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# ASIANIA

## PARACHUTE FEDERATION

### ASIANIA REPORT to the FAI IPC PLENARY MEETING 2019

On behalf of all ASIANIA members I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to the French Parachute Federation, organisers of the 69<sup>th</sup> IPC Plenary Meeting at Lille, France for hosting and conducting this most important annual conference for sport parachuting and skydiving.

ASIANIA exists to:

- Pursue its aims and ideal towards promoting, developing and increasing safety and high standards in national and international competition
- Encourage better relations between member countries involved in this exceptional sport.
- Provide a supporting role in promoting the values and benefits of FAI membership.

ASIANIA encompasses Asian and Australasian countries and has steadily increased its membership from nine to thirty-two since its inception in 1994. The current financial membership remains steady at twenty, due to some organisations being unable to sustain their parachuting activities and/or due to political upheavals and conflict within their country.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships 2018:**

**ASIANIA Championships** have always provided an excellent training opportunity and valuable competition experience for teams planning towards future FAI World Skydiving and Parachuting Championships, as well as CISM and other international events.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships and CHINA International Open event was very successfully conducted at Chongqing, Yubei Province, China from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.**

**The championships venue was iFLY jihua Park, a magnificent world class complex with two 14 ft wind tunnels** plus Wave Surfing, Snow Skiing, other fun sporting and games, plus several restaurants. The modern facilities were plentiful and provided everything necessary for administration, judging and viewing to ensure a successful event. It was only a five-minute bus ride or fifteen-minute walk from the hotel to the competition site, and many participants elected to enjoy the short walk.

**Accommodation** was provided at the magnificent Chongqing Hotel and Resort, which was built as a replica of the “old Chongqing City in the 1900 century era,” only a few years ago. The “city” and surrounding area provided a wonderful sense of living in old village style China, with shops, cinema, restaurants, church, rickshaws, clothes etc. and luxury hotel rooms. The Sino Japanese war relics and memories from 1894/95 were amazingly popular with visiting Chinese tourists.

**“InTime” and “Dynamr” judging systems** enabled FAI judges from Australia, Bahrain, China, France, Israel, Japan, Korea, South Africa, Poland and UK to provide skilful assessments of the teams and competitors from China, France, Hungary, Indonesia, Latvia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Qatar, Singapore and UAE, who provided very high-level performances in the 4-way FS Open and Female; 2-way Dynamic open; Solo Freestyle Open and junior; 2-way FS Open, Female and Junior events.

**Inaugural ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving records** were established in 4-way FS Open, 4-way FS Female and 2-way Dynamic Open. Qatar 4-way Open team scored 43 points on one jump; China 4-way FS Female team scored 32 points on one jump; Singapore Firefly team recorded the speed of 53.070 seconds on one jump.

**2018 World Championships for FS, CF, AE and Speed were most successfully hosted and conducted by Australia at the Gold Coast, Queensland from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

ASIANIA member countries Australia, New Zealand, Qatar and UAE were well represented, with Australia and Qatar in the top four placings.

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Australia placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Speed Skydiving, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 4-way CF Sequential, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 4-way VFS, 4<sup>th</sup> place in AE FreeFly and 4<sup>th</sup> place in 4-way CF Rotations.

Qatar placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 4-way CF Sequential, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2-way CF Sequential, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 4-way CR Rotations, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 8-way FS and 4<sup>th</sup> place in 4-way FS Open,

**Inaugural Asian records were established** when the Qatar 4-way FS team which had continued its journey from China to compete at the 23<sup>rd</sup> FS World Championships, set an Asian 4-way FS Record with 53 points on one jump.

The Qatar 2-way Sequential CF team also set an Asian record with 33 points on one jump.

Qatar's 8-way FS team scored 23 points on one jump to create another Asian record.

### **Future ASIANIA Championships:**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships and International Open.**

Following the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships at Chongqing, China has placed a bid to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships once again at Chongqing from the 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. This is good news.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> ASIANIA Skydiving & Parachuting Championship and International Open.**

To date bids have not been forthcoming although there were expressions of interest from Australia, China, Indonesia and Malaysia. The closing date for bids has been extended until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 as it is important to promote of all types of ASIANIA Championships.

### **FAI / ASIANIA Judge Training Courses 2018:**

**Approved FAI / ASIANIA Formation Skydiving Judge Training Courses** were conducted in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships held at Chongqing, China in September. FAI COJ Claire King conducted the FAI Course and the ASIANIA National Course was conducted under the direction of FAI Judges Yaser Mohsen and Ray Williams. Ten candidates from Australia, Bahrain, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan and Palestine participated in the courses. While the candidates worked hard and generally performed well, there were some problems with language and practical experience which will be addressed by ASIANIA for future courses.

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**The 1st Myanmar National Judge Training Course** for Accuracy and FS was successfully conducted by ASIANIA FAI Judges Yaser Mohsen, Ray Williams and David Choi at Yangon, Myanmar from the 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to qualify 18 new judges. These courses will assist individual countries towards establishing a National Judge structure.

#### **ASIANIA EMAX Video Competition 2018:**

The 15<sup>th</sup> ASIANIA EMAX Video competition was conducted with 4-way FS Open and Inter teams from Australia, Japan and Qatar, and CF 2-way Sequential & 4-way Rotation teams from Australia. Due to an unexpected problem with internet procedures, teams from Oman, Bahrain, Kazakhstan and Malaysia were unable to provide their final entry. This type of competition was introduced in 2003 to encourage teams of all experience levels to participate in FS and CF competition. AE and Wingsuit events were also offered this year however there were no entries at this time. The competition provides the opportunity for the less experienced teams to practice the competition jumps as many times as required to achieve their desired result. All entries are judged by approved FAI Judges. Medals and certificates are awarded. Sponsorships are still being sought as it is necessary to provide more incentive for future competitions.

#### **ASIAN GAMES 2022:**

ASIANIA President Wang Yongli, who is also ASFC Director of Parachuting, Hang-gliding and Gliding and China's FAI IPC delegate, will lead skydiving towards inclusion in the 2022 Asian Games being conducted in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China from 10-25 September. China is very busy preparing to provide a most successful Asian Games and Wang Yongli will be providing an updated report on progress for the important event at this meeting here at Lille.

The Olympic Council of Asia and Air Sports Federation of Asia continue to promote skydiving and parachuting into Asian Games and it is anticipated Australia, New Zealand and other Oceania countries will be invited to the event in China 2022.

#### **Retirement of ASIANIA Secretary General:**

Finally, after nearly 25 years of voluntary work with ASIANIA from its inception in 1994, as from the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 I will be retiring from my role as Secretary General, which

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has encompassed all facets of the sport including administration, finance, membership, media, organising and providing support for all activities as Chief Judge, Chief of Judge Training, Controller, Jury President etc. I would like to acknowledge David Chang Il Choi who has been working with me in his role as Deputy Secretary General and Chair of Competitions and he will be the interim ASIANIA Secretary General until the next Annual General Meeting. I will continue as delegate for Australia and to provide support to David, President Wang Yongli and the Chairs of the Judging, Competition, Safety, Media and Statutes committees to assist towards a smooth transition of ASIANIA activities.

### **Conclusion:**

ASIANIA remains committed to its Asian and Australasian membership and will continue its work towards promoting FAI Memberships, friendships, safety and the ongoing development of skills for everyone concerned with national and international competition in this wonderful sport of parachuting and skydiving.

I would like to thank IPC President Gillian Rayner for providing valuable support for all ASIANA activities, including expertise and direction in her Chief Judge role at Chongqing, and of course always representing and reinforcing the close relationship between ASIANIA and the FAI IPC.

**As a respected, FAI recognised member, ASIANIA'S future looks very positive with new energy, concepts and ideas and I am honoured and proud to have been involved with this most extraordinary, challenging, satisfying and important part of my life.**

On behalf of President Wang Yongli, future Sec-General David Chang Il Choi and all ASIANIA members Thank You for your most valuable time.



Faye Cox , ASIANIA Secretary General

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018