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MINUTES OF THE 65th PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION OF FAI

Held at Spa Hotel ATA, Varshets, Bulgaria

31 JANUARY – 01 FEBRUARY 2015

In the Chair: Graeme Windsor, President, IPC

Representing FAI

Ms Susanne Schödel, Secretary General, FAI

Mr Markus Haggene, Sports and Marketing Director, FAI

1	WELCOME AND ROLL CALL										
1.1	In Memoriam President Graeme Windsor opened the meeting and asked those in attendance to stand in memory of those in the skydiving community who had died since the last Plenary meeting.										
1.2	Introductions President Windsor stated that the Official Bulgarian Delegation will attend at a later time, to address the Plenary meeting. President Windsor introduced the FAI representatives, Ms Susanne Schödel, Secretary General, FAI, and Mr Markus Haggene, Sports and Marketing Director, FAI.										
1.3	Apologies for absences Two were received; from President of Honour Mr Charles MacCrone and from Ms Lindy Rochow-Williams, IPC Delegate for Australia.										
1.4	Roll Call A roll call was conducted by Mr Markus Haggene. The attendance list will be sent by FAI to Delegates. For privacy reasons it will not be posted on the FAI web site.										
1.5	Approval of Proxies The following nine proxies were deemed valid - <table><tr><td><i>Argentina to Canada</i></td><td><i>Lithuania to Austria</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Belarus to Russia</i></td><td><i>Portugal to Netherlands</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Belgium to Spain</i></td><td><i>South Africa to Hungary</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Kazakhstan to Germany</i></td><td><i>Ukraine to Finland</i></td></tr><tr><td><i>Latvia to Sweden</i></td><td></td></tr></table>	<i>Argentina to Canada</i>	<i>Lithuania to Austria</i>	<i>Belarus to Russia</i>	<i>Portugal to Netherlands</i>	<i>Belgium to Spain</i>	<i>South Africa to Hungary</i>	<i>Kazakhstan to Germany</i>	<i>Ukraine to Finland</i>	<i>Latvia to Sweden</i>	
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1.6	Delegates' address list. The Delegates' address list was circulated for updating, with those present asked to provide full details.										
1.7	Declaration of Conflicts of Interests. President Windsor called on those present to declare, either at this point or at any subsequent appropriate time, any potential conflict of interest which might exist. No conflicts of interest were declared.										
1.8	Roll Call Result The result of the roll call showed that there were 27 Delegates present in person, and there were 9 proxies, as listed at 1.5 above, giving a total of 36 votes. A two-thirds majority would be 24 and a simple majority 19.										
1.9	Ballot Count It was agreed, without objection, that Ms Vesela Dzhorova of the Bulgarian Aero Club, would assist the FAI Representatives in the counting of ballots.										

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2014 PLENARY MEETING

2.1 2014 Plenary Minutes

The Delegates were asked to approve the Minutes of the 64th IPC Plenary Meeting held in Vienna, Austria, 01 – 02 February 2014.

The 2014 IPC Plenary minutes, with the amendments and corrections in Annex 1 of the Plenary agenda, were accepted.

3 FAI REPORT

3.1 FAI Report

Ms Susanne Schödel, Secretary General, FAI, presented the FAI report to the Plenary meeting. In her presentation Ms Schödel complimented the IPC on the amount and complexity of the work of IPC, with its Committees and diversity. She spoke of the overall work of FAI with ASCs and FAI's important aim of developing high-profile events, and she gave an overall view of FAI Head office and the important role it has in this development. Ms Schödel noted the FAI office support for ASCs, the maintenance of records, and the publishing of information in relation to all FAI activities. It was also noted that 50% of FAI staff have an air sports background, and unprecedented high percentage to have such. Since 2000 there has been a great increase in the number of Category 1 events, resulting in an increased workload for the office.

There is a new FAI Competition Management System. This is available for use and should result in more efficiency. Organisers will be able to utilise a standard on-line registration template which should avoid having to reinvent such a tool for every event.

In 2014 there were 250 claims for World and Continental Records. USPA (United States Parachute Association) helped to update the records backlog and Ms Schödel thanked USPA for this valuable work. There is continued discussion on the format for presenting records.

During the year CASI made a proposal, concerning the cancellation of events and refund of fees issues, for the General Section of the Sporting Code.

In relation to anti-doping, some changes had come about, with a new WADA anti-doping code, which required the update of the FAI Anti-Doping Rules, which came into force on 1 January 2015. FAI no longer will be required to maintain a Registered Testing Pool with heavy requirements for the selected athletes. But the FAI will nevertheless continue conducting out of competition testing. Adherence to WADA anti-doping requirements is an essential part of FAI work and IOC recognition depends on this.

With reference to international relations, FAI is in competition with about 25 other sports federations. There is a need to work in this area and there have been talks with the IOC about air sports on snow or ice. Para-ski may be a discipline which would be of interest to IOC and perhaps speed flying also. There is an Olympic TV channel. There are to be discussions with SportAccord and Euro News and we need to work on media presentation.

At the 2014 GC there had been long discussion on how the budget is presented and efforts are in hand to make it clearer how funds are collected and used. A Finance Advisory Group had been established to assist the new Finance Director on the FAI Executive Board.

40,000 Sporting Licences were issued in 2014 and it was noted that volunteering was increasing in Europe, but not in other regions. There were 2,833 volunteers working with FAI in 2014.

The Breitling events for 2015 were listed and the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 referred to.

Ms Schödel thanked Yousif Hassan Ali Al Hamadi and UAE for taking on the burden of the WAG in Dubai in 2015. The WAG website will be up and running within a few weeks; with 714 athletes, parachuting will have the biggest of all air sports participation in the WAG and IPC was complimented on that.

It was noted that the 2015 FAI General Conference will be held in The Netherlands.

President Windsor thanked Ms Susanne Schödel for her presentation and he said that the competition database and the Sporting Licence database are very welcome developments. He also stated that the records database was a most welcome development.

The presentation by FAI Secretary General, Ms Susanne Schödel, is appended to these minutes, as Appendix A.

4 IPC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

4.1 President's Report

IPC President Graeme Windsor referred to his report, in annexes 2 and 3 in the agenda, to the Plenary. There were no questions.

4.2 Decisions by the IPC Bureau

President Windsor reported on the IPC Bureau's interim work and its decisions during 2013. President Windsor referred to Bureau Interim Decision Number 39, included in Annex 1, and stated that this item should not have been published as the matter had been investigated and dealt with and that there was no evidence to substantiate the complaint made.

As there was a belief that some Delegates might have left the meeting a roll call was sought. There were still 27 Delegates present in person, with 9 proxies, as in the original count.

5 WORLD GAMES

5.1 Report on WG 2017

Patrice Girardin, IPC Liaison Officer to World Games, presented a report on the World Games, to be held at Wroclaw, Poland, August 2017. He expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which things were progressing – there was not yet any schedule and there had not been any information from IWGA.

FAI Sports and Marketing Director, Markus Haggene, reported that he had met IWGA in November 2014 and having met P. Girardin earlier he had given P. Girardin whatever information was available. P. Girardin stated that he now needed to go to Poland to ascertain the exact situation and to try to determine what would be available for Canopy Piloting at the event. He further stated that this needs to be done soon.

The new dates for the World Games are 20-30 July; August was the month which had previously been chosen.

P. Girardin closed by apologising for the lack of information.

President Windsor thanked P. Girardin for his diligent work.

M. Haggene further stated that the IWGA had met for the first time on 20/21 November 2014, that this was an administrative meeting and that he, M. Haggene had attended, along with a Polish AOPA representative. He further reported that there will be an on-site meeting with air sports and Polish NAC at a future date.

President Windsor referred to the long IPC experience in participation at World Games events, culminating in a very successful presentation of Canopy Piloting at the 2013 World Games at Cali, Colombia, and he thanked Ronald Overdijk for the excellent work and a great event. This experience could be called on by FAI staff as needed.

6 FAI WORLD AIR GAMES, DUBAI 2015

6.1 FAI World Air Games, UAE, December 2015 Update

Gillian Rayner, IPC First Vice-President, reported on FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015.

The Organiser has produced a list of events and numbers were reported as –

Skydiving Athletes - 442

Judging - 43 Judges in all

The teams selected will be available in the week following the Plenary meeting.

A question to be decided was that regarding additional delegation members (packers etc.)

G. Rayner thanked the Organiser for progress made to date.

M. Haggene updated the Delegates on what had been happening and stated that things had been speeding up, that there would be a discussion here in Varshets, and at the end of February details would be available on the website.

G. Rayner will be standing down from the role of IPC World Air Games Liaison Officer.

President Windsor thanked G. Rayner for her work as Liaison Officer and the Plenary acknowledged this. President Windsor also thanked the many people involved on a voluntary basis, for their continuous, ongoing work.

Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, Delegate for Germany, asked who would replace Gillian Rayner as IPC Liaison Officer to WAG. President Windsor asked that anyone who might be interested should contact him, and that if a suitable replacement was not found he would assume the role.

7 GENERAL ISSUES

7.1 Strategic Plan

President Windsor reported that this matter had been discussed within the Bureau, that the plan was working satisfactorily but that actions could be improved upon. The Bureau will meet during the year, probably prior to the event at Netheravon, U.K., in late May. Such a Bureau meeting would also coincide with an FAI ASC Presidents' meeting which G. Windsor would attend (avoiding the expense of double travel). It was stated that there was no pressing need to change the plan but the outcomes, and scoring systems and other issues needed to be looked at.

It was noted that the Strategic Plan is on the website and was distributed as an appendix to the minutes of the 2014 Plenary meeting.

It was noted that the Open Meeting on General Issues, held on Wednesday 28 January, went very well, with Delegates responding positively to matters.

7.2 Skydive TV

A message had been received from Skydive TV, the company which had covered the USPA Nationals and the Canopy Piloting event at Zephyr Hills in November 2014. Skydive TV was looking forward to working with IPC and sharing income if any should accrue. The company was willing to enter into a partnership with IPC. President Windsor thanked the FAI office for helping in this matter.

7.3 Web Site & Media Liaison

Susan Dixon, IPC Webmaster and Media Liaison Officer, referred to her reported on activity in both these areas during 2014.

S. Dixon reported that she had travelled to Lausanne with Fay Kimble and taking up space on the virtual server with FAI. This had been a good development and it will mean that there will now be the ability to set up a website, outside normal constraints of the FAI website, for any events, or indeed for any matter.

There will be the facility to set up e-mail addresses, in a controlled way, for one-off situations. Cloud can be used to exchange documents and work on them and material for Judge Training can be stored there.

There were no questions on the report. President Windsor thanked Susan Dixon for her great work and dedication and he also thanked Fay Kimble for her also Fay Kimble for marvellous work and commitment.

7.4 Appointment of IPC Webmaster

The meeting agreed to the re-appointment of Susan Dixon as IPC Webmaster in the terms settled between Susan and the President noting a CPI increase of 0.5%.

7.5 IPETA - IPC Tours and Events

President Windsor referred to the Open Meeting, dedicated to IPETA matters only, on Wednesday 28 January. This was the first time to have such a meeting, as if it were an Open Committee meeting, and it gave everyone an opportunity to ask any questions re IPETA and to receive full information about the company.

It was noted that there will be an election for positions on the IPETA Board of Directors. There will be two nominees from the Bureau and three Directors will be nominated by the Delegates. The elections for these positions will take place when the other elections, for positions on the Bureau, will be held.

President Windsor stated that a person qualified to act as the company's Finance Director needed to be appointed as there were no persons on the present Board willing to accept such a role.

7.5.1 Proposal to return loan to IPETA to IPC funds.

This proposal, item 7.3.2 in the agenda, was withdrawn by its proposer, on the basis that the MoU between FAI and IPC be revised to reflect that any profits accruing to IPETA will be directed to reducing the debt to IPC.

7.5.2 Activity to promote Tours and Events

Edward 'Bushman' Anderson reported on activity, and noted that a number of cities had expressed interest in having an event.

There was the possibility of IPC hosting an event in Lausanne, on the water, and of inviting host cities to come and see the potential for their cities.

IPETA had decided it will not attend SportAccord this year, as the high cost of participation would be better used to pursuing known possibilities. E. Anderson stated that he was working closely with Markus Heggeney, and with Marylou Laughlin assisting, with G.

Windsor providing some leads and contacts. There is a possibility of a Gulf Tour, starting and ending in Dubai and E. Anderson is working with mr Yousif Hassan Ali Al Hamadi. This could be very big event, with a number of sub-events.

President Windsor thanked E. Anderson for his work and said that it was important that E. Anderson had attended the Plenary meeting and had met Markus Haggene, thereby establishing important contacts. G. Windsor stated that he looks forward to a good future for this company, IPETA.

7.6 CISM Report

Col Gernot Rittenschober, President, CISM Parachuting Committee, presented his CISM report for 2014, annex 7 in the agenda papers.

There was an error in the report where it stated 'During 38th WMPC two CISM records were broken, junior female style 8.04 sec by Viktorya Saldatava/BLR' The correct figure is 8.06.

Regarding the 6th Military World Games and the 39th World Military Parachuting Championships, to be held at Pohang, Republic of Korea, 2. – 12 Oct. 2015, the date for entries and nomination of Judges is 15 March 2015. Each team needs to nominate a Judge by this date.

CISM hopes to hold a Judge Training Course and is working with the Chair of the Judges Committee, Pia Berggren, on this matter.

The dates of the 2016 Military World Championships have been changed from August to 17-27 July, as the August dates clashed with those of the Mondial to be held in Illinois, USA.

President Windsor thanked Col Gernot Rittenschober and stated that the Memorandum of Understanding signed by CISM and IPC is working well and he, G. Windsor had received an invitation to attend the CISM event in Indonesia, which had 40 nations competing. This close co-operation presented an opportunity to add countries to FAI/IPC and this was being worked upon.

7.7 Ranking System

There was no need for a report on this. The ranking lists are being taken care of by Susan Dixon and Fay Kimble, both of whom were thanked by President Windsor for the work they have done on the issue.

Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, IPC delegate for Germany stated that this was a good tool but it is concentrating more on Europe, and not on the rest of the world. He posed the question as to how to deal with this matter. It was suggested that COLPAR and others be taken into account and that such a move would take many more athletes into the system. This could be done by countries listing Open Category 2 events on the official FAI Calendar.

President Windsor thanked R. 'Exi' Hoenle for raising this issue and Niels-Christian Levin Hansen also thanked R. 'Exi' Hoenle and stated that such ideas and contributions were exactly what were being sought.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PLENARY MEETING AND ADDRESSES

The Vice Prime Minister of Bulgaria, Member of Parliament Mr Tomaslav Dontchev, who is Chair of the Organising Committee for the 8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, to be held at Erden, Bulgaria, in August 2015, addressed the Plenary meeting. He welcomed the Delegates and stated that while he had no parachuting experience he likes new challenges and he would make a jump at the European Championships. He noted that parachuting encompassed many elements,

including science, and stated that there was long tradition of parachuting in Bulgaria. Vice Prime Minister Dontchev wished the meeting every success and hoped it would do productive work. In response IPC President G. Windsor thanked Vice Prime Minister Dontchev and said he looked forward to the Vice Prime Minister making a solo parachute jump in August.

Minister of Youth and Sport, Member of Parliament Mr Krasen Kralev also welcomed the Delegates and wished them well. He accepted the challenge laid down by the Vice Prime Minister and stated that he also would make a jump. He further stated that it was a privilege for Bulgaria to have the Plenary meeting, that it was an important thing for the Parachute Association to have this meeting and also the European Championships in August. It was pleasing to note that Bulgaria was active in world parachuting activity and he thanked Aero Club Montana for putting in the bid and organising the European Championships. In closing he wished the Plenary well in its work.

The Vice Chair of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, Ms Jordanka Blagoeva, welcomed the Delegates to Varshets. She hoped that the Plenary would be successful, and also the European Championships and offered congratulations from the Bulgarian Olympic Committee and good luck in all undertakings.

FAI Secretary General Ms Susanne Schödel stated that FAI and IPC were honoured that the Officials had come to the Plenary and given of their time to welcome everyone. She noted their involvement in air sports.

Also in attendance in the Official Delegation were Members of Parliament Ms Desislava Atanasova and Mr Krasimir Velchev, who is also a pilot member of Aero Club Montana.

President Windsor thanked the members of the delegation for their attendance and the Plenary gave a standing ovation to the officials.

8 TECHNICAL AND SAFETY

8.1 Technical & Safety Report

Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, Committee Chair, reported on the Committee's activities in 2014 and on the outcome of the T & S Open and closed meetings.

He referred to the open and closed meetings, and to the 2013 Safety Report, to which 39 countries had responded and supplied data, and he again urged countries to provide data for the Safety Surveys.

8.2 2013 Safety Survey Report

8.2.1 Safety report for 2013

N-C. Levin Hansen, presented the 2013 Safety Report, and used the Power Point presentation of that report to point out significant figures and trends. He stressed that canopy handling and landing issues were a significant percentage of the 2013 fatalities and that most were caused by human error. This pointed to the fact that education, practice and awareness-raising issues are vital to reduce this type of incident. He once again appealed for more responses to the Safety Survey and that they should be returned at an early date. There had been one Information Notice issued in 2014. It was important to note that the T&S Committee does not act upon rumours, but checks carefully before and notice is issued.

8.2.2 Medical Report

The Committee was happy to disseminate the results of the study by Dr Anton Westman, a Swedish medical doctor and skydiver, who had conducted, over the years, a number of studies into various medical matters in relation to skydiving. Dr Westman's paper, *A Report on Present International Regulations Regarding Diabetes Mellitus Type 1 and Air Sport*, is included on the material on the CD being given to Delegates and the report is also being sent to T&S Officers worldwide.

8.2.3 Other Issues

It was noted that the President Windsor will attend the PIA Symposium, with Jim Hayhurst. Part of their work at the Symposium will be to help promote dialogue between T&S and equipment manufacturers, so that T&S will receive manufacturers' bulletins.

While it is not an activity with which IPC is involved, it was noted that there seems to be a trend of increasing fatalities in Base Jumping.

N-C Levin Hansen stated that FAI was writing a Safety Policy and that ASCs will be asked for input. He also asked that the CD which was being distributed be copied and given to centres in the Delegates' countries.

8.2.4 Licences and Certificates of Proficiency

N-C Levin Hansen stated that the T&S Committee is considering setting up a system to allow people sight, on the website, of various National Licences. This would be an aid to Dropzone Operators in cases of visiting jumpers arriving, with Licences with which the Operator was not familiar.

The FAI/IPC Certificate of Proficiency was established to have an internationally-accepted common standard to facilitate the travelling skydiver. Countries are encouraged to adopt this system, which can run separate from their own National Licencing system and which need not at all interfere with the national system.

8.2.5 Withdrawal of proposal to change SC5 re Certificate of Proficiency

A proposal to change to SC5 Chapter 2, para 2.4. (2014 edition)

Amend the paragraph to include:

Para 2.4 (13) To exercise the privileges of the International Certificate of Proficiency, the holder must meet the currency requirements of the NAC of which he is a member.

This proposal was withdrawn as it was felt that Dropzone Controllers and Safety officers had it sufficiently within their powers to seek proof of currency from visiting jumpers.

8.2.6 Parachuting Aircraft Accidents

Jan Andersson, IPC Delegate for Finland, thanked the T&S Committee for its work, and asked that accidents involving parachuting aircraft be somehow taken into the reporting system. In response, N-C Levin Hansen said that we should consider taking such incidents into our reporting system.

President Windsor thanked N-C Levin Hansen for his work as Chair of the T&S Committee, a position he would now have to leave as he had been elected to the FAI Executive Board. President Windsor noted that through the T&S Committee there had been progress made in Latin America. He concluded by sympathising with the relatives and friends of those who died in the parachuting aircraft accidents in Finland.

9 FINANCE WORKING GROUP

9.1 Financial Reports

9.1.1 2013 Finance Reports

IPC Finance Secretary and Finance Working Group Chair, Doris Merz-Hunziker presented the Finance Secretary's Report for 2013, and the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for December 31, 2013. There were no questions.

The 2013 Finance Statement and Balance Sheet were unanimously approved.

9.1.2 Balance Sheet 2014

There was an opening balance of €139'439 opening and a loss of €1,114 is now shown. This differs from the loss reported at the Finance Open Meeting report as an additional IPETA expense item had been added.

Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle asked how could there be a loss to IPC if IPETA had an expense, as IPETA belongs to FAI.

D. Merz-Hunziker explained the position re the loan to IPETA

9.2 2015 Budget and Draft 2016 Budget

D. Merz-Hunziker presented the 2015 and 2016 draft budgets, which will be finalised when she has received the final budget applications from Committees. This will be at the Plenary session on Sunday 02 February.

2015 Budget – Costs for a mid-year Bureau Meeting, and the IPC President's expenses are to be added. As it has not been yet decided what the 2015 Sanction Fee will be, nor what events will take place, it is not yet possible to estimate what the income from these events will be.

Ronald Overdijk, IPC Delegate for The Netherlands asked if there would be a reduced Sanction Fee (lesser than 90 Euros per competitor) for Indoor Skydiving. This matter was left to be discussed by the Bureau and is reported upon in 11.3 below.
 The draft 2016 Budget was presented; there were no questions.
 The proposed Budgets for 2015 and 2016 were deferred until a later stage in the Plenary, when budget applications would have been received and FCEs had been awarded, allowing for estimates to be made.

9.3 Application Fees and Deposits for Competitions

These are not shown in the Balance Sheet as they are not income.

9.4 IPC Reimbursement Policy

Two changes were proposed, by D. Merz-Hunziker, to the IPC Reimbursement Policy, as follows -

On Page 1,

TRAVEL COST REIMBURSEMENT

The travel cost to be reimbursed.....

Travel within Home Country	400€
Travel within a Continental Region	600€
Travel between Continental Regions	1800€

(for this purpose, the four Asian regions will be considered as one Continental Region)

On Page 2 :

- (6) Accommodation costs are not considered to be a reimbursable travel expense. However, one night's accommodation cost will be reimbursed in the following circumstances:
 - a) where a claimant can demonstrate with documented proof, that the cost of a particular flight, without any overnight accommodation, is greater than the aggregate cost of an alternative flight and one night's accommodation.
 - b) where a claimant can demonstrate with documented proof that a particular flight schedule requires an overnight stop en route.
~~The application of this provision requires prior approval from the Judges' Committee for Judges' travel and prior approval from the IPC Bureau for travel by any other claimant~~
- (7) Car hire, other than that allowed for the Jury per (2) above, will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and with the prior authorisation of the IPC Bureau.
 Add :
- (8) ~~If the travel cost reimbursement is not subject to the maximum limits listed above, the Claimant may be reimbursed the airfare component of the travel costs in advance of the actual travel dates. The Claimant is required to take out travel insurance for cancellation and in the case of cancellation of the intended travel, is then required to reimburse to IPC the full amount of the prepayment.~~

~~**The required receipts may be in original or in scanned digital form.~~

These proposals to change the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy were approved unanimously.

D. Merz-Hunziker thanked Patrice Girardin and especially Richard 'Buzz' Bennett for their help and work. She also stated that it was good to work with FAI Office, with Secretary General Ms Susanne Schödel and Ms Cosette Mast on accounts and finances.

President Windsor thanked D. Merz-Hunziker for her work, and for travelling to, and working with, the FAI office to update and make smoother the financial affairs of IPC.

10	WINGSUIT COMMITTEE
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10.1 Wingsuit Committee Report

James Hayhurst, Working Group Chair, reported on the Working Group's activities in 2014 and the outcome of the Open Meeting.

He specifically mentioned the assistance given by Ronald Overdijk and the encouragement of the Bureau. He stated that there was presently a meet happening in Australia, and the

camera input is being immediately downloaded to the score screen and internet, giving instant feedback to the public and the world. This was the work of Klaus Rheinwald, who was thanked for this work.

10.2 **Proposal to accept Wingsuit as an IPC Discipline**

Trude Sviggum, IPC Delegate for Norway, said we need to look at the number of disciplines we currently have, and the introduction of new ones. Perhaps there are too many, as none are being dropped, and some may be regarded as old and outdated. This matter was discussed, with various contributions.

On the proposal that Wingsuit be accepted as an IPC discipline being put to a vote there were four abstentions, no votes against and the remainder of the Delegates were in favour. Wingsuit was therefore adopted as an IPC discipline.

10.3 **Competition Rules for Wingsuit Performance Flying**

There was a question as to why two sets of rules were being proposed for Wingsuit, when all other disciplines have one set.

An explanation was given and accepted.

10.4 **Competition Rules for Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying**

Both 10.23 and 10.4 were voted upon en bloc.

The vote – two abstentions, no objections, the remainder in favour.

The Competition Rules for Wingsuit Performance Flying and Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying were therefore adopted by the Plenary.

The CRs for Wingsuit Performance Flying and for Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying will be posted on the website.

10.5 **SC5 changes arising from Wingsuit being an approved discipline**

The following changes were proposed to SC5, as it is affected by the adoption of Wingsuit. In answer to a question it was stated that all measurements are in Section 7, General Section.

3 Chapter 3: International Records – Class G (Parachuting)

3.1 PROVISIONS

3.1.1 Sub Classes of Records

(1) Competition Records

- Accuracy Landing Records
- Freefall Style Record
- FS Records
- Indoor FS Records
- CF Records
- CP Records
- SP Record
- Para-Ski Record
- **WS Record**

3.1.2 General Conditions

(2) (a) A competition record must be evaluated and certified by the number of Judges required by the particular IPC Competition Rules (SC5, 4.2) and such Judge must have a rating valid for the particular discipline.

(b) A performance record, other than an Altitude/Fall (3.3.3) and a Speed (3.3.7) Record, must be evaluated and certified by three judges, two of whom must be FAI Parachuting Judges and the third judge must be at least a valid National Judge.

Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style, CF, CP, FS **and WS** record performances must be Evaluated and certified by Judges having a valid rating in the appropriate discipline (SC5, 6.1).

~~A Wingsuit No Grip record performance must be evaluated and certified by AE, CF or FS Judges or any combination thereof, who must have attended a Wingsuit No Grip judge training course under the direction of the Judge Training Course Co-ordinator.~~

3.2.9 WS Record

(1) Distance - The record performance for distance is the greatest distance achieved in any round of the Distance Task in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

(2) Speed - The record performance for speed is the fastest speed achieved in any round of the Speed Task in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

(3) Time - The record performance is the highest time achieved in any round of the Time Task in accordance with the current Competition Rules.

3.2.10 Categories of Competition Records

The categories of Competition Records shall be:

(1) Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style, CP, Para-Ski, SP and WS

3.2.11 Joint Record holders in FS, Indoor FS, CF, CP, SP and WS

(1) If two or more competitors or teams achieve the same record performance during the same round and thereby break an existing record, the new record shall be registered in the names of all the competitors or teams involved.

(2) If a competitor or team achieves a performance during a later round in the same event, which is equal to a new record performance achieved during an earlier round in that event, no recognition will be given to the performance in the later round as being a record performance.

3.3.3 Altitude/Fall records – Individuals or teams

(3) Wingsuit Time of Fall Record

The record performance is the time of fall, measured in seconds, while wearing a wingsuit, from exit altitude to the altitude at which the fall is terminated as measured by the required equipment as per paragraph (6) below.

A new altitude, distance of fall or wingsuit time of fall record is set only if the lower limit of the error range of the record performance is greater than the upper limit of the current record error range by at least 2%.

No means of propulsion may be used after leaving or jettisoning the device by which the individual or team has been carried to the exit altitude.

(4) Wingsuit Distance of Flight Record

The record performance is the straight-line distance of flight, measured in kilometers **to two decimal places**, while wearing a wingsuit, from exit altitude to the altitude at which the fall is terminated as measured by the required equipment as per paragraph (6) below.

A new altitude, distance of fall or wingsuit time of fall/**distance of flight** record is set only if the lower limit of the error range of the record performance is greater than the upper limit of the current record error range by at least 2%.

No means of propulsion may be used after leaving or jettisoning the device by which the individual or team has been carried to the exit altitude.

(6) The exit altitude and the vertical distance of fall, with or without a drogue or stabilisation device **and the wingsuit time of fall/distance of flight record**, are to be determined using an appropriate flight recorder, calibrated barograph or other reliable and appropriate method.

(7) For a team jump, the exit altitude and the vertical distance of fall, with or without a drogue or stabilisation device, is the average altitude or vertical distance fallen of all members of the team. **For a wingsuit team jump, the time of fall and distance of flight is the average values of all members of the team.**

(2) Largest Formation Wingsuit No Grip

The record performance is the number of persons **(not less than 16)** in close formation without grips that is performed and evaluated in accordance with the Wingsuit Largest Formation Performance Record Rules maintained by the IPC Wingsuit Committee and available for download from the FAI website.

The red highlighted piece at 3.3.(4) above **to two decimal places**, was suggested by R. Overdijk, and accepted by J. Hayhurst, and shall be part of the text.

Having been put to a vote the above changes to SC5 were approved unanimously.

The amended SC5 will be posted on the website.

10.6

UK bid to host 1st FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying

John Smyth, the IPC delegate for UK, presented the bid to host the 1st FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying, at Netheravon, UK, 25–29 May 2015.

He explained the reason for the non-payment of the 800 E deposit. This was accepted, and it was agreed that the sighting by the Finance Secretary deposit of bank transfer instructions to be paid after the weekend was acceptable.

Ms Jackie Harper, Secretary of the Army Parachute Association, the event hosts, spoke on the bid and confirmed that BPA membership is required for all competitors, for insurance purposes, but that the hosts will offer temporary BPA membership, at no extra cost.

The entry fee is Stg£485 entry fee for competitors

The entry fee for HoD and accompanying persons is Stg£260.

These are maximum fees, and if sponsorship is obtained these costs may be reduced

On a vote being taken, the UK bid to host 1st FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying was unanimously accepted

- 10.7 J. Hayhurst thanked the Plenary and the Judges Committee for support and said there would be trained Judges for all events.

There was a roll call and the result showed 28 Delegates present, plus 9 proxies, giving a total of 37. A simple majority would be 19 and a two-thirds majority 25. This recount did not have any effect on any earlier vote.

11 INDOOR SKYDIVING WORKING GROUP

11.1 Indoor Skydiving Report

First Vice President Gillian Rayner, Working Group Chair, reported on the Working Group's activities during 2014.

11.2 Indoor Skydiving Proposed Competition Rules

11.2.1 Indoor Skydiving Competition Rules for Solo Freestyle

The draft Competition Rules were presented by Ron Miasnikov, IPC Delegate for Israel, and they were accepted unanimously. These CRs will be posted on the website.

11.2.2 Indoor Skydiving Competition Rules for Dynamic 2-way and Dynamic 4-way (formerly Indoor Skydiving Artistic Events)

The draft Competition Rules were presented by Ronald Overdijk, IPC Delegate for The Netherlands, and they were accepted unanimously. These CRs will be posted on the website.

11.2.3 Changes to SC5 arising from Indoor Skydiving Competition Rules

- 1 Juniors – upper age limit to be changed from 14 years to under the age of 17 - SC5 1.1.2 (10)
- 2 Change to schedule – WPC in Indoor Skydiving in uneven years, commencing in 2015

On a vote being taken there were no abstentions and no voted against. These changes were adopted unanimously.

11.3 Reduction of Sanction Fee for Indoor Skydiving

The Bureau had discussed this and was not in favour of a reduction, for a number of reasons, not least that IPC wishes to provide the best, in Judging and other matters.

R. Overdijk spoke in favour of a reduction of the Sanction Fee for IS.

R. 'Exi' Hoenle stated that the SF had been increased to cover Judges' travel costs paid by IPC

J. Smyth stated that the SF should be uniform over all disciplines.

There was no significant support to reduce the Sanction Fee for any events.

11.4 Paper from BPA re Indoor Skydiving

John Smyth, IPC Delegate for UK, spoke on this matter (annex 21 in the agenda) and he stated that there was very long and detailed discussion and that BPA is content to move forward with FAI on this, in whatever way it develops.

J. Smyth thanked G. Rayner for having brought John Hitchen onto the Indoor Skydiving Working Group, thus giving the UK a direct say and an insight into the development of the discipline.

11.5 **Indoor Skydiving WG**

There had been a Temporary Working Group for IS and it was proposed that there now be a Permanent WG.

This proposal, which was not on the agenda, needed a 2/3 majority supporting vote to allow discussion.

On a vote being taken there were no abstentions and no voted against the proposal, so it was therefore agreed to discuss the proposal.

The Terms of Reference for the Indoor Skydiving Working Group were presented.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE IPC INDOOR SKYDIVING WORKING GROUP

1. PRINCIPLES

1.1 ESTABLISHMENT

These Terms of Reference are authorised by the Internal Regulations of the IPC, which are in turn authorised by the Statutes of FAI (the body of fundamental laws and principles which prescribe the nature, objectives, functions and limits of FAI).

2. RESPONSIBILITY

The IPC Indoor Skydiving Working Group is a Working Group established by the IPC. It reports directly to the Bureau and Plenary Meeting of the IPC and is responsible only to the Plenary Meeting.

3. MANDATE

The scope of the work of the IPC Indoor Skydiving Working Group shall be in accordance with the Internal Regulations of the IPC, these Terms of Reference and instructions by a Plenary Meeting.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Indoor Skydiving Working Group are:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of information regarding Indoor Skydiving
- To coordinate the work done in the different competition discipline committees regarding Indoor Skydiving
- To keep current with the evolution of the Indoor disciplines and to make proposals to the General Conference.

5. ORGANISATION

5.1 COMPOSITION

5.1.1 Members

The composition of the IPC Indoor Skydiving Working Group will be in accordance with section 7 of the Internal regulations.

5.1.2 Chair

The Working Group Chair is appointed annually in accordance with subsection 7.3 of the Internal Regulations.

The Chair may call on outside specialists to give advice to the Working Group. The Chair may also allocate specific tasks to groups and/or individuals on a project basis.

5.1.3 Secretary

The Working Group may appoint a Secretary should it so desire.

6. MEETINGS

The IPC Indoor Skydiving Working Group will hold meetings as necessary, but is required to meet at least twice immediately prior to the Plenary Meeting. The first meeting will be an Open Meeting and the second meeting will be a Closed Meeting. Any work or communication needed during the intervening year will be handled by letter, fax or by electronic means.

7. REPORTS

Each year, the Chair of the Indoor Skydiving Working Group shall present to the Plenary Meeting a written Annual Report giving details of the Working Group's work during the previous year. The report must contain all proposals and recommendations requiring a Plenary Meeting decision. The report must be submitted to the IPC Secretary in accordance with paragraph 3.7.1 (i.e. no later than 75 days before the date of the meeting) so that it can be distributed with the Agenda and Notice of Meeting, that is sent out 45 days before the upcoming Plenary Meeting

Alberto Martin Paracuellos, IPC Delegate for Spain, suggested that there be a Committee for IS, rather than a Working Group.

Trude Sviggum, Chair of the FS Committee, said that FS wanted the rules to be close to those of Outdoor FS and that if it were a Committee there might be a greater tendency to divergence.

Ron Miasnikov, IPC delegate for Israel, suggested that a separate Working Group might be appropriate

President Windsor proposed that a Permanent Working Group be established and that this be monitored in the future.

This suggestion was accepted and the above Terms of Reference for the Indoor Skydiving Working Group were accepted unanimously. The ToRs will be incorporated into IPC's Internal Regulations document.

11.6 Future FCEs in Indoor Skydiving

11.6.1 Bid from Czech Republic to host a FCE in Indoor Skydiving in 2015.

Jiri Blaska, IPC Delegates for Czech Republic, presented the Czech bid to host the 2nd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, at the Hurricane Factory, Prague, 21-24 October 2015.

This event was renamed – **1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships.**

President Windsor said that there was increasing interest in Indoor Skydiving, with the number of tunnels being built increasing at a rapid rate and many more young people engaging in skydiving competition techniques. These factors pointed to a strong possibility of having World Tours with an increasing number of bids to host competitions.

A vote was taken and the bid was unanimously accepted.

11.6.2 Bid from Czech Republic to host a FCE in Indoor Skydiving in 2016.

Both the AE and FS Committees agreed that it would be better to defer a vote on the bid from the Czech Republic on its 2016 bid.

A vote was sought and the result was that 19 voted against accepting the bid, with 3 abstentions.

The 2016 bid was therefore rejected. It was noted that it can be re-presented at the 2016 Plenary meeting, if so desired.

11.6.3 Letter of Intent from France to host an FCE in Indoor Skydiving in 2017

As this Letter of Intent was a late item it required a supporting 2/3 majority vote to have it discussed. The 2/3 majority was obtained and the matter was opened for discussion. The bid will be to host the FCE, near Paris, in 2017. A bid will be forthcoming.

President Windsor thanked G. Rayner for her work in nurturing Indoor Skydiving and its dedicated pursuit of its acceptance as an IPC discipline. He noted that Indoor Skydiving was being handed on by her in a healthy state.

12	MONDIAL
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12.1 Mondial Update

Kirk Verner, IPC Delegate for USA, updated the Plenary on preparations for the Mondial at Skydive Chicago, Illinois, USA, 09 – 23 September 2016.

K. Verner made a presentation showing how preparations were progressing. There were no questions

President Windsor thanked K. Verner and said it was good to see that all was on track.

12.2 Speed Skydiving at Mondial 2016

The Organiser has agreed to add Speed Skydiving to the disciplines at Mondial 2016.

13 FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

13.1 Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Report

Günter Berendt, Committee Chair, commented on the Committee's activities in 2014 and presented the results of the S&A open meeting. In his report he noted the events which had taken place successfully at Banja Luka and in Dubai.

13.2 Update on bids

An update was given on the upcoming 8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, to be held at Erden, Bulgaria, August 2015.

An update had earlier been given on Mondial 2016, to be held in Illinois, USA, 09-23 Sept. 2016.

13.3 Bulgarian expression of intent for 2018

Bulgaria had entered a bid to host the 35th FAI World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, at Aeroclub Montana, Bulgaria, 17-26 August 2018. While it is important to receive bids early, it was felt that this bid was too early, 2018 being too far ahead. Bulgaria agreed to have this 2018 bid noted as an Expression of Intent to bid at a later date.

13.4 Amendments to the Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules

Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules 2015 Amendments to CRs

5.1.5. Target

(2) The AMD is mounted centrally on an underlying pad of at least 1.2 m diameter which when struck scores **17 cm** at all points. Chief Judge and/or Event Judge may decide to discontinue the use of this underlying pad for any pertinent reason.

6.1.1 Decision on Landing point

6.1.1.1 Three judges positioned at or near the target will independently assess the landing and indicate by a visible signal (hand/arm) if the displayed score is valid/invalid. The decision of the judges will be made by simple majority.

7.2 Programme of Events

3) In the event of a tie for the first three places in Team or Individual Accuracy Landing the following rules apply:

- (b) If this does not break a tie then the competitor or team with the greater number of low scores (i.e. for teams the score as defined 5.1.8 (5)) from all completed jumps, including the tie-breaking jumps, obtains the higher place.
- (c) If the tie still remains, the competitor with the lowest score, starting with the last completed jump, including tiebreaking jumps, and continuing in reverse order, jump by jump until the tie is broken, obtains the higher place.
If the tie remains in team accuracy all 5 team scores are used for each round, then 7.2 (3) b) above is again used with these scores.

6.2 Freefall Style

6.2.1.1 Five judges evaluate the performance of the competitor, using individually assigned Video-Monitors for each judge.

7.2 (4) Freefall Style: 5 rounds.....

After completion of the 2nd round, competitors with an aggregate score of 17 seconds or less (male) and 20 seconds or less (female) qualify for the 3rd round.

7.2 (6) Freefall Style Junior: 5 rounds, without cuts.

There were no objections and no abstentions so these amendments were carried unanimously.

The 2015 Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules shall be posted on the website.

14 FORMATION SKYDIVING AND VFS

14.1 Formation Skydiving Report

Trude Sviggum, Committee Chair, presented the FS Report on the Committee's activities in 2014. There was nothing to add to the report given at the FS Open Meeting. It is proposed to have two new members on the FS Committee in 2015.

14.2 Future Events in Formation Skydiving

14.2.1 Netherlands bid to host 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving and 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships

Ronald Overdijk, IPC Delegate for The Netherlands, presented this bid to host these events at Teuge, The Netherlands, 07-13 September 2015.

The bid was also for Artistic Events and Speed Skydiving.

R. Overdijk stated that in the matter of insurance, he had been in touch with the broker and it was hoped to offer the same deal as in 2008; the insurance cover would either be free or might cost 6 or 7 Euro.

The vote recorded no abstentions, no votes against, so the bid was carried unanimously.

14.2.2 FS in Mondial 2016.

An update had earlier been given on Mondial 2016, to be held in Illinois, USA, 09-23 Sept. 2016.

14.3 2-Way MFS – Mixed Formation Skydiving

A proposal, from USA, appeared in the Plenary agenda to adopt 2-Way Mixed Formation Skydiving.

T. Sviggum, Chair of the FS Committee stated that the FS Committee did not support this proposal. Kirk Verner, IPC Delegate for USA, stated that opinion, in the USA, is divided on the issue, and he suggested that for the meantime 2-Way MFS may be used in the US Nationals, and perhaps looked at again in the future. It was not then necessary to examine the proposed 2-Way MFS Competition Rules or Dive Pool.

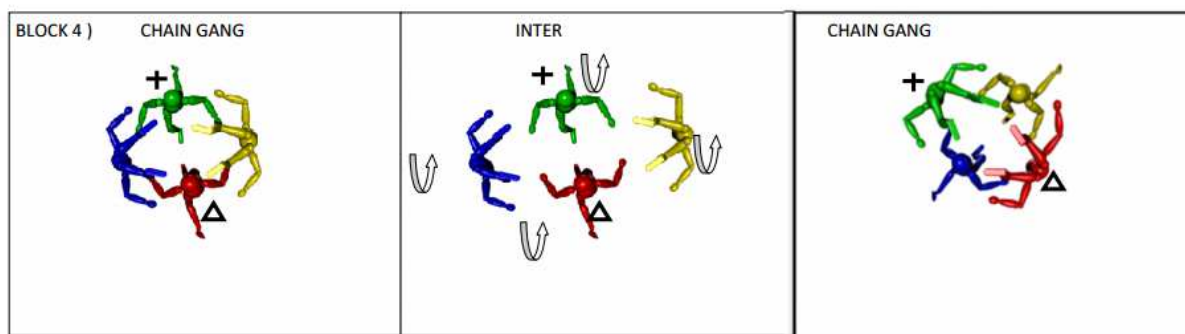
14.4 Proposed changes to the 2015 Formation Skydiving & VFS Competition Rules

FORMATION SKYDIVING COMPETITION RULES

Summary of rule changes 2015

1. Proposed Rule changes (both FS and VFS rules)

- Combine the (outdoor) FS and VFS rules into one document, see Annex 37
- Allow 2 alternates for FS 8 way
- **Housekeeping:**
 - VFS block 4 "Chain Gang" is incorrect in the current divepool. This is the correct version from 2011 that will be put back in the 2015 divepool.



- Housekeeping indoor rules:
 - At request from the FS Committee the IPC Bureau made a decision to amend the Indoor Skydiving FS Competition Rules at point 4.5.4. The rule

was originally written for VFS, but is not appropriate for FS.

Old wording: The video equipment will be placed in the wind tunnel in such a location as to ensure that all members of the team are visible from below. The location and field of vision must be approved by the Chief Judge and the FAI Controller.

- the words 'from below' (at the end of the first sentence) should be deleted.

New wording: The video equipment will be placed in the wind tunnel in such a location as to ensure that all members of the team are visible. The location and field of vision must be approved by the Chief Judge and the FAI Controller.

The proposed FS Competition Rules changes were accepted unanimously.

The 2015 Competition Rules for FS and VFS, Indoor and Outdoor, shall be posted on the website.

15 CANOPY FORMATION

15.1 Canopy Formation Report

In the absence of Lindy Rochow-Williams, Chair of the CF Committee, who was unable to attend the Plenary and who sent her apologies for her absence, Rina Gallo, Deputy Chair, reported on the Committee's activities in 2014 and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee in 2014

R. Gallo praised Bernard Nicolas, CF Chief Judge at Banja Luka, for his work and innovation at the competition. Patrice Girardin referred to Banja Luka and said that it was a pity Vladimir Gazetov had not been available and it was hoped that Vladimir would be fully active with IPC soon.

R. Gallo also referred to the Dubai Cup and the high quality of that event.

15.2 Proposed changes to the CF Competition Rules

Canopy Formation Committee – Competition Rule Changes 2015

2.2. Grip: Consists of a hand hold or a foot hook on an "A" line or front riser so that a formation is built in accordance with the configurations.

2.3.2. Stair/step: **Stairstep**

3.5. Determination of winners

3.5.1. Where only one round is completed, the team that has the best score for that one round shall be the winner. If more than one team has the same score, the team with the fastest time within working time, calculated to the second decimal point, shall be the winner.

3.5.2. Where more than one round is completed, the team that has the best score after discarding their lowest score in the completed rounds (a disqualification or penalty score may not be discarded), calculated as follows:

~~3.5.2.1. Have the greatest number of formations in the completed rounds.~~

~~3.5.2.2. If 2 or more teams have an equal number of formations, the first 3 places will be decided by the highest number of points in any completed round for each team.~~

~~3.5.2.3. If there is still a tie, the team with the fastest time in those rounds with the highest points wins the tied place.~~

- i the highest aggregate number of formations in the completed rounds.
- ii tie break round (if possible)
- iii the highest number of points in any completed round for each team.
- iv. the fastest time in ~~these~~ the round(s) with the highest points.

3.5.2.1 Tied teams placed lower than third remain tied.

4.2 Meteorological Conditions:

4.2.3. Rain occurring any time after the first team member exits the aircraft during a jump is no grounds for protest.

4.3. All forms of Canopy Formation jumping must cease by 750 meters (~2500 ft).

4.4. After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed. If any other canopy formation is performed, the team will receive a score of zero for that round. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

4.4.1 The chief judge is responsible to appoint an organiser shall supply a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed. teams for this possible occurrence.

4.4.2 If the same team is observed to have broken rule 4.4 a second time, the appointed observer will notify the chief judge. The team concerned will be disqualified from the competition. This decision is no grounds for a protest. The question of whether this meant all events in the competition (e.g. where competitors are entered in both 2 way and 4 way events) was raised and this was confirmed

4.5. The Draw:

The A public draw of the sequences and the jump order will be supervised by the Chief Judge. The teams will be given not less than 2 hours knowledge of the results before the competition starts.

Rules Specific to the Event

5.1. 2-Way Sequential Event

5.1.4. **Omissions:** ~~Omission of a formation will stop the scoring at that formation. The next formation to score is the second correctly completed formation following the last omission. Scoring may also continue if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation or incorrect formation.~~ For each omission of a formation in a round, two points will be deducted from the score of that round otherwise obtained. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation.

5.2. 4-Way Sequential Event:

5.2.4. **Omissions:** ~~Omission of a formation will stop the scoring at that formation. The next formation to score is the second correctly completed formation following the last omission. Scoring may also continue if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation, incorrect formation or formation prior to the incorrect inter requirement. -~~ For each omission of a formation in a round, two points will be deducted from the score of that round otherwise obtained. However, the scoring will not be affected if the team goes back to correctly complete the omitted formation.

An attempt to complete a formation, although incorrect or incomplete, demonstrated by at least 3 canopies connected with grips, and in the formation required by the drawn sequence, will be judged as an incorrect formation, not as an omission.

Judging Rules

~~6.2. The judges will watch each performance once at normal speed. At the request of any working judge, a second viewing at normal speed may be made. If, after the second viewing has taken place and a clear decision has not been made as to when the working time begins, the Event Judge may guide the Panel of Judges when to start their chronometers. A third viewing at normal or reduced speed at 70% may only occur at the discretion of the Event Judge. The judges shall start the timing when the first team member (including the team's videographer) leaves the aircraft. At the end of working time, freeze frame of the video image shall be applied.~~

6.2 The judges shall start the timing when the first team member (including the team's videographer) leaves the aircraft. At the end of working time, freeze frame of the video image shall be applied.

6.2.1 The judges will watch each performance once at normal speed. At the request of any working judge, a second viewing at normal speed or reduced speed at 70% may be made. A third viewing, at normal or reduced speed at 70%, may only occur at the discretion of the

There was debate regarding the proposed amended 4.4.

Vladimir Gazetov, IPC Delegate for Russia, said that the competitor/s cannot see when the working time is elapsed so he/they should not be penalised, unless another formation is being performed.

R. 'Exi' Hoenle said that the rule is fine but it may be very difficult to prove. There could be uncertainty as to the team involved and quality of the video was sometimes not good.

H. Wiggers stated that this is clarified by the new, modified, rule, whereby the CJ assigns a qualified person to monitor this matter.

A. M. Paracuellos asked that 4.4.2 be clarified – does disqualification mean from the event, or from the competition. It was agreed it should be from the event.

R. 'Buzz' Bennett felt that disqualification should be from the competition, to remove completely people who cheated. There was some disagreement on this.

There were further contributions on this topic, the bulk of those who spoke expressing the opinion that those who cheat should be removed entirely from the competition.

R. Gallo presented other proposed rule changes and answered questions.

A vote was taken on the proposed rule changes, which were adopted by the majority, with one person voting against and no abstentions.

Note – the word 'competition' is retained in 4.4.2

The updated Canopy Formation Competition Rules shall be posted on the website.

15.4 Future FCEs in Canopy Formation

15.4.1 17th FAI World canopy Formation Championships, Mondial, Chicago 2016

An update had earlier been given on the preparations for Mondial 2016, to be held in Illinois, USA, 09-23 September 2016.

15.4.2 Swedish Letter of Intent to host 13th FAI European Canopy Formation Championships

Pia Berggren, IPC Delegate for Sweden provided a Letter of Intent to bid to host the 13th FAI European Canopy Formation Championships in 2017. The bid will be presented at the Plenary Meeting in 2016.

R. Gallo thanked the members of the CF Committee for their work and President Windsor thanked R. Gallo for taking on the task of leading the CF Committee for the Plenary and for doing a very good job.

16 ARTISTIC EVENTS

16.1 Artistic Events Report

Ronald Overdijk, Committee Chair, reported on the AE Committee's activities in 2014, and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee in 2014.

16.2 Proposed changes to the Outdoor AE Competition Rules.

Outdoor AE – Freestyle and Freestyle changes

R. Overdijk proposed and opened for discussion amendments to the AE Competition Rules.

ARTISTIC EVENTS

COMPETITION RULES 2015 HEADLINES & CHANGES SUMMARY

OUTDOOR

Freestyle Skydiving

- Clarification on judging guidelines
- 2 new compulsory sequences
 - Open stag sequence (FR1)
 - Angle sequence (FR6)

Freestyle

- Clarification on judging guidelines
- 3 new compulsory sequences
 - Turning Totem 360 degrees (change from 720 degrees) FF4
 - Angle sequence (FF5)
 - Linked full Eagle with trick (FF6)

These proposed amendments were unanimously accepted by the Plenary.

The 2015 Outdoor AE Competition Rules will be available on the website.

16.3 **Proposed changes to the Indoor AE Competition Rules**

R. Overdijk stated that there would be live judging for Indoor AE, with a camera for compulsories.

ARTISTIC EVENTS

COMPETITION RULES 2015 HEADLINES & CHANGES SUMMARY

INDOOR

General

- Live judging
- HD video requirement 1080 - 25 frames (live stream, video archive, judges training)
- Start of working time when crossing the plane of the doorway
- Light signals for end of working time

Indoor Freestyle Skydiving

- Working time changed from 45 to 60 seconds
- Number of compulsory sequences changed from 2 to 3, per round, with speed variation
- Music allowed
- Updates on Addenda B and C
- Windspeed setting on training
- Pointed toes on specific moves only, as appropriate

Dynamic 2-way

- As per Open Meeting 2015 presentation

Dynamic 4-way

- As per Open Meeting 2015 presentation

These proposed amendments were unanimously accepted by the Plenary.

A set of Competition Rules for Dynamic 2-way and a set for Dynamic 4-way were presented. There were no changes to the presented CRs.

These sets of Competition Rules were adopted unanimously.

The 2015 Indoor AE Competition Rules will be available on the website.

16.4 **Future FCEs in Outdoor and Indoor AE**

16.4.1 The Netherland Bid to host the 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships and the 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events at Teuge, The Netherlands, 06-13 Sept. 2015 had been accepted ; see 14.2.1 above.

16.4.2 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships.
See 11.6.1 above for details regarding the 1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Prague, 21-24 October 2015.

16.4.3 Bid from Czech Republic to host FCE in 2016 (Annex 25 to agenda)
See 11.6.2 above for details of the deferral of this bid until the 2016 Plenary Meeting

President Windsor thanked Ronald Overdijk, who had served as Chair of the AE Committee for 21 years. The Plenary responded with sustained ovation.

17	PARA SKI
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17.1 **Para Ski Report**

Henny Wiggers, Deputy Committee Chair, reported on the Para-Ski Committee's activities in 2014, and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee in 2014. He referred to personnel changes in the Committee. He spoke of the 14th FAI WPC in Para Ski, held at Tanai, Russia, 12-18 March 2014. The attendance had been smaller than usual for a Para Ski WPC and the weather was not good. The event was well organised and he thanked the Organiser for that. It was noted that the Chief Judge Report was in the agenda.

17.2 Future FCEs in Para-Ski

17.2.1 15th FAI World Para Ski Championships, 2015

The German Delegate, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, reported on the forthcoming 15th FAI World Para Ski Championships at Unterammergau, Bavaria, Germany, 17 – 22 February 2015. He stated that 58 competitors, representing 10 nations, had registered.

17.2.2 16th FAI World Para Ski Championships 2017

Johann Gritsch, IPC Delegate, Austria, presented a bid to host the 16th FAI World Para Ski Championships 2017, at St Johann im Pongau, Austria, 07-12 March 2017. The Para Ski Committee fully supported this bid and the Plenary unanimously accepted it.

Michael Egger, Chair, Para Ski Committee, asked the Delegates to submit bids to host future Para Ski events.

17.3 Proposed changes to the Para Ski Competition Rules

The following proposed changes to the Para Ski Competition Rules were presented

Changes in Paraski CR valid from 1st July 2015 as briefed at open meeting

Remark: Below is a word Summary to be included in the Plenary minutes, further details and all differences between old and new CR are visible in the complete track changes file "Competition Rules for Para_15_16 compared"

- **Minimum for Giant Slalom:** 1 run in case of extreme weather/ snow condition, Points will be doubled

7.3.5. (3) ~~Two~~ Skiing: One qualification and two competition runs.

The minimum number of runs for a valid event is 1 (one).

If there is only one competition run finished, the points for skiing are doubled. This means if two or three accuracy rounds are finished for each 0.32 seconds one point will be awarded. If four or more accuracy rounds are finished, for each 0.16 seconds one point will be awarded.

	2-3 rounds	4-6 rounds
1 run	0.32	0.16
2 runs	0.64	0.32

- **Harmonization with S&A CR**

e.g. Final Round before the 6th round is finished

1.1.1 4.4.4. The best 20%, but no less than 8 men and 4 women, of the individual combined placing, including juniors and masters, ~~after the 6th round of accuracy is completed~~ will jump in a final individual accuracy round. ~~The final round will only take place if the 6th round is completed.~~ The jump altitude and order is determined by the Meet Director in agreement with the Chief Judge. If adverse weather conditions dictate and there is insufficient time to complete all rounds (after the minimum number has been completed) the Meet Director in agreement with the Chief Judge, may decide to move straight into the final round.

- **Female Teams**

1.1.2 4.4.6. Team Rankings (4.4.1.) will only be determined for National Teams(GS 3.2.3.1) of 4 ~~female-2~~ participants. All individuals, ~~female~~ and incomplete teams are put together into international teams; they will be ranked according to 4.2. (jump order) for organizational reasons only.

- **Housekeeping changes/ clarification**

- **Title FAI standard**

7.1. Title of the Competition:

" xx FAI WORLD **PARA-SKI** CHAMPIONSHIPS ~~in PARA-SKI~~....

(year)

- 6.1.2. Selection of Judges: old text deleted and replaced by See SC5 Chapter 6

- **Judging at the target**
 - 6.2.1. Decision on landing point
 - (1) At least three judges at or near the target will determine the point of landing.
 - (2) In addition ~~to these three judges~~, two other judges shall be positioned at approximately 5 m distance, to observe which part of the body made the first contact with the ground. Their opinion will only be used if the ~~three~~ judges in the center do not ~~find a majority~~ agree on the first point of contact. If a control pad is used, the Chief Judge may decide to do without the two ~~observing~~ "leg judges".
 - (3) ~~Where~~ For a first point of landing off the AMD where a majority of the judges agree on the landing point or, if there is no such agreement, at an average point, a mark will be made and a measurement in centimeters will be made, taken from the mark to the nearest edge of the Dead Center Disc. The measurement will be rounded up to the next highest centimeter. ~~If the judges agree that the first point of body contact with the ground was on the Automatic Measuring Device, the score for the jump will be the measurement registered by the Automatic Measuring Device (for use of big AMD see~~ ~~Erreur ! Source du renvoi introuvable.~~ (5)).
 - (4) The method of communication used by the judges is decided by the Chief Judge.
- **Team Leader -> Manager Meeting**
 - 3.1.2..... The start of the competition is defined as the beginning of the first Team ~~Leaders~~ Manager meeting
- **Rejump after interference during final approach**
 - 5.1.7. (3) If, during the accuracy event, two or more competitors approach and /or land on the target simultaneously or close together, and in the process interfere with each other, a rejump for one or both or neither may be awarded. ~~If a competitor aborts the final approach because of being obstructed and does not attempt to land on target, a rejump will be granted.~~ No rejump will be granted if such interference occurs between members of the same team excluding mixed teams (5.1.9 (2)).

R. 'Buzz' Bennett stated that CR 6.2.1.3 needs to be changed. H. Wiggers agreed and suggested that the words 'off the AMD' be deleted. It was agreed that this would be done.

With this additional change the proposed Competition Rule changes were accepted unanimously.

The 2015 Para Ski CRs will be available on the web site.

President Windsor thanked H. Wiggers, M. Egger and the Para Ski Committee for their work.

18	CANOPY PILOTING
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18.1 Canopy Piloting Report

Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, Committee Chair, reported on the Canopy Piloting Committee's activities for 2014, and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee in 2014. The following points were made –

- Competition Rules changes were outlined –
- Drag distance competition records up to 2014 would be retired.
- All performance records will be retired – there will only be competition records.

R. Overdijk asked if medals will be offered for the additional categories and R. 'Exi' Hoenle stated that there would not be.

R. 'Buzz' Bennett asked would extra medals be required for the team event in Canada in 2015 and R. 'Exi' Hoenle stated that the rule would not apply to accepted bids, unless the Organiser agreed.

18.2 Future FCEs in Canopy Piloting

- 18.2.1 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, Farnham, Montreal, Canada, 23-30 Aug 2015**
R. 'Buzz' Bennett, the IPC Delegate for Canada, updated the Plenary and the following were noted –
- The entry fee is for single room occupancy
 - The late entry fee is Can\$100
 - 4th FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships have been added to the event

These additions were accepted unanimously

- 18.2.2 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships**
A bid had been received from Canada to host this event, at Farnham, Montreal, Canada, 21-28 August 2016.
R. 'Exi' Hoenle asked that the vote on this bid be deferred until the 2016 Plenary Meeting. No reason was offered for this request.
R. 'Buzz' Bennett strongly objected to this, stating that the bid was in time and on the agenda and had to be voted on at this Plenary.
A secret ballot was called for and Markus Haggenev was accepted as scrutineer.
The result of the ballot was –
- | | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| In favour of the bid – | 21 |
| Against acceptance of the bid - | 16 |
| Abstentions - | 0 |
- Canada was therefore granted the hosting of the 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships in 2016.

It was noted that a maximum of 12 medals would be required for CP in both 2015 and 2016.

- 18.2.3 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2017**
The UAE had entered a late bid on 30 January 2015, to host this event.
See 27.2 below.

- 18.3 Proposed changes to the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules**
The proposed changes were not finalised at the Plenary meeting. The CRs for Canopy Piloting will be finalised by the CP Committee, reviewed and approved by the Bureau and posted on the website. **See 25.3.**

19 SPEED SKYDIVING

- 19.1 Speed Skydiving Report**
Elisabet Mikaelsson, Chair, Speed Skydiving Committee, presented her report. There were no questions.

19.2 Future Speed Skydiving events

- 19.2.1 Mondial 2016**
The Organiser has agreed to add Speed Skydiving to the programme – see 12.2 Mondial above.

- 19.2.2 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving**
The bid from The Netherlands, Annex 33, included a bid to host this event at Teuge, The Netherlands, 07-13 September 2015. This bid had earlier been accepted.

19.3 Amendments to Speed Skydiving 2015 CRs.

Proposals for changes of the Speed Skydiving CR 2015:

Para 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 Inspection of Equipment

Addition:

Chief Judge and Meet Director may delegate this task to a qualified person, such as a Rigger, Senior Rigger or Master Rigger

Para 4.1.8 Broken Seals

Addition:

broken seals are not ground for a re-jump.

Para 4.1.9 SMD Malfunction

Addition:

the competitor has the choice for making a re-jump or accepting the score of zero for the jump. The competitor must make an immediate decision and must inform the Chief Judge of the decision; otherwise a re-jump must be made.

Para 5.1.3 Jumping Procedure

Change of wording:

New: aircraft line of flight (Old: aircraft heading)

Para 5.2.1 Exit Order

Change (safety issue):

For safety reasons, the exit order in a jump run is determined by the personal best of the competitors. The exit order in a jump run is personal best descending.

Para 5.3.1 Exit Altitude

Change of wording:

New: Exit Altitude: 13000ft (3962 metres) – (Old: The jump must be made from ...)

Para 5.3.2 Lowering Exit Altitude

Addition:

For meteorological reasons **or air traffic circumstances** only, and with the consent of the FAI Controller and the Chief Judge, the Meet Director may lower the exit altitude to 12000ft (**3658 metres**) and continue the competition ...

Para 5.4.1 Speed Measuring Device

Clarification:

The SMD must be capable of gathering data, or transmitting real-time data to a ground station or stations, which allows the competitor's average vertical freefall speed between 2700m and 1700m above ground **to be displayed to a resolution** of one hundredth of a kilometre per hour, and the competitors exit altitude to be determined to an accuracy of 10m.

Para 5.6 Speed Skydiving Penalties

New OB Rule – paragraph 5.6.1 and 5.6.2:

If the difference of the two average speeds is 60.01 km/h or greater, the jump is considered to be outside the scoring boundaries (OB) and the score is 0.00.

If the difference of the two average speeds is 30.01 km/h or greater but less than 60.01 km/h the score for the jump is the average of these two average speeds minus the excess of the difference between the two speeds over 30.00 km/h to the nearest hundredth of a km/h, rounded down.

Para 6.1 Scoring the Jump

Change because of the new OB Rule – paragraph 6.1.7, 6.1.8 und 6.1.9:

If the difference of the two average speeds is 30 km/h (18.64 mph) or less, then the jump is considered to be within the scoring boundaries, and the score for the jump is the average of the two speeds to the nearest hundredth of a km/h, rounded down.

If the difference of the two average speeds is 30.01 km/h or greater but less than 60.01 km/h the score for the jump is calculated as described in paragraph 5.6.2.

If the difference of the two average speeds is 60.01 km/h or greater, the jump is considered to be outside the scoring boundaries (OB) as described in paragraph 5.6.1.

Para 6.3.1 Determining Placing

Change because of the new OB Rule:

(ii) If 3 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best 2 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the two speeds. As additional information the average of the two speeds can be shown on the score sheet.

(iii) If 4 or 5 rounds have been completed, the competitor's best 3 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the three speeds. As additional information the average of the three speeds can be shown on the score sheet.

(iv) With round 6, 7 or 8 completed, the competitor's best 4 rounds are used, and the score is the total of the four speeds. As additional information the average of the four speeds can be shown on the score sheet.

Para 7.3.1 Composition of Delegation

Change:

One Interpreter (deleted)

A maximum of 6 competitors for a World Parachuting Championship.

A maximum of 8 competitors for a World Cup or a Continental Regional Championship.

20 FAI JUDGING

20.1 Judges Committee Report

Pia Berggren, Committee Chair, reported on the Judges Committee's activities for 2014, and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee in 2014. There was nothing further to add, and there were no questions.

20.2 Changes to Rules

Pia Berggren, Committee Chair, proposed and opened for discussion the revised SC5, Chapter 6, FAI Judges, and other rules changes arising from the open and closed Judges Committee meetings prior to the Plenary.

Judges Committee suggested rule changes 2015

4.6.1 (5) Not going to change

~~(5) In CP and Accuracy, The Organiser, in consultation with the CJ, may appoint additional Judges Assistants from among any FAI Parachuting Judges or FAI Member National Judges present at the competition site and not on the official panel. An additional judge may not permanently replace a judge selected to the official panel.~~

4.6.1 Attendance at First Category Events

- (1) There must be a sufficient number of FAI Parachuting Judges available for all appropriate tasks provided in the Sporting Code and Competition Rules.
- (2) The minimum number of FAI Parachuting Judges, including the CJ, required at a WPC/WISC is:

Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing: 15	Formation Skydiving: 15
Indoor Formation Skydiving: 12	Indoor Artistic Events: 5
Artistic Events: 9	Canopy Formation: 7
Paraski: 7	Canopy Piloting: 11
Speed Skydiving: 3	Wingsuit -P: 3 -A: 5

~~Note that for Indoor Skydiving, FS and AE may have the same CJ.~~ **The numbers above may be reduced by the Judges Committee depending on the number of entrants. Judges who are not required will be informed within a week of the provisional entry deadline.**

4.9.3 Recording Media

- (1) ~~The Organiser~~ **The Scoring system operator** at of an FCE must give, ~~in a manner acceptable to the Judges' Committee,~~ **in an MKV format** (other than for CP) of the competition, together with the summary score sheets and other pertinent documentation, to the FAI Controller. The FAI Controller will deliver the copy of the recording media and the documentation to the Chair of the IPC Judges' Committee and/or the IPC Judge Video Librarian, who must ensure that each delegation can purchase copies of the same within 45 days.

6.1.2 Criteria for Judge Training and Evaluation

6) Evaluation in Freefall Style, FS, CF and AE

- (a) Evaluation Method The evaluation will be made using recording media and must include a minimum of 30 jumps from recent competitions in the specific discipline and approved by the Judges Committee. Where applicable, copies of the relevant supporting paperwork must also be provided by the Judge Video Librarian. A definitive result/score for each jump will be

established by the Chief of Judge Training and **FAI Judges appointed by** the Judges Committee including assessments and penalties and will be considered the “approved score”. The defining panel (Chief of Judge Training + ~~discipline qualified members of~~ **FAI Judges appointed by** the Judges Committee) will make allowances for judgment decision relevant to the particular discipline. For example, in Freefall Style a range of angles, which may include zero as a penalty; in Formation Skydiving and Canopy Formation these may include the case where correct or incorrect would be considered a valid assessment of a point score. **Details of evaluation calculations can be found in the CJT Handbook.**

6.1.2(6)

(b) Minimum Evaluation Standard. The Evaluation of each judge will be made against the definitive result/score as defined in 6.1.2(6) (a).

To achieve a pass on their evaluation skills in FS or CF each judge's evaluation must agree with 80% of the **approved score penalties**. ~~definitive result/scores penalties~~. In addition the total number of points per jump scored must agree with the definitive result/scores in at least 90% of the jumps viewed.

For FS and CF: ~~no more than 20% of each judges' evaluation may disagree with the definitive result/scores penalties~~. **The total points awarded by each judge may not differ from the approved score total points by more than plus or minus 10%.**

For Style: ~~where the definitive result/score assesses a penalty, the judges under evaluation must show 100% agreement with that definitive result/score. An agreement is defined as a penalty assessment equal to the definitive result/score or an assessment that is one penalty step above or below the definitive result/score. Where the definitive result/score is the lowest penalty step then a no penalty assessment is also an agreement~~. **At least 90% of the assessments must agree with the approved score.**

For AE: the judges under evaluation must score each jump within one point of the definitive results/score in at least 80% of the jumps evaluated.

6.2 ~~Training~~ JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

6.2.1 *Initial qualification*

In order to participate in an IPC FAI Judge Training Course; a candidate must meet the following initial requirements in the relevant discipline:

6.1 JUDGE TRAINING AND EVALUATION

Parachuting Judge Ratings are issued for the following disciplines:

- (1) Accuracy Landing
- (2) Freefall Style
- (3) FS
- (4) CF
- (5) AE
- (6) CP
- (7) SP**
- (8) WS**

6.1.2 (6) add WS

6.1.2 (7) add SP, WS

6.4.2 add SP, WS

The proposed rules changes were accepted unanimously.

The 2015 Judges Rules will be available on the web site.

20.3

Scoring system

P. Berggren asked that if a new Scoring System was developed to please advise so that it could be evaluated and approved.

20.4 FAI Judges List

The list of FAI Parachuting Judges for 2015, based on input to the Judges' Committee by the various countries, had been posted during the meetings, for inspection, and, where necessary, correction. The final list was proposed to the Plenary.

The Plenary unanimously approved the final list, which is appended to these minutes as **Appendix D**.

20.6 Chief Judges for 2015 First Category Events, and Para Ski 2017

Pia Berggren, Committee Chair, presented the list of Chief Judges, below, for approval. The Plenary approved these Chief Judge nominations.

CHIEF JUDGES FCEs 2015 & PARA SKI 2017	
Event	Chief Judge
2 nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, Teuge, The Netherlands, 06-13 September 2015	Arnold Hohenegger
20 th 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving & 13 th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, Teuge, The Netherlands, 06-13 September 2015	Karla Cole
11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events & 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships, Teuge, The Netherlands, 06-13 September 2015	Sylvia Wagner
8 th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, Farnham, Montreal, Canada, 23-30 August 2015	Bjorn Korth
8 th FAI European Championships and 5 th Junior European Championships - in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, Erden, Bulgaria, 23-30 August 2015	Ulf Tingnert
1 st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Artistic Events Championships, Prague, Czech Republic, 21-24 October 2015	Ron Miasnikov
1 st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Prague, Czech Republic, 21-24 October 2015	Rina Gallo
1 st FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying, Netheravon, U.K., 25-29 May 2015	Randy Connell
16 th FAI World Para Ski Championships, Salzburg, Austria 2017	Darko Svetina

Event	Chief Judge Training
1 st FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying, Netheravon, U.K., 25-29 May 2015	Kate Charters and Randy Connell
8 th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, Farnham, Montreal, Canada, 23-30 August 2015	Anders Berggren
2 nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, Teuge, The Netherlands, 06-13 September 2015	Arnold Hohenegger

20.5 Judge Nominations for 2015.

Delegates were advised that 01 March 2015 was the date by which Judges were to be nominated for the events listed in the table above.

21 RULES AND REGULATIONS

21.1 Sporting Code, Section 5

21.1.1 Clause 1.1.4, SC5

It was proposed to delete 1.1.4, the clause forbidding the wearing of any item which would indicate the national identity of an FAI official. As there were divided opinions on this it was agreed to treat it as a separate item, rather than vote on the clause en bloc with other proposed changes.

The vote resulted in a majority, 12 votes, for deletion of the clause, with 7 for retention and 4 abstentions.

Clause 1.1.4 will be deleted from SC5

21.1.2 CISM Request regarding Records

There was a request from CISM that IPC accuracy and style performance records may be established during a CISM event. This was agreed, see Summary SC5 Rule changes, 3.3.11 below

- 21.1.3 SC5 5.3.1 (1) Proposal to change**
The proposal to delete the word 'official', was carried. See Summary SC5 Rule changes at 5.3.1 (1) below.
- 21.1.4 Changes to SC5 changes, as per Annexes 55 and 56,**
excepting 21.1.1 above, which had been separately dealt with.
The Plenary unanimously accepted the proposed changes.
- 21.1.5 Proposal to amend SC5 in relation to tie-breaking procedures**
Dr R. 'Exi' Hoenle withdrew his proposal (annex 57 in the agenda papers) in relation to this matter.
- 21.1.6 Records - Canopy Formation Records**
There was unanimous agreement to add, in the Canopy Formation records, the categories of Largest Formation and Longest Sequential.

ANNEX 55 SC5 proposals.

1.1.4 Delete

- 3.2.9 The categories of Competition Records shall be:
- (1) Accuracy Landing, Freefall Style, CP, Para-Ski and SP
General Category – best performance achieved
Female Category – best performance achieved by a woman **or a women's team**
 - (2) FS and Indoor FS
General Category – best performance achieved
Female Category – best performance achieved by a women's team
~~Junior Indoor FS – best performance achieved by a Junior team (see 1.1.2.10)~~
 - (5) SP
Junior Male **Category**– best performance achieved by a Junior Male (see 1.1.2.10)
Junior Female **Category** – best ~~performance achieved~~ **performance achieved** by a Junior Female (see 1.1.2.10)
 - (6) **Indoor FS**
Junior Category - best performance achieved by a Junior team (see 1.1.2.10)

- 3.3.5 Add:
Simultaneous separation during the transition is not required, **but total separation must be shown at some point in time during the transition as shown in the written plan**

Add

- 3.3.11 Accuracy and Style Performance records may be established during a CISM Championships.**

4.7.3 Treatment of Protests

In addition to the provisions of the General Section:

- (1) The President of the Jury, **must ensure that, during the protest hearings/evidence taking, no member of the Jury expresses, orally or otherwise, a personal opinion and shall permit no discussion between Jury members to take place in the presence of the person(s) presenting the protest and in the presence of those giving evidence. In addition, either before or after the protest hearings/evidence taking, no Jury member should engage in discussion about or explanation of the Jury decision with the person(s) presenting the protest.**

~~must ensure that no member of the Jury expresses orally or otherwise, a personal opinion and shall permit no discussion to take place in the presence of the parties concerned.~~

- 5.3.1 Procedure, Time Limitation and Content

Delete "official" before "results"

(1) A protest (Sporting Code, GS 5.4) whether arising as the result of a complaint (Sporting Code, GS 5.1) or not must be made in writing, in English, and must be handed to the Meet Director, together with the protest fee of 50 Euros, within **two** hours of the knowledge of the grounds for protest, but no later than two hours after the **official** results for the particular event or round have been posted on the **official** scoreboard, **as** designated by the CJ and approved by the Jury. For this purpose, the timing of the **two** hours will only be done during the time that the competitors in the event are required to be at the competition site. The protest may be presented by the Team Manager but must be signed by the competitor or Team Captain on whose behalf he acts. The Meet Director must give the protest to the Jury President without delay and advise the CJ of its contents as soon as possible. A Jury meeting must be called by the Jury President at the earliest possible opportunity.

NOTE:-

~~The General Section has been subject to a thorough revision and certain provisions are now the responsibility of the ASCs to determine. These are :-~~

~~If an FCE is cancelled or stopped, the ASC will determine if unused fees are to be returned.~~

~~If a competitor or team withdraws after having paid entry fees, the ASC will determine the amount, if any, of fees to be refunded~~

~~Currently Diplomas are given to 10 places in an event. ASCs will now decide if Diplomas are to be given and to whom.~~

~~Where an International record performance is set during an FCE, an ASC may allow direct notification to FAI, with all relevant information, without going through the usual dossier submission process.~~

~~The R&R Committee will discuss these and make proposals for the Plenary.~~

~~In addition, the GS revision will result in changes to section references in SC5. This will be done in the preparation of the 2015 edition of SC5.~~

21.1.7 Proposal to amend SC 5 regarding records, in particular Canopy Piloting records.

The following amendments were proposed –

Changes:

- 1) Competition Records only, no more Performance records.
- 2) Naming of disciplines for CP-records:
 - CP-Carved Speed 70m
 - CP-Drag Speed 50 m
 - CP-Max Speed 50m
 - CP-Drag Distance 70m
 - CP-Max Distance

Categories: -

- Individual.
- Open
- Female

This proposal was carried.

The 2015 version of SC5, incorporating and identifying the changes, will be available on the web site.

As the delegates for Bahrain and UAE had left, a roll call was taken and the result showed that there were now 26 Delegates present, holding 9 proxies, giving a total of 35 votes. A simple majority would be 18 and a two-thirds majority 24.

21.1.7 Changes to SC5 arising from changes to GC – Annex 56. Change word to ‘claims’

- 21.1.7 (1)** There was discussion concerning clause 4.4.4 Refund of Entry Fees, where the event is stopped with some expressing the view that the Sanction Fees should be refunded. It was also stated that the Sanction Fees are part of the revenue from which Judges’ expenses are met and that Judges might already have incurred expenses, e.g. have flights booked.

There was discussion on whether to use the term 'unavoidable circumstances' or 'force majeure'. It was also suggested that the Organiser Agreement be changed so that all fees/expenses are returned by the Organiser. FAI Secretary General, Susanne Schödel, suggested not changing 'force majeure' as it is a specific legal term.

An overwhelming majority of the Delegates voted in favouring of deleting Sanction Fees from the proposed changed 4.4.4

21.1.7 (2) Clause 4.4.5, Withdrawal from an FCE.

It was proposed - If withdrawal took place at least one week before official start date a refund of 50% of any entry fees, excluding Sanction Fees, would be made. If withdrawal took place after the start of the event there would not be any refund.

A vote resulted in 16 in favour of this proposal, with 11 against and 6 abstentions. The proposal was declared carried, but there was then strong disagreement on what constituted a majority – was it more than 50% of the votes eligible to be cast, or was it a straight numerical majority of Yes over No, or vice versa, as the case might be. As agreement could not be found the matter was left to be decided at a later time in the meeting.

Proposals to amend SC5. – arising from changes to the revised GS

3.1.2 (5)

Current text:

The claim for certification of an International Record must be done in accordance with Chapter 7 of the General Section of the Sporting Code.

Add:

However where a Competition Record performance takes place during an FCE and is part of the competition results approved by the Jury, the normal notification procedure in 7.8.1 and 7.8.3 need not be followed and a notification of the record performance may be sent directly to FAI. This notification will be prepared by the Jury President and must include all information necessary to properly categorise the record claimed, including a copy of the approved official results. The notification will also be sent to the record claimant's NAC, so that the requisite administration fee may be paid.

4.4

Current text:

Only teams and competitors entered in an FCE as part of a National Delegation may participate in that FCE

Amend to:

Entry into an FCE is restricted to National Delegations representing a NAC **and to FAI Participants**

Add:

4.4.4 Refund of Entry Fees

(1) If an FCE does not take place, all entry fees, **other than Sanction Fees**, that have been paid will be returned in full.

(2) If an FCE does take place but is ~~cancelled or stopped~~ by **unavoidable circumstances** ~~reason of force majeure~~, as ~~decided~~ **agreed to** by the Jury, or by reason of a decision of the Jury, unused entry fees, **excluding Sanction Fees, as determined by the IPC Bureau in consultation with the Organiser**, will be returned. ~~For this purpose, unused entry fees are defined as that amount which is the aggregate cost to the Organiser of any scheduled competition jumps that are not made by reason of the cancellation or stoppage. The aggregate cost calculation must be approved by the Jury~~

4.4.5 Withdrawal from an FCE

A competitor who or team which withdraws, before the official start date, from an FCE that does take place, having had their entry accepted, will be entitled to a refund of ~~75~~ **50%** of any entry fees paid (**excluding Sanction Fees**).

A competitor who or team which withdraws, after the official start date, from an FCE that does take place, having had their entry accepted, will have no right to a refund of any entry fees paid.

For this purpose, entry fees paid will exclude any fee levied for late submission of the entry or late payment of the entry fees.

4.2.2 Competition Rules

Current text:

- Determination of World or Continental Regional Champions or World Cup winners; Medals, Prizes and Diplomas to be awarded.

Amend to:

- Determination of World or Continental Regional Champions or World Cup winners;
- Medals and Prizes (if any) ~~and Diplomas~~ to be awarded. No FAI Diplomas will be awarded

Revised GS:

6.2 PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 6.2.1 A competitor may be penalised or disqualified from participation in a Sporting Event in accordance with provisions designated by the ASC concerned.
- 6.2.2 Penalties may be imposed for Technical Infringements (including, but not limited to, failure to comply with rules caused by mistake or other inadvertence), Serious Infringements (including, but not limited to, dangerous or hazardous behaviour or actions) and Unsporting Behaviour (including, but not limited to, cheating or unsporting behaviour, including deliberate attempts to deceive or mislead officials, bringing FAI into disrepute, wilful interference with other competitors, falsification of documents, use of forbidden equipment or prohibited drugs and violations of airspace) at the discretion of the ASC concerned
- 6.2.3 The ASC concerned shall decide where, when and how any penalties or disqualifications from participation are applied
- 6.2.4 The ASC concerned shall decide how notification of any penalties and disqualifications will be published

SC5: 5.4 Penalties

Current text

Except as specifically provided in 5.2.5 and 5.2.8, a competitor or team may be penalised by the Meet Director, with the consent of the Jury, in accordance with the principles set out in the Sporting Code, General Section, 5.2. (see below). The procedure and penalties are as follows:

- (1) The Meet Director will determine whether the infringement is Technical (SC GS 5.2.2.1), Serious (SC GS 5.2.2.2) or Unsporting Behaviour (SC GS 5.2.2.3).

Proposed text

Except as specifically provided in 5.2.5 and 5.2.8, a competitor or team may be penalised by the Meet Director, with the consent of the Jury, in accordance with the principles set out in the Sporting Code, General Section, 6.2. The procedure and penalties are as follows:

- (1) The Meet Director will determine whether the infringement is Technical (~~SC GS 5.2.2.1~~), Serious (~~SC GS 5.2.2.2~~) or Unsporting Behaviour (~~SC GS 5.2.2.3~~).

Technical Infringements are infringements of the rules or a failure to comply with requirements caused by mistake or inadvertence where no advantage has accrued or could have accrued to the competitor concerned.

Serious Infringements include dangerous or hazardous actions or repetitions of Technical Infringements.

Unsporting Behaviour includes cheating or unsporting behaviour, including deliberate attempts to deceive or mislead officials, bringing FAI into disrepute, wilful interference with other competitors, falsification of documents, use of forbidden equipment or prohibited drugs, violations of airspace, or repeated Serious Infringements.

The text of SC5, 5.4 (2) remains unchanged.

The revised GS is effective January 1, 2016 or at such earlier date as decided by an ASC. It is proposed to make the revised GS effective for IPC on March 1, 2015 so as to be in line with Section 5, 2015 edition.

The Plenary Meeting adjourned for the evening, to reconvene at 09:00 on Sunday 1 February.

Sunday 1 February 2015

The Plenary Meeting reconvened and commenced with a short presentation from Skydive TV, shown by President Windsor, who sought the Plenary's approval to proceed with this project.

R. 'Exi' Hoenle asked about the financing of the project and President Windsor stated that the goal was that it would be self-financing.

R. Miasnikov asked about exclusiveness and President Windsor stated that there would not be any problems in that regard.

S. Schödel, FAI Secretary general, said that this was a good opportunity for FAI/IPC. FAI has been in contact with Skydive TV and the project may not be self-funding from the start; it may need some investment in the beginning, but may need some financing in the beginning.

President Windsor welcomed the fact that FAI was on board with this project.

K. Verner stated that we should be working with Skydive TV, but exclusiveness was an issue and it

needed to be examined.

There was unanimous agreement that IPC should proceed with this project.

The meeting returned to the point where it had adjourned on Saturday evening.

21.1.7 (2) Voting procedure

Agreement had been reached on this matter and President Windsor proposed that the procedure be adopted that abstentions or failures to vote would not be taken into consideration in a straight voting scenario. The majority of Yes or No would determine whether a proposal was carried or defeated.

The Plenary unanimously agreed to this.

As this was the procedure it was deemed that 21.1.6 (2) (on the previous page) had been carried.

A roll call was taken and the result showed that there were now 25 Delegates present, holding 9 proxies, giving a total of 34 votes. A simple majority would be 18 and a two-thirds majority 23.

21.1.8 Clause 4.2.2 Diplomas and Clause 5.4.1 Penalties

The proposal to delete Diplomas and to adopt the proposed changes to the Penalty Section (see 4.2.2 and 5.4.1 – at 21.1.6 (2) above) were taken together and were approved by the Plenary.

21.1.9 Effective Date of Changes to SC5.

R. 'Buzz' Bennett advised that an ASC could make effective the changes to its Sporting Code at a date it, the ASC, choose but no later than 01 Jan 2016.

He proposed 01 March 2015 as the date on which these changes to SC5 would come into force.

The Plenary unanimously accepted this proposal.

IPC Internal Regulations

21.1.10 Proposed Changes to IPC Internal Regulations

1.1.3 3.7.1 Content of the Agenda

The Agenda, which will be established by the IPC President in conjunction with the IPC Recording Secretary, will be sent out with the notice convening the meeting.

The Agenda that is sent out will contain (but is not limited to) the following items:

- (1) A written report by the IPC President on his activities and the activities of the IPC and the Bureau since the last meeting.
- (2) A report by the Secretary General of the FAI on the activities of the FAI since the last meeting. If the Secretary General is unable to attend, the report will be presented by the **FAI Representative**.
- (3) A written report by the Chair of each IPC Committee and Working Group.
- (4) A written report by the WAG Liaison Officer.
- (5) A written report by the World Games Liaison Officer.
- (6) A written report by the Media Liaison Officer.
- (7) A written report by the IPC Finance Secretary.
- (8) A written report from an FAI Controller, if applicable.
- (9) **Nominations by a NAC, accompanied by a Nominee CV and letter of intent to stand for election, for election to the Bureau (when applicable) and a letter of intent to stand for election from the incumbent IPC President, if applicable.**
- (10) Any proposals or other items for discussion submitted in accordance with 3.7.3.

1.1.4 3.8.3 Proposals not on the Agenda

- (1) Any proposal or other item for discussion not on the published Agenda may be put on the Agenda if agreed to by at least two-thirds of the Delegates present in person (or represented by proxy), other than:

Applications to host an FCE, unless the Bureau decides that this application will not conflict with any other already sanctioned FCE or with any other FCE application already on the Agenda.

Applications to host an IPC Plenary Meeting, unless no proposal to host that particular Plenary Meeting is already on the Agenda.

Nominations for awards (Gold Medal, Faust Vrancic Medal, LdaV Diploma).

Nominations for a position on the Bureau, unless no nomination for the position is already on the Agenda

1.1.5 3.8.4 Proxy Votes

Proxy votes are not to be considered in the determination of a quorum in subparagraph 3.8.1.

See also 22.1.11 below.

Proxy votes may only be used in the elections for positions on the Bureau, if the NAC granting the proxy has, at least seven days before the date of the IPC Plenary meeting, registered with the FAI, nominations for positions on the Bureau. The FAI Representative will ensure that these proxy votes are not made public before the voting process takes place.

This proposal was not voted on as it is in conflict with the GS and the IRs, in that casting a vote by mail is not permitted by FAI regulations.

3.10 Voting at Meetings

Voting, **other than for the election for positions on the Bureau**, shall take place, either by

- (1) a show of hands; or
- (2) a secret vote.

A vote shall be secret if requested by one Delegate. When a secret vote takes place:

- (a) Any ballot paper marked so that the source can be identified shall be invalid and
- (b) any unmarked ballot paper shall be counted as an abstention.

Except as provided in **IR § 5 for Bureau elections and** by paragraphs 1.8.1, 3.4.1 and 3.8.3, decisions shall be taken on a simple majority vote of the Delegates present in person (or represented by proxy). In the event of a tie in two successive votes (excluding abstentions), the matter or motion shall be considered to have been defeated, there being no majority in favour.

The voting for positions on the Bureau will always be by secret ballot.

4.9 Election of Bureau

Any person wishing to be elected to a position on the Bureau, other than Finance Secretary and Recording Secretary, must submit a nomination, together with a CV, for inclusion in the Agenda for the Plenary Meeting at which Bureau elections are to take place. The nomination must be signed by an Official of the candidate's NAC. The incumbent IPC President, if wishing to ~~continue~~ stand for re-election, must submit a letter of intent for inclusion in the Agenda

5.1 PRESIDENT

1.1.6 5.1.1 Election

- (1) At each ~~second~~ Plenary Meeting in an even-numbered year ~~after 2008~~ the IPC shall elect a President by a secret ballot for a two-year term. ~~The Presidential candidates shall be chosen from the Delegates by a nomination' ballot. The incumbent President is also eligible;~~
- (2) To be eligible for nomination a potential President **must be a Delegate or the incumbent President**, must be fluent in English and should have an intimate knowledge of the organisation of the FAI and IPC;
- (3) ~~Delegates proposed in the nomination ballot shall accept or decline their nomination~~ **Each candidate must have included the required nomination, together with a CV and letter of intent, in the Agenda for the meeting**
- (4) ~~Each Delegate who accepts nomination~~ **Nominee** will make an oral presentation to the Plenary Meeting, to explain his qualifications and his agenda and policies if elected President of the IPC;
- (5) When casting a vote for the IPC presidency, Delegates should be aware that the President will be required to represent the IPC to governments and international organisations;

- (6) If an absolute majority (more than 50% of the votes present) is not obtained on the first ballot, a second vote shall be taken at which a plurality shall ensure election;
- (7) The President may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms and shall take office upon election.

5.1.2 Duties

(9) To approve expense claims made in accordance with the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy **and to have access to all bank accounts held in the name of IPC.**

5.2 First Vice President

1.1.7 5.2.1 Election

One First Vice President shall be elected **in the same manner as the President** from the ~~Delegates~~ **Nominees, who must be Delegates and must also be fluent in English** ~~in the same manner as the President, except that fluency in English may be replaced by use of an interpreter and~~

Nominees are not required to make an oral presentation to the IPC.

1.1.8 5.2.2 Duties

In the absence of the President at meetings of the IPC, the First Vice President shall act as Chair. The First Vice President shall continue to represent the FAI Member who appointed him Delegate unless called upon to act as President for the remainder of a term.

1.1.9 5.2.3 Re-election

He may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms and shall take office upon election.

5.3 Vice Presidents

1.1.10 5.3.1 Election

Two Vice Presidents shall be elected from the ~~Delegates~~ **Nominees, who must be Delegates**, in the same manner as the First Vice President except that only a plurality of votes shall be required to ensure election and not a majority.

1.1.11 5.3.2 Duties

The Senior Vice President of the two shall perform the Presidential duties in the absence of the President and First Vice President. Seniority will be based on the length of time as an IPC Delegate.

The Vice Presidents shall continue to represent the FAI Member who appointed them Delegate unless called upon to act as President for the remainder of a term.

1.1.12 5.3.3 Re-election

They may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms and shall take office upon election.

5.4 Finance Secretary

1.1.13 5.4.1 Election

At each Plenary meeting in an even-numbered year the IPC will elect a Finance Secretary. The candidates will be chosen by a nomination ballot. Candidates will accept or decline their nomination. If an absolute majority (more than 50% of the votes present, excluding proxy votes) is not obtained on the first ballot, a second vote shall be taken at which a plurality shall ensure election. The Finance Secretary may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms and shall take office upon election.

~~The Finance Secretary shall be elected in the same manner as the Vice Presidents.~~ The Finance Secretary need not be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the IPC.

1.1.14 5.4.2 Duties

The Finance Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of the finances of the IPC, in accordance with directions from the Plenary Meeting, the Terms of Reference for the Finance Working Group and in accordance with the FAI Statutes and By-Laws. The Finance Secretary is authorised to approve expense claims in accordance with the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy **and to have access to all bank accounts held in the name of IPC.**

1.1.15 5.4.3 Voting Rights

The Finance Secretary, if not a Delegate but elected in accordance with 5.4.1 above, will have full voting rights in Bureau affairs. If not a Delegate and appointed in accordance with 5.9.6, the Finance Secretary will have no voting rights in Bureau affairs

5.5 Recording Secretary

1.1.16 5.5.1 Election

The Recording Secretary shall be elected in the same manner as the ~~Vice Presidents~~ **Finance Secretary**. The **Recording Secretary** need not be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the IPC.

1.1.17 5.5.2 Duties

The Recording Secretary will assist the IPC President in preparing the Agenda for the Plenary Meeting and shall be responsible for preparing and sending the minutes of each Plenary meeting to the President and FAI secretariat within 18 days of that meeting's adjournment. The Recording Secretary will document and publish the minutes of all Bureau meetings and all Bureau decisions made between Plenary Meetings.

1.1.18 5.5.3 Voting Rights

The Recording Secretary, if not a Delegate but elected in accordance with 5.5.1 above, will have full voting rights in Bureau affairs. If not a Delegate and appointed in accordance with 5.9.6, the Recording Secretary will have no voting rights in Bureau affairs.

5.9 Resignation

If an appointed Officer (5.6, 5.7, 5.8) at any time submits a resignation to the Bureau, it shall be accepted with immediate effect and the Bureau will appoint a replacement as soon as practical. The same procedure will apply if an appointed Officer is removed from the position, is permanently incapacitated or dies. The replacement is subject to approval by the IPC at the next Plenary Meeting.

If an elected Officer at any time submits a resignation to the Bureau, it shall be accepted with immediate effect and that Officer shall thereafter have no standing as an IPC Officer. The same procedure will apply if an elected Officer is removed from the position, is permanently incapacitated or dies.

If the President resigns, the 1st Vice President will assume the duties of the President until the next Plenary Meeting.

If the 1st Vice President resigns, the senior Vice President will assume the duties of the 1st Vice President until the next Plenary Meeting.

If a Vice President resigns, the other Vice President will assume the duties of the Vice President that has resigned until the next Plenary Meeting.

If the Finance Secretary or Recording Secretary resigns, the Bureau will appoint a replacement to serve until the next Plenary Meeting.

If no Bureau elections are scheduled to be held at the next Plenary Meeting, elections shall however be held at the next Plenary Meeting in accordance with **section 4.9 and** this section 5 in order to fill any Bureau vacancy, caused by any resignation or consequent election, for the one year remaining of the two year term.

~~**5.11 ELECTION AS FAI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Should any Bureau Member, Committee Chair or person serving in any other IPC appointed position (e.g. Jury Member, Judge, FAI Controller etc) Delegate or Alternate Delegate be elected as an FAI Executive Director, such person is subject to FAI Statute 6.2.1.7, and may no longer serve in any IPC capacity. Such person shall resign all such positions no later than the close of the subsequent IPC Plenary Meeting.**~~

6.4 Members

6.4.1 The members of an IPC Committee will be selected annually by the Chair of the Committee.

6.4.2 The members of an IPC Committee will be proposed by the Chair of the Committee to the IPC Plenary meeting for approval.

The members will assume their position at the end of the Plenary Meeting at which the appointment is made.

The Chair of the Committee may seek IPC Bureau approval for changes to the Committee members in between IPC Plenary meetings.

6.6 Add

g) IPC Speed Skydiving Committee

22.1.11 **Proposed Changes to IRs**

A two-thirds supporting majority vote is required to change the IPC Internal Regulations. The proposals at 4.9 above and at 1.1.3 – 3.7.1 (9) above to have a prior-nomination process, and at 1.1.5 – 3.8.4 above to disallow proxy votes unless a NAC had given specific instructions in advance did not obtain the required support and consequently the IRs at these points will remain unchanged.

21.1.12 **Interim Changes to Committee Membership**

6.4.2 above proposed 'The Chair of the Committee may seek IPC Bureau approval for changes to the Committee members in between IPC Plenary meetings.'

It was proposed that the word 'may' be changed to 'must'.

This was agreed by the required two-thirds majority.

21.1.13 **Amendment/addition to 6.6**

The addition of

g) IPC Speed Skydiving Committee

was proposed and accepted by the required two-thirds majority.

21.1.14 **Voting method**

FAI Secretary general, S. Schödel advised that FAI has electronic voting available for use and that IPC might consider using that system at the 2016 Plenary meeting.

21.1.15 **Proposal to amend Internal Regulations, at**

This proposal had appeared as annex 59 in the agenda. The text read as follows –

PROPOSAL TO AMMEND

IPC INTERNAL REGULATIONS, ANNEX D

The proposal is to approve and include in the Annex 4 of the IPC Internal Regulations The EXI EPEE TROPHY. The proposal should be included in the table of contents as Annex 4D and the following text included at the end of Annex 4.

EXI TROPHY

The trophy was inaugurated and presented by Dr Rainier EXI Hoenle in 2006 during the World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving held in Gera, Germany and was accepted by the IPC in 2015.

The trophy consists of Formation Skydiving metal artwork on a polished multi-angular wooden plaque which carries the names of the winning 4 way Female team since 2006.

The trophy is presented to the winning nation of the FS 4 way female event at the World Parachuting Championship and it is to be in their possession until the next World Championship. The winning Nation will have the responsibility to attach to the trophy a metal plaque containing the name of the team and each team member.

ARGUMENTATION:

There is a trophy for all the other Formation Skydiving Events, FS 4 Way Open, 8 Way and VFS. And there is no reason for not awarding one to the female event. The German delegate realized this fact during the World Champions hosted in his country and decided to provide one. For unknown reasons it has not been officially approved until now even though it has been awarded to all the female 4 way winners since the 2006 World Championship.

This proposal was voted upon and received unanimous approval.

21.1.16 **IPC Controller Handbook**

The following proposed amendments appeared as annex 60 in the Plenary documents

Controller Handbook Proposals

3.1

(4) Determine the dates of issue of the Bulletins and request that the OC ensure that they are prepared for Bureau review and sent to the IPC 1st Vice President at least a month **60 days** before the issue date (see SC5 4.2.5.)

~~The First Information Bulletin must be issued at least four months before the start of the FCE and must contain all the information listed in Annex 3. The FAI Controller, the Chief Judge, the Chief of Judge Training and the Chair of the relevant IPC Committee must review the Bulletin and ensure that it is correct and complete (with no unapproved changes from the Accepted Bid) before being sent to the Bureau. The second Information Bulletin requires the same process to be followed.~~

~~(5) Will ensure that the Bulletins are posted on the FAI/IPC website.~~

~~(13) Will ask the OC about first aid, stretcher, ambulance and hospital arrangements in the event of an incident/accident. Deleted as duplicates (8)~~

These amendments were accepted unanimously

The 2015 version of the Controller Handbook will be posted on the website.

21.1.17 **First Category Event Application Document**

The following proposed amendments appeared as annex 61 in the Plenary documents
FCEAD Proposals

Schedule 1

1.1 To either pay a Deposit (see a) and b)) below or provide a Guarantee (e.g. letter of credit, certificate of deposit) to the FAI/IPC no later than 30 days before the starting date of the Sporting Event, in a manner acceptable to the Commission. The form of a Guarantee must be determined by the Organiser and must be accepted by the IPC Bureau before the Sporting Event may be approved by the IPC Plenary. The amount of the Guarantee must be equal in value to the required Deposit on the date that the Sporting Event is approved by the IPC Plenary.

for WPCs and Continental Regional Championships, **WISCs and Indoor Continental Regional Championships;**

in Formation Skydiving or Freefall Style and Accuracy – €13,000

in Accuracy Landing – €7,000

in Freefall Style – €7,000

in Artistic Events, Canopy Formation and Canopy Piloting – €4,000

in Para-Ski – €2,500

in Speed Skydiving -- €2,500

for other FCE's – 75% of the above amounts.

In the case for other FCE's only, if the circumstances warrant it, a lesser amount may be agreed by the Commission, upon recommendation from either the IPC Bureau, or the Competition Committee(s) for the discipline(s) concerned.

In accordance with 2.2.3 of the IPC FCE Application Document, this Deposit will be refunded in full to the Organiser or the Guarantee will be cancelled within the time frame specified, unless the provisions of 1.3 and 1.4 below and Annex 1 apply.

These amendments were accepted unanimously

The 2015 version of the FCEAD will be posted on the website.

21.1.18 **Jury Handbook**

The following proposed amendments appeared as annex 62 in the Plenary documents

JURY HANDBOOK

Amend Part 3; Procedures for meetings of the Jury (5)

The Jury President has authority to conduct the meeting as he sees appropriate **and in accordance with SC5, 4.7.3 (1) must ensure that, during the protest hearings/evidence taking, no member of the Jury expresses, orally or otherwise, a personal opinion and shall permit no discussion between Jury members to take place in the presence of the person(s) presenting the protest, in the presence of those giving evidence or in the presence of any other person(s). In addition, either before or after the protest hearings/evidence taking, no Jury member shall engage in discussion about or explanation of the Jury decision with the person(s) presenting the protest, or with any other parties.**

All speakers should address everything they say to the Jury President, and only one speaker should be recognised by the Jury President at a time. Normally the meeting will proceed as follows:

Jury Handbook ANNEX 3

Amended to make it clear that the Jury President will send the Jury report to both FAI and the IPC President.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This Report, together with details of all protests, has to be sent by the Jury President to the FAI Secretary General and to the IPC President within 8 days of the conclusion of the event **and to the IPC President**

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

Secretary General
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Switzerland

(place and date)

REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT TO THE FAI

EVENT DETAILS

TITLE/NAME	
DATE	
LOCATION	
ORGANISING NAC	
NUMBER OF JUMPS	
NUMBER OF EVENTS	
NUMBER OF COMPETITORS	
DISQUALIFICATIONS: YES/NO	

EVENT PERSONNEL

MEET DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY MEET DIRECTOR	
CHIEF JUDGE	
SAFETY OFFICER	
FAI CONTROLLER	

IPC JURY

PRESIDENT	
MEMBER 1	
MEMBER 2	

ANNEX 3 continued

REPORT OF THE JURY PRESIDENT TO THE FAI (continued)

COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTESTS ADMITTED	
NUMBER OF PROTESTS WITHDRAWN	
NUMBER OF PROTESTS UPHELD	

NUMBER OF PROTESTS FAILED	
AMOUNT OF PROTEST FEES RETAINED AND INCLUDED	

Also included you will find the Jury decisions (reports as transmitted to the Meet Director) pertaining to the above protests, and all other documents regarding above protests. **I understand that the complete Jury Report file will be sent by me to both the FAI and to the President of the IPC Bureau.**

DATE & PLACE	
JURY PRESIDENT SIGNATURE	

Comments:

At the conclusion of the event:

- Verify and approve the competition results and post notice re same
- Verify that prize-giving is planned in accordance with the FAI Protocol for Award-giving and Closing Ceremonies at FAI championship
- Jury Final Report to Meet Director (see Annex 2, Jury Handbook)
- Report of the Jury President to FAI **and the IPC President** (see Annex 3, Jury Handbook)
- Conduct Event Debriefing **(if necessary and appropriate)**
- Event Debriefing Report to be sent to the IPC Bureau and the relevant IPC Competition Committee/s
- Ensure expense reimbursement forms completed correctly and signed by FAI Controller
- Send list of entrants and competition results electronically to FAI within 24hrs (see Sporting Code General Section 3.16.2)
- Confirm that final amount of Sanction Fee has been paid

These amendments were accepted unanimously

The 2015 version of the Jury Handbook will be posted on the website.

21.1.19 Jurors and Controllers

The 2015 list of approved and qualified Jurors and Controllers was amended, with two names deleted and one added. This amended list was approved by the Plenary and is appended as **Appendix E**.

21.1.20 Proposed Jurors & FAI Controllers 2015, and FAI Controller for Para Ski 2017.

The following were proposed and presented by IPC 1st Vice president, Gillian Rayner, and were accepted unanimously.

JURIES & FAI CONTROLLERS 2015/2016

1st FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Performance Flying Netheravon, UK, 25 – 29 May 2015	
<i>Jury</i>	<i>FAI Controller</i>
Susan Dixon - President	James Hayhurst
Larry Hill	
Lidia Kosk	
Reserve – Liam McNulty	

8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships 5th FAI Junior European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships Erden, Bulgaria, 23 – 30 August 2015	
Jury	FAI Controller
Liam McNulty - President	Günter Berendt
Bernard Nicolas	
John Smyth	
Reserve – Igor Van Aperan	

8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting Farnham, Canada, 23 – 30 August 2015	
Jury	FAI Controller
Doris Merz-Hunziker - President	Marylou Laughlin
Johannes Gritsch	
James Hayhurst	
Reserve – Graeme Windsor	

10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving Teuge, The Netherlands, 08 – 13 September 2015	
Jury	FAI Controller
Patrice Girardin – Jury President	Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle
Rina Gallo	
Jan Andersson	
Reserve – Jiri Blaska	

1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships Prague, Czech Republic, 21 – 24 October 2015	
Jury	FAI Controller
Marylou Laughlin – Jury President	Aliya Ananina
Barbara Davies	
Trude Sviggum	
Reserve – Karla Cole	

8th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships Farnham, Canada, 22 – 28 August 2016	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Jan Andersson

2016 FAI World Parachuting Championships – Mondial Ottawa, Illinois, USA, 09 – 22 September 2016	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Gillian Rayner

16th FAI World Para Ski Championships Salzburg, Austria, 07-12 March 2017	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Günter Berendt

R. 'Buzz' Bennett, IPC Delegate, Canada, stated that he was very happy to see that Jan Andersson had been chosen as FAI Controller for the 8th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships to be held in Canada in 2016.

21.1.21 Jury for FAI World Air Games Dubai, 2015

The Jury for the WAG will be composed of three members of the IPC Bureau, excluding the IPC President. The Jury will be chosen by the incoming Bureau.

The Plenary accepted this formula.

G. Rayner thanked the Delegates, as this was the last year in which she would have the responsibility of presenting the names of Juries and FAI Controllers to the Plenary.

President Windsor thanked R. 'Buzz' Bennett and the Rules & Regulations Committee for its work and the proposals presented to the Plenary.

22 ASIANIA

22.1 ASIANIA Report

Dr Mubarak Al Swilim, President, ASIANIA Parachute Federation, reported on ASIANIA activities in 2014. ASIANIA is continuing in a satisfactory manner and it will soon announce the dates for the 2015 ASIANIA Championships and for its 2015 meeting. At that meeting the decision will be made as to whether ASIANIA should continue to represent parachuting alone, or to cover air sports generally. M. Al Swilim thanked President Windsor and FAI for support during the year.

President Windsor stated that ASIANIA plays a very important role in parachuting, and is connected to other air sports, in the region in which it operates. ASIANIA is now 20 years in existence and COLPAR is following its good example. He further stated that ASIANIA has set an example of what can be done, and the organisation had become very powerful and influential.

23 COLPAR

23.1 COLPAR Report

There was no written report from COLPAR, but it was noted that IPC was active in the Latin American area in 2014. A POPS meet had been held at San Juan, Argentina. A Judges Training Course had been conducted by Barbara Davies (Accuracy Landing) and Bernard Nicolas (Canopy Formation).

24 AWARDS

24.1 FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

There were two nominations -

- Mrs Svetlana Klenina - Russia
- General Ismail Darwish - Egypt

On a roll call it was established that there were 23 votes, proxies not being allowed in voting for awards.

The meeting first was required to decide whether it would award a Gold Parachuting Medal in 2015. The Plenary decided to make such an award.

Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, IPC Delegate Germany, queried if the meeting still had a quorum (25% of Delegates registered with FAI) – 25% of all IPC Delegates. As there were 66 IPC Delegates registered with FAI and as there were 23 Delegates present, proxies excluded, there was a quorum.

A secret ballot was then conducted, proxies not being allowed, as per the Internal Regulations. The result of the ballot was –

For making the award to General Ismail Darwish - 5
For making the award to Svetlana Klenina – 18

The Gold Parachuting Medal for 2015 was therefore awarded to Mrs Svetlana Klenina

24.2 Leonardo da Vinci Diploma

Ms Aliya Ananina had been nominated by the Russian Air Sports Federation.

A secret ballot was conducted to decide whether the award be made this year.

The ballot result was -19 for, 4 against

As Ms Aliya Ananina was the only candidate, and the Plenary had decided in favour of awarding the diploma in 2015, Aliya Ananina consequently was awarded the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma.

President Windsor thanked the Delegates for the nominations and encouraged them to consider future nominations for all FAI and IPC award categories, as this was an ideal opportunity to present achievements within parachuting and to promote the sport.

- 24.3 Franc Vrancic Medal**
There had not been any nomination for the Franc Vranic medal.
- 24.4 Proposal to institute Tim Mace Award.**
The proposal to institute this award was contained in the agenda, annex 67.
Johannes Gritsch gave details of the award and he said that the trophy was being designed.

The Plenary agreed unanimously to institute this award.

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – See also Section 27 below
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- 25.1 2015 Budget**
The 2015 Budget was presented by D. Merz-Hunziker, Finance Secretary
The budget shows a deficit of 35,390 Euro, but this is a worst-case scenario and will probably not be thus. It will be monitored by the Bureau, which must approve any proposed expenditure that exceeds the amount provided in the budget. There may also be an additional expense for Media Liaison (Skydive TV), a possible additional cost.
- 25.2 2016 Budget**
This is a provisional budget and will be adjusted at the 2016 Plenary Meeting, as figures become more real.
The 2016 Budget presently shows a deficit of 30,650 Euro.
Both Budgets were approved and are appended as **Appendix C**
- 25.3 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules**
The proposals to amend the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules were brought forward at this stage. There was disagreement as to whether CP Committee members had been consulted about some of the proposed changes and the subject was deferred.
See 18.3
- 25.4 Validation of Foreign Parachuting Licences in Austria**
Johannes Gritsch, IPC Delegate for Austria, raised the issue of the validation of foreign parachuting licences in Austria. A document from the Austrian Aero Club was distributed to Delegates and they were asked to co-operate by providing information, as requested.
The document will be sent to T&S Officers worldwide.

26 ELECTIONS

- 26.1 Confirmation of the 2015 Committees and Working Groups**
The Bureau presented the list of proposed members of Committees and Working Groups to the Plenary for approval.
The Plenary accepted the Committee and Working Group membership, as proposed.
- 26.2 Confirmation of the IPC World Air Games Liaison Officer**
As Gillian Rayner could no longer hold this position, having been elected to the FAI Executive Board, a new appointment had to be made.
The Bureau proposed President Graeme Windsor to fill this post.
This nomination was unanimously approved.
- 26.3 Confirmation of the IPC World Games Liaison Officer**
The Bureau nominated Patrice Girardin in this position
This nomination was unanimously approved.
- 26.4 Media Liaison Officer**
As this item had not appeared on the agenda a two-thirds majority vote was required to place it on the agenda. There was a unanimous supporting vote to place the matter on the agenda.
The Bureau nominated Susan Dixon for this position
This nomination was unanimously approved.

26.5 Nominations and Elections to IPC Bureau positions

These elections are for a one-year term of office, until IPC Plenary 2016, when elections for all IPC Bureau positions will be held.

A role call was taken and at this stage there were 22 Delegates present in person. There were also 9 proxies, giving a total of 31 votes.

As elections were being held, scrutineers were required, and Ms Susanne Schödel and Mr Markus Haggenev agreed to act in this capacity.

26.5.1 Nomination and election of IPC First Vice President

Due to the resignation of Gillian Rayner an election was required to fill the position of IPC 1st Vice President for the period ending at the 2016 Plenary meeting, at which elections shall take place for all Bureau positions.

Dr R. 'Exi' Hoenle queried the process of dealing with the vacancy when a resignation occurs and R. 'Buzz' Bennett explained the rule – IPC Internal Regulation 5.9. It was also noted that the rule referred to 'tasks' not to the 'position'.

Nominations were called for - one name for the position of 1st Vice President.

The following were nominated -

Jan Andersson	Patrice Girardin	Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle
Liam McNulty	Ronald Overdijk	John Smyth

Jan Andersson and Ronald Overdijk, with thanks, declined nomination.

Liam McNulty was not eligible for election to this post as he is not a Delegate.

Patrice Girardin, Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle and John Smyth accepted nomination.

R. 'Buzz' Bennett, Delegate for Canada, proposed that the nominees present a resume of their qualifications. The Plenary agreed to this proposal.

Each of the three candidates addressed the Plenary and stated why he was suited to fill the position. A vote was taken and the result was -

P. Girardin	6 votes
R. 'Exi' Hoenle	19 votes
J. Smyth	6 votes

Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle was therefore elected to the position of IPC 1st Vice President for the period ending at the 2016 Plenary meeting.

26.5.2 Nomination and election of IPC Vice President

Due to the resignation of Niels-Christian Levin Hansen an election was required to fill the position of IPC Vice President for the period ending at the 2016 Plenary meeting, at which elections shall take place for all Bureau positions.

Nominations were called for – one name for the position of IPC Vice President.

The following were nominated -

Patrice Girardin	Ronald Overdijk	John Smyth
Kirk Verner	Henny Wiggers	

Patrice Girardin, Kirk Verner and Henny Wiggers, with thanks, declined nomination.

Ronald Overdijk and John Smyth accepted nomination.

R. Overdijk outlined why he was suited to fill this position. J. Smyth had previously done so.

A vote was taken and the result was –

R. Overdijk	25
J. Smyth	6

Ronald Overdijk was therefore elected to the position of IPC Vice President for the period ending at the 2016 Plenary meeting.

26.6 IPETA Directors

FAI had nominated Alvaro de Orleans Borbón and Markus Haggenev as its representatives on the FAI Board of Directors.

President G. Windsor sought to have a Finance Director for IPETA

The Bureau nominated Graeme Windsor and Ronald Overdijk to be IPETA Directors

R. 'Exi' Hoenle proposed that Ronald Overdijk act as Finance Director, but R. Overdijk declined.

The following names were suggested - István Sipos, John Smyth, Marylou Laughlin and Henny Wiggers
John Smyth offered to withdraw.
President Windsor suggested Gail Bradley – as Finance Director, István Sipos and Marylou Laughlin

As there were no other nominations these people were elected. The Board of Directors of IPETA appears on **Appendix F – Committees and Working Groups.**

Having completed the various elections the meeting returned to some outstanding items of business.

27	ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Additional – see also Section 25 above
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27.1 Canopy Piloting Committee composition

Due to his having been elected IPC 1st Vice President, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle could not continue as Chair of the Canopy Piloting Committee.

As there was not immediate agreement among the CP Committee it was agreed that the Committee would discuss this matter and make a recommendation as to the Chairmanship to the Bureau, which would deal with the matter by the interim decision process.

27.2 UAE bid to host for CP in 2017

UAE had presented a late bid to host a Canopy Piloting FCE in 2017. This was a late bid, having been received on 30 January 2015, and it required a supporting two-thirds vote to allow discussion on the bid, which had been distributed to Delegates by e-mail, although some said they had not received it (there had been a breakdown with the Internet, as the result of a storm in the Varshets area). The bid received the two-thirds supporting vote and was open for discussion.

The bid was then presented by Raul Bocanegra and Yousif Al Hammadi.

It was noted that if this bid was accepted there could not be any other CP bid for 2017.

J. Hayhurst spoke against accepting these late bids as they cause difficulties for those already planning and there was not an equal process. He suggested there were two possible options:-

1 to accept the bid with a caveat or

2 put it back to be presented in the regular fashion, to be considered in 2016 Plenary.

J. Smyth supported J. Hayhurst and asked that the bid be deferred, as had the Czech Republic bid for an Indoor Skydiving event in 2016.

P. Girardin stated that he was not in favour of going back on the decision to discuss the bid and that if people were not in favour they should reject the bid.

R. 'Exi' Hoenle said that the Plenary could refuse the bid if it is too early and that Delegates could vote against it if they wished to do so.

It was then suggested that the easiest way to proceed was for delegates to vote, yes or no, to accept or reject the bid, and if it were rejected the bidder could bring it back to the 2016 Plenary meeting

A vote was taken and the result was

For acceptable of the bid - 13,

Against acceptance of the Bid – 18

The bid was therefore rejected and the deposit of 800 Euro was to be returned to the bidder.

The UAE wished to keep the bid to host the CP FCE in 2017 as an item for the agenda of the 2016 Plenary Meeting and IPC was asked to retain the 800 Euro.

See also 18.2.3

27.3 Competitions Clash of Dates

It was noted that there was clash of dates with the Indoor Skydiving event in Prague in 2015 and the 2015 US Nationals.

It was agreed that the Bureau would address this matter.

27.4 Banja Luka

J. Hitchen reported that members of the UK team which had competed at Banja Luka arrived at the scene of a road accident, and thanks to their medical/first aid experience they were responsible for saving lives. President Windsor noted this as a fine contribution to the community of the accident victims.

28 | FUTURE IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

28.1 66th IPC Plenary Meeting 2016

Bids to host the 66th IPC Plenary Meeting in 2016 had been received from -

- Australia
- Germany

28.2 The first step in the choice of a venue for the 2016 Plenary meeting was taken – a decision whether or not to have the meeting in Lausanne.
A majority, as required per regulations, voted in favour of holding the 2016 Plenary Meeting outside Lausanne

28.3 A secret ballot was called for, to determine the location, from the two bids, for the 2016 IPC Plenary meeting.
The result of the ballot was - Australia 9 votes, Germany 20 votes.

The 66th IPC Plenary Meeting 2016 will be held in Frankfurt, Germany

Australia stated that it may bid to host the 2017 Plenary meeting.

The German Delegate paid the deposit of 500 Euro to the IPC Finance Secretary.

28.4 Judges for FAI World Air Games Dubai, 2015.

Dr R 'Exi' Hoenle was nominated by the Judges Committee as Chief Judge for this event.
It was noted that the Event Judges are acting as Chief Judges in their events.

Niels-Christian Levin Hansen addressed the Plenary and thanked the Bureau for its support and for the opportunity to serve parachuting. He stated that there had to be a focus on high performance for our athletes, and that also applied to the Plenary and to Delegates.

President Windsor responded and thanked Niels-Christian for his contribution, saying that Niels-Christian had brought intelligence, diligence and great effort to bear on his work for parachuting and he knew this will continue.

29 | THANKS TO 65TH IPC PLENARY HOST

29.1 President Windsor thanked the Bulgarian NAC for hosting a very successful Plenary meeting. In spite of storms, the Plenary had been a very good event, run most efficiently and there had been great networking with the Bulgarian government and its Ministries.

The 65th IPC Plenary Meeting 2015 concluded at 13:10, Sunday 01 February 2015
