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ASIANIA REPORT TO FAI IPC 2017

On behalf of all ASIANIA members I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to the FAI IPC and the Portuguese Federation of Parachuting organising committee for providing an excellent venue for this most important annual conference for the sport of 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.

Over the years ASIANIA has steadily increased its membership, encouraging a number of countries to become an FAI member or to renew FAI membership.

18th ASIANIA Parachuting Championships:

ASIANIA Championships have always provided a training opportunity for teams heading to CISM and FAI World events. Unfortunately in 2016 bids to conduct this event did not eventuate for various reasons so it was decided to abandon the championship until 2017.

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Bids for 2017 were received from Saudi Arabia and China to include events for Style, Accuracy Male and Female, 4-way Formation Skydiving Open and Female, Canopy Formations, 2-way & 4-way Sequential, 4-way way Rotations.

The decision was made to hold the championship at, from the to November 2017. Bulletins with all relevant information will be emailed to ASIANIA member organisations, international countries and published on the ASIANIA website [http://: www.asiania.com](http://www.asiania.com).

21st ASIANIA Annual General Meeting:

This important event will be held in conjunction with the 18th ASIANIA Championships. The election of ASIANIA Office Bearers for the next three years is on the Agenda and already there are nominations for the various key positions. ASIANIA'S future looks very positive with new ideas and energy to develop and improve the sport within the ASIANIA membership, nationally and internationally.

ASIANIA EMAX Video Competition:

This annual video competition was introduced in 2003 to encourage all experienced levels of teams to participate in FS and CF competition.

2016 participation was down in comparison to recent years, however entries were received from Australia, Japan, Oman and Qatar with all entries judged online by the selected FAI Judge panels. The Qatar team's performances in 2-way Sequential, 4-way Sequential and Rotations were excellent and it was really advantageous for the recently formed Australian team "Damaged Goods" to gain some valuable Canopy Formation competition experience. The Oman National Freefall team performed really well in the 4-way Formation Skydiving event, placing first ahead of Japanese team "XPower", who provided stiff competition. It is really appreciated that all of these teams made the effort to compete and ASIANIA Medals will be presented to the teams.

The 14th EMAX Video competition in 2017 will consider introducing more events to encourage new and renewed participation by teams.

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FAI and ASIANIA Judge Training Courses:

In 2016 the Australian Parachute Federation conducted successful FAI Judge CF and FS Training Courses under the guidance and expertise of FAI CJTs Bernard Nicolas (CF) and Gillian Rayner (FS). Although judges from other ASIANIA countries were invited and keen to participate none of them was able to attend due to prior commitments. Australian national and FAI judges took the opportunity to participate achieving good results with new ratings and revalidations.

In 2017 approved FAI and ASIANIA judge training courses will be conducted in conjunction with the 18th ASIANIA Championships. No doubt there will be many FAI and ASIANIA judges revalidating and upgrading their FAI and National ratings.

World Records by ASIANIA members:

ASIANIA was very pleased to congratulate the individual Chinese Style and Accuracy competitors and the Qatar 4-way Sequential Canopy Formations team for their outstanding record performances at the 2016 World Mondiale in Chicago, USA.

Asian Air Sports Federation (AASF):

In 2015 at the ASIANIA AGM the members unanimously voted not to change ASIANIA'S name or purpose and to retain ASIANIA'S identity as a respected internationally recognised parachuting organisation affiliated with the FAI. ASIANIA will continue to maintain this prestigious position.

In 2016 the Asian Air Sports Federation (AASF) was formed independently from ASIANIA, fulfilling the efforts by Dr. Mubarak al Swailim who had been liaising with the (OCA) Olympic Council of Asia since 2013 towards the formation of an Asian sports aviation organisation. At the FAI General Conference in Bali 2016, the AASF was officially recognised by the OCA and FAI.

The inclusion of parachuting events at Asian Games and ASIAN Beach Games remains very promising for the ASIANIA membership.

Conclusion:

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ASIANIA will continue its work towards promoting friendships, safety and the ongoing development of skills for everyone concerned with national and international competition in this wonderful sport of parachuting and skydiving

On behalf of ASIANIA and its members thank you for your most valuable time.

Dr. Mubarak Al Swailim (President)

Faye Cox (Secretary General)

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