve for the sport (like all of us do by the way), to pay out of their own pockets as long as they plan their trips according to the ERP. For this reason I will ask for an

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amendment to the ERP to raise the limit concerned. Also I want the claims for an event to be turned in not later than 15 days after the event has ended and all claims to arrive until the 15th December in order to close the account of that year in time to provide a valid balance for the following IPC Meeting.

Working with the FAI became smoother but we had phases where payments were delayed because Cosette was absent and there was no replacement for her.

Based on all the claim forms processed, I have prepared a «Provisional 2017 Statement» as a balance of our FCEs during the year comparing the different events.

Finally and unfortunately I had to find out that Gail and I have very different opinions on how the ERP has to be understood and applied. For that reason I cannot keep her on the IPC Finance Working Group.

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