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MINUTES

In the Chair : BJ Worth, IPC President

The FAI was represented by FAI President Wolfgang Weinreich, FAI Executive Director Don Koranda, and Max Bishop, FAI Secretary General.

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

President Worth opened the 53RD Plenary meeting of the IPC at 10:00, Saturday, 26 January 2002.

The FAI President Wolfgang Weinreich welcomed the IPC Delegates, stating that it was the first time he had the pleasure of attending an IPC Plenary meeting. President Weinreich explained how he came to air sports, and said how important it was for him to learn more about parachuting following what he discovered at the 2001 World Games in Akita. He thanked Roland Hilfiker, the IPC event managers, the athletes, IPC President Worth, and especially the Japanese organizers who worked so hard to make the World Games a success. He emphasized how parachuting had created such interest in Japan and confirmed that it is probably the only air sport that has a chance to be included in future Olympic programs. He confirmed that the FAI will do all in its power to make this possible for 2008.

President Weinreich described the FAI's role in promoting and administrating air sports in general, and for parachuting in particular. He pointed out the increasing difficulties that air sports are experiencing with airspace regulations, and confirmed that the FAI, as a large and respected international sports federation, can provide effective lobbying for all air sports. He compared Europe's effort to achieve a single currency with the FAI's effort to achieve a single sky for all air sports enthusiasts. He stressed how important it is for all air sports work to together through the FAI to make this possible. President Weinreich concluded by expressing his optimism about overcoming the challenges currently being faced by airspace regulation and the IPC's effort to be included in the Olympic program.

President Worth thanked FAI President Weinreich for his comments. He then briefly described the current restructuring efforts taking place within the FAI, explaining that in lieu of the previous FAI Council, there are now 6 Executive Directors who oversee the FAI's policy decisions throughout the year. One of these Executive Directors, Don Koranda, was present and introduced to the Delegates.

The recently elected mayor of Lausanne, Daniel Bréaz, was present, and welcomed the IPC Delegates to Lausanne, saying how good it was that numerous international sports federations were located in Lausanne. He recounted that a member of the town council had tried skydiving but had ended up with a leg in plaster for 8 weeks – but expressed his belief that this had a positive effect, as now all the town councilors know about skydiving. Mayor Bréaz thanked all the delegates for their presence, wished them a successful meeting, and encouraged them to visit the beautiful areas in and surrounding Lausanne.

After the address by the officials, IPC President Worth asked the Plenary to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the skydivers who died while pursuing their sport in 2001. He expressed his hope that sometime in the future this moment of remembrance would no longer be necessary.

FAI Secretary General Max Bishop conducted the Roll Call of Delegates. 30 IPC delegates were present with voting rights, including a proxy from Latvia to Norway. The Delegates from Portugal and Italy were present without voting rights. Apologies for absence were received from the Delegates of Panama and China, and from the representative of COLPAR..

The Delegates' address list was circulated for its annual update, and will be sent to all IPC Delegates.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 52ND IPC Plenary meeting held in San Diego, USA, 30-31 January 2001, were unanimously approved as written, and are published on the FAI / IPC website.

3. **93RD FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE - FAI ACTIVITIES REPORT**

FAI Secretary General, Max Bishop, presented an overview of FAI's activities in 2001, the results of the 95TH General Conference held in Montreux, Switzerland, in October 2001, and the FAI's plans for 2002. He listed the new FAI members, and confirmed the FAI's approval of establishing the new IPC award: the Faust Vrancic Medal. The centenary celebration of flight will be held at the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 2005.

4. **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

4.1 **President's Report**

IPC President Worth commented on his report of IPC activities in 2001, per Annex 1 of the Agenda.

4.2 **Decisions by the Bureau**

IPC President Worth presented his report on the work conducted by the Bureau since the last Plenary meeting. The Plenary unanimously ratified the Bureau's two decisions, as presented in the Agenda.

4.3 **Mission Plan**

IPC President Worth presented his report on the status of the IPC Mission Plan, and its projects. He read the IPC Mission Statement to clarify the IPC's targeted goals, as previously agreed by the Plenary. He then invited the leaders of the Task Force Mission Teams to comment on their work.

Event Synchronization : Ronald Overdijk presented the work done on Event Synchronization. He explained why IPC events should be synchronized, emphasizing the importance of the IPC presenting parachuting as one united sport, even though there are several different disciplines. He distributed a revised proposal, presenting a comprehensive way of achieving this synchronization. He explained that although agreement has been reached on many different points, they cannot be implemented immediately. He requested that the Plenary accept the distributed proposal for implementation from 2004 onwards. After clarifying that the numbers of judges required for certain disciplines was subject to further consideration, the proposal was unanimously approved.

Ranking System : Srecko Medven distributed a revised proposal for the IPC Ranking System, dated 15 January 2002. He confirmed that this was a work in progress, and explained how this project was linked to the other Mission Plan components. He emphasized the importance of generating as many sanctioned competitions as possible to provide scores for ranking IPC competitors. He recommended that all national, regional, and world competitions be targeted for inclusion. Srecko pointed out that in addition to benefiting athletes and event organizers, an effective IPC Ranking System could also serve as a strong media tool for the IPC. He explained that there are many elements of this system still to be developed, such as creating formulas for placing values on events, bringing event organizers on board, developing software to build the necessary databases, etc.. The Plenary was asked to approve, in principle, moving forward with the development of this system, with the goal of implementing an operational IPC Ranking System in 2003. This proposal was unanimously approved.

Mondial Concept : Patrice Girardin (IPC 1st Vice President, Del.-France) presented the different aspects of the IPC Mondial concept. He said the primary challenges for the organizer will be to coordinate the operational tasks for conducting the competitions, present the events to the public throughout each day, and to improve the relationship between the judges of the different disciplines. This concept will be applied to the 2003 Mondial to be organized by France. He also suggested that one of the main objectives should be to declare an "Overall Best Nation" of skydiving.

News Media : President Worth described the efforts of the News Media Team, and referenced Leanne Knowles' comprehensive report in the Agenda. He applauded the extensive News Media work that was accomplished in Akita by Leanne, Srecko Medven, and the FAI's Thierry Montigneaux – resulting in scores and activities being regularly updated on the IPC website, plus extensive TV and print news coverage of IPC events being presented around the world during the World Games. President Worth proposed that the IPC News Media Team also be used to market IPC activities within its own community.

Collaboration Between IPC and Event Organizers : President Worth proposed that starting in 2004, the IPC would provide the IPC officials and Technical System (with operators and related materials) for all First Category IPC events, as approved in principle in 2001. He also suggested a change to existing Sporting Code regulations, that would allow / encourage event organizers to let participants take responsibility for arranging their own accommodations and local transport for IPC events. Worth suggested that this would allow event organizers to primarily focus on event operations and communications, thereby encouraging more event organizers to bid on IPC events.

The President suggested that in 2002, the IPC should solicit bids from contractors who are prepared to provide components of the IPC Technical System, and mentioned specific contractors who have expressed interest in doing so. He informed the Plenary that the criteria for submitting these bids is currently being prepared. The President proposed that the Plenary not accept any bids for events in 2004 until the Plenary meeting in 2003, to allow enough time to develop a practical plan and budget for the IPC to provide this service to event organizers. This proposal was unanimously approved.

The President stated that the IPC should be on the forefront of identifying emerging parachuting competition events. He pointed out that high-performance canopy flying events are very popular, and can be conducted with a high degree of safety, when the course entry is over water and the competitors are individually selected. The President suggested that the IPC should consider adopting an invitational canopy swooping event. Discussion followed, with France voicing concern about safety. The President asked the delegates to observe the evolution of this discipline in 2002, and discuss it with skydivers in their countries – and be prepared to vote on a related proposal in 2003.

World Air Games / World Games Working Group : President Worth proposed that the WAG Working Group be expanded to become the WAG / World Games Working Group. He proposed that the Chairs of the competition committees (for disciplines included in the WAG and WG) and the Chair of the Judges Committee be members of this working group. He also suggested that a World Games Liaison Officer be appointed, and serve on this working group in a similar capacity as the WAG Liaison Officer. This proposal was unanimously approved.

President Worth reported that Roland Hilfiker (IPC/IOC Liaison Officer) has been elected as Vice President of the International World Games Association and has been selected to serve as Chair of the FAI's IOC / World Games Working Group. The President proposed that as a result of Roland's nomination, the IPC eliminate the position of IPC/IOC Liaison Officer and have the IPC's World Games Liaison Officer fulfill these responsibilities. This proposal was unanimously approved.

The President emphasized the importance of the IPC's World Games Liaison Officer interfacing with the FAI IOC / World Games Working Group, to ensure that the IPC is body responsible for deciding which disciplines and athletes are proposed for inclusion in future World Games. He also stressed the need for a policy to be in place by 2003 for coordinating the efforts between five key parties involved in future World Games : The participating ASCs, the participating NACs, the invited athletes, the FAI's IOC / World Games Working Group, and the World Games Organizing Committee.

Media Liaison Officer : President Worth proposed that the Media Liaison Officer be a member of the WAG / World Games Working Group. He proposed that the responsibilities of the MLO (or designee) include, but not be limited to, interfacing with the news media team of First Category event organizers, writing and distributing news media releases, and providing still and video images to the news media representatives on behalf of the IPC. Although the MLO would primarily focus on news media exposure, he/she would also collaborate directly with each FAI/IPC/Organizer-approved TV production company on site – and be the key link between the IPC's Image Handling team (an element of the IPC Technical System) and these TV production companies, to coordinate the production companies' access to the IPC's digital video images of the performances by the IPC athletes. Clarification on this proposal was requested and provided. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Athlete Profiles : The President explained the MP Task Force's effort with the FAI to develop a system for completing and submitting Athlete Profiles and images via on-line forms. Simplifying this process would make it more practical to get profiles from all IPC athletes for the IPC Ranking System. Dr. Exi Hoenle (Del.-Germany) stressed the importance of not collecting data that will never be used.

Nominated Juries vs Representative Juries : President Worth presented some merits of nominated juries, and compared them with those for representative juries. He proposed that starting in 2004, the IPC abandon representative juries and use nominated juries, per the FAI Sporting Code, General Section, and include these jury members among the IPC-provided meet personnel. There was some discussion about the number of jury members required for a Mondial, with suggestions that more than one jury might be necessary. Larry Bagley (Alt. Del.-USA) asked how these jury members would be financed. The President said this issue needed to be clearly stipulated in the Sporting Code, Section 5, but assumed they would be members of the IPC-provided meet personnel, like the Chief Judge, Event Judges, FAI Controller, etc.

Judges' Travel Expenses : Bearing the cost of judges' travel expenses was the subject of much discussion and criticism. The President explained that nations who do not provide a judge are paying less for judging services than those nations who do provide judges, and suggested that the IPC adopt a means to share this expense equally among all competitors. Patrice Girardin (Del.-France) explained that for the Mondial in 2003, the organizers would cover the cost of judges selected by the Judges Committee. Graeme Windsor (Del.-Australia) indicated that Australia does not support the proposal, but was reassured when the Chair for the Judges Committee confirmed that the best judges would be selected without any regard for the distance they have to travel. No further action was taken on this issue.

5. OLYMPIC GAMES / WORLD GAMES

5.1 IPC/IOC Liaison Report

Roland Hilfiker reported on the World Games' success and reminded the Delegates that the Akita video was available for sale, and that it should be used by each NAC to promote parachuting. The video contains 26 minutes of competition and 30 minutes of top jumps. Roland thanked the Japanese Aeronautical Association for their organizing efforts in Akita, and reported that the 3-day parachuting events there attracted 28000 spectators. He expressed hope that this figure would be exceeded at the 2005 World Games in Duisburg, Germany, where parachuting will be in the program with one other air sport (gliding). He was cautiously hopeful that parachuting would be in the Program of the 2008 Olympic Games.

5.2 Chief Judge's Report on 5TH World Games

Chief Judge Barry McAuley commented on his report concerning the results of the IPC events conducted during the World Games. He indicated that the video from Akita shown earlier in the Plenary meeting reflected the excellence of the competition.

6. 2ND WORLD AIR GAMES

6.1 Organizer's Report

José Luis Bahon, representing the Organizers of the 2ND World Air Games, commented on his report that he had distributed to the Delegates on the overall organization and conduct of IPC events that took place during the World Air Games in Granada, Spain.

6.2 FAI Controller's Report

The FAI Controller of the World Air Games, Exi Hoenle, gave his comments on this event and answered questions concerning his report that was included in the agenda.

6.3 IPC WAG Liaison Officer's Report

IPC WAG Liaison Officer, Patrice Girardin, presented his report on the general organization and conduct of the IPC events at the World Air Games, from the IPC's perspective and also as the Meet Director for the IPC events. He commented on the points in the Organizer's report that he disagreed with and expressed his disappointment that pre-event promises were not kept, and that solutions to identified problems were not implemented. He reported that the internal political problems in Spain did more to hinder than to help the overall organization.

Patrice emphasized that his criticism of the overall organization takes nothing away from his recognition of the good work done by the team in Granada during the competitions. The IPC President confirmed his

support for the extensive work conducted by the local organizing staff in Granada, and also recognized the hard work and effective diplomatic efforts of Pedro Luis Gonzales (Del.-Venezuela) who served as the hands-on interface between the organizers and the international delegations.

6.4 WAG Managing Director's Report

The FAI's World Air Games Managing Director, Srecko Medven, presented his report on the organization and conduct of the overall World Air Games – from the FAI's perspective. Having written the initial project documents, he was acutely familiar with what was promised by the Organizers, and with those promises that were not met. The FAI had made an assumption that the satisfactory technical conduct of the WAG events was assured and that sites would be provided as described in the bid. Spain was awarded the Games because the proposals for Media coverage, PR, and marketing in the Spanish Bid were more promising than the others. However, because of a series of shortcomings, the FAI came close to having to cancel the World Air Games on several occasions. Without the full commitment of each air sport commission the Games would not have happened.

Srecko provided some history on the WAG 2 developments: The Games were awarded to Spain in July 1998. One year later, when an inspection was carried out; nothing had been done for Parachuting. The 2000 test competitions brought out all the difficulties and that summer the IPC seriously considered moving the IPC's WAG events out of Granada. At that point in time, the central Spanish Organizers brought in Jose Luis Bahon as Organizer for the IPC events, and due to the trust he afforded, the IPC decided to go on.

There were almost no links between the competitors of different disciplines, as expected for a World Air Games. None of the media coverage that had been promised was provided. This was definitely a step back from the 1ST WAG held in Turkey. Right from the start of the project, contractual agreements were not respected by the Organizers. The 2ND World Air Games did not meet FAI expectations. To conclude, however, Srecko thanked all the people who did work very hard to make these Games happen.

6.5 Refund for Hungarian Delegation

On behalf of the Organizer, Mr. Bahon promised the Plenary that refunds due to the Hungarian delegation and a German competitor will be honored by ECO. It would create a triangular situation if the IPC gets involved in this issue. FAI Secretary General Max Bishop recommended that IPC President Worth write to the FAI President indicating what is owed to whom, and ask for FAI support in resolving this issue.

6.6 IPC Jury Decision regarding funds held by IPC

The IPC Jury at the WAG voted that the IPC Plenary should decide on the destiny of funds being held by the IPC in excess of sanction fees, per Sporting Code, Sec. 5, 4.1.1 (2). The Spanish NAC was asked to provide evidence indicating it attempted to make every possible effort to fulfill its contractual obligations regarding the conduct of the IPC events during the WAG 2. IPC President Worth received a letter from Antonio Quintana, FAE President, on 25 January 2002 (one day prior to the Plenary). President Worth read the letter to the Delegates. Patrice Girardin (WAG LO) reacted negatively to the content of the letter, particularly regarding the areas he said were clearly not true.

President Worth reported that during its pre-Plenary meeting, the IPC Bureau discussed this issue at length, and was unanimously recommending to the Plenary that the remaining funds be retained by the IPC, due to the WAG Organizing Committee not adhering to its contractual obligations regarding the conduct of the IPC events. Jose-Luis Bahon expressed his concern that by taking the position of retaining the funds, it would generate problems for the skydiving community rather than the WAG organizers. He said this was due to the fact that some of the contactors for the IPC events had not yet been paid. President Worth explained that the Bureau considered that the Organizing Committee in Madrid had failed to ensure that the IPC events were conducted in accordance with their contractual commitments. The Bureau nevertheless acknowledged the great personal efforts made by the local organizing staff in Granada.

Carlos Vairinhos (Del.-Portugal) suggested that by retaining the funds, the IPC would be penalizing the wrong people. Clarification was given that this was not a case of penalization, but was strictly in accordance with a clause in the Sporting Code, Section 5, that allows the entry fee of one nation to be kept as a performance guarantee. The Spanish NAC was contractually obligated to respect the entire FAI Sporting Code and all elements of the IPC Competition Rules.

President Worth reminded the Delegates that this would be only the third time in its history that the IPC retained any funds being held as a performance guarantee. If the IPC held Hungary and Brazil accountable

for breaching their contractual commitments, it seemed logical that Spain be held accountable as well.

Graeme Windsor (Del.-Australia) stated that although this was not a trial per se, it was important to send the right messages to IPC Event Organizers – that they are expected to respect their contractual commitments when entrusted with organizing IPC events. Doris Merz (Alt.Del.-Switzerland) indicated that the only thing the IPC needed to decide upon was whether or not to retain the funds due to the Organizer not fulfilling its contractual obligations.

Richard Bennett (Del.-Canada & Secretary of the IPC Sporting Code Committee) read Sporting Code Sec.5, paragraph 4.1.1 (2) to clarify what the Delegates had to decide on. Alberto Martin (Del.-Spain), recognized that although not all the contractual agreements were fulfilled, the competition did take place and that fact should be recognized by the IPC. Larry Bagley (Alt.Del.-USA) drew the Delegates' attention to the fact that a large portion of the performance bond had been returned following an IPC Jury meeting – despite the Organizers' clear failure to fulfill their contractual obligations – and that this gesture indirectly gave some recognition of these local efforts.

Dr. Exi Hoenle (Del.-Germany) reminded the Delegates that the IPC agreed to a large unprecedented raise in entry fees because the Organizer assured the IPC that if it accepted this raise, the IPC events would be conducted according to the full contractual terms as obligated by the Organizers. Exi also pointed out that the amount of funds proposed to be withheld was about one third of this total increase received by the Organizers. He further pointed out that there is no guarantee that if these funds are given to the Organizers that they will be used to pay any outstanding debts to contractors.

Carlos Vairinhos requested that the contractual agreements not respected by the Organizer be listed. Albert Martin supported this proposal to list all the deficiencies. John Hitchen (Del.-UK) wished to avoid public expression of criticism against the Spanish Delegates present. Marcos Willy (Del.-Switzerland) reminded the Delegates that the details of the unfulfilled contractual agreements were already very well known to them. The Plenary proceeded to a vote. A request was made to vote by secret ballot. The proposal to retain the funds was approved by a majority vote : 24 in favor, 4 against, with 2 abstentions.

6.7 Future World Air Games

President Worth reported that air sports are hard to sell. FAI competitors experience great personal pleasure by competing, but this pleasure is not easy to transform into viewer interest by spectators and television viewers. On the positive side, all Air Sports Commissions are now strongly supporting the concept of the World Air Games. After the first two WAGs, however, the largest concern for each Air Sport Commission was the virtual lack of interaction with the other air sports during the WAG.

President Worth, who has been appointed to serve as Chair of the FAI WAG Coordinating Committee, reported on probable future developments of the World Air Games – regarding its concept, organizers, events, schedule, bidding procedures, etc. The WAG will probably be scaled down in size, be primarily held at a central venue, be conducted by professional event organizers, and be largely funded by sponsors. The central venue will be more spectator-friendly, by having professional presentations of each event. Static displays with aircraft and interactive activities will be provided by each ASC. Personalities from each air sport should also be on site and accessible to spectators. Pending airspace and safety concerns, passenger flights with air sports aircraft may be made available for the public as well. Delegates were encouraged to provide input to the IPC's WAG/WG Working Group, regarding future World Air Games.

7. FINANCE WORKING GROUP

IPC Treasurer Buzz Bennett presented his report, per Annex 6 of the Agenda, and discussed some specific budget figures. An expense was approved by the 2001 Plenary to cover unexpected expenses incurred due to last-minute changes of the FAI controller for the WPC of CF in Finland. Another amount related to expenses incurred by sending Leanne Knowles to Akita to provide News Media services for the IPC. There were no questions on the 2001 figures.

In a positive development, Buzz diligently tracked down the missing sanction fees from the 1997 CF World Cup, which were discovered in a bank account in New York. Along this same track, Buzz confirmed that he was still trying to obtain the sanction fees for the 1997 Para-Ski World Cup in Livigno, Italy, and has asked the FAI to prepare an invoice for \$2000 to be sent to the yet-to-be-responsive Italian NAC. The revised 2002 budget was distributed to delegates and discussed by the Treasurer. Buzz explained the

requests for expenses by the Mission Plan Task Force, and IPC committees and working groups. The 2002 budget shows a deficit, but funds remaining in the IPC account from 2001 will off-set this annual deficit. Various budget-related questions were posed by Delegates and answered by the Treasurer. Buzz confirmed that in future years more detail will be given in the IPC's financial documents, and that they will be easier to read. Bob Card (Alt.Del-UK) requested clarification on the expense items related to the IPC President's activities. It was explained to Mr. Card that the IPC President no longer represents an NAC but is neutral and only represents the IPC – and that consequently the IPC President's out-of-pocket expenses which are directly related to serving the IPC are provided by the IPC. Mr. Card suggested that the IPC President is not really neutral, and asked why the IPC should pay for the President's expenses to attend an IPC meeting. The Treasurer clarified that the IPC President is, in fact, neutral and does serve the IPC at the Plenary meeting. The IPC financial accounts were unanimously approved.

8. FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY

The Chair, John Hitchen, commented on his report about the Committee's activities during the last year. He thanked all the members of the Committee for their work, and acknowledged that overall it was a disappointing year for classical disciplines. He thanked the French Parachute Federation for the use of their equipment at the 26TH WPC. The competitors enjoyed the competition and expressed positive feedback.

8.1 26TH World Parachuting Championships in Style and Accuracy – 2001

The WPC was part of the WAG 2 in Granada, Spain. Chief Judge Serge Bayou felt that the direction taken by the IPC was not good – there were too many people who were unconstructively critical. In normal circumstances, the Chief Judge only needs to check that everything is ready and in place. There was no professional supplier of accuracy equipment in Granada, and there were such severe problems with it, that no-one was able to fix it. For future competitions, he recommended that a professional supplier be chosen. President Worth said that this is part of the IPC Technical System that should be in place by 2004. Serge thanked Brenda Reid who did a wonderful job and without whom the Style competition would not have taken place. He also thanked others, including the Spanish Brigade, the Belgian Event Judge and the Judges Committee. Ronald Overdijk (Del.-Netherlands) asked for clarification on the equipment problems. Serge reported that when an identical equipment problem arose in the Military Championships, the professional contractor did everything possible to solve the problem and enabled the competition to continue.

8.2 27TH World Parachuting Championships in Freefall Style and Accuracy

The 27TH WPC in Style & Accuracy will be part of the 1ST FAI Parachuting Mondial in 2003.

8.3 Future World Cups and WPCs

Alexander Bayer (Del.-Slovakia) presented a progress update on the 11TH World Cup of Champions and 2ND WPC in Junior Style and Accuracy – giving details about visas, equipment, travel details, etc. The competition will be held from 27 July - 1 August 2002. Ulf Tignert from Sweden was proposed as the Chief Judge, with support from the Judges Committee, and was unanimously approved.

Carlos Vairinhos asked why the event duration was 6 days. Alexander clarified that this schedule was approved prior to approval of the format synchronization schedule for 2004. Roger Flinn was proposed as FAI Controller, with the support of the S&A Committee, and was unanimously approved.

Poland submitted a bid to host a World Cup of Individual and Team Accuracy: 19-25 August 2002. Damien Los presented information on the bid and distributed an information package, including a registration form which the Delegates were asked to fill in and return as soon as possible. Philips Lighting will be a sponsor, and media will be handled by the Organizers. A judging seminar would be held during the competition.

Emil Franek (Del.-Czech Republic) requested and obtained confirmation that it's possible to hold an Accuracy World Cup even if the discipline is Style & Accuracy. Harro Trempenau (Del.-Kenya) was concerned that insufficient information was available in the bid. Buzz Bennett (Del.-Canada) asked for and received clarification on transport to the competition site. Lidia Kosk (Del.-Poland) said there would be no problems with air traffic control, that helicopters will be used for jump aircraft, and that the weather was generally good in August. John Hitchen confirmed that the S&A Committee supported the bid, but said it would be preferable that bids be presented earlier to allow verification of the site and the infrastructure. Buzz suggested that the performance contract be signed as soon as possible. John Hitchen confirmed that this would be done for both Poland and Slovakia by the end of the Plenary meeting. The Polish bid was unanimously approved. Igor Tiorlo (Del.-Ukraine) was proposed as FAI Controller, and was unanimously approved. Doris Merz, Chair of the Judges Committee, proposed that the IPC Bureau be empowered to

approve a Chief Judge to be proposed later. Her proposal was unanimously approved. Poland indicated that it may submit a bid for a World Cup in Style as well as Accuracy. John Hitchen proposed that bids be opened for a 2002 World Cup in Style and Accuracy, if received by 1 March, and that the Bureau be empowered to approve such bids. His proposal was unanimously approved.

8.4 Proposed changes to the existing WPC Style and Accuracy Competition Rules

The Delegates were requested to approve the changes to the Competition Rules as proposed by the Committee. They were unanimously approved, and will be published on the FAI/IPC website. Chair Hitchen drew attention to a change in the rules made in 2001 that he felt had impacted the safety of competitors. He said that it was important to have a doctor empowered to serve as an interface between local medical staff and the delegations who are tempted to allow competitors to jump even if hurt. To avoid this problem, he recommended that in Team Accuracy, where five people can jump, only four results should count. He reported that the opinion of the Committee was split evenly on this issue and therefore requested that the Delegates vote to set the appropriate policy. His proposal was approved by a majority vote : 21 in favor, 7 against, with one abstention.

9. FORMATION SKYDIVING

The Chair of the Formation Skydiving Committee, Pål Bergan, commented on his report of the Committee's activities during 2001, per Agenda Annex 8. He also announced the creation of the new informal position of "competitor representative" on the FS Committee. Pål presented an overview of the way FS had developed over the previous 19 years. After showing event results from 1995 onwards, he noted that team placings do not change much after the third round, and suggested that competitors' desires to lengthen competitions for the purpose of giving a fairer chance to competitors was not justified. He said that there is a need to define what the IPC and the athletes want from a competition. He suggested that the IPC Ranking System will determine the best overall team, whereas a specific competition will only show which team performs the best at a particular event.

Ronald Overdijk (Del.-Netherlands) congratulated Pål on this work and suggested that these results be published via the skydiver information channels. Patrice Girardin (Del.-France) thanked Pål for the statistical work provided, but suggested that these results were due to the way the judging was carried out. He did not question the quality of the judges' work, but did stress that the different competition committees (not just FS) had moved to the use of hi-tech equipment, but had not changed the way of judging. On behalf of France, Patrice requested that the IPC solve the judging problems before 2003.

Pål reported that after nine years, he was stepping down as Chair of the FS Committee. He thanked everyone for the challenging opportunities he had enjoyed, and the work that the committee had accomplished. IPC President Worth thanked Pål for his excellent work as Chair of the FS Committee.

9.1 14TH World Championships in Formation Skydiving

These Championships were held as part of the World Air Games in Granada, Spain. There were no comments on the report of the Chief Judge, Elisabet Pettersson.

9.2 15TH World Championships in Formation Skydiving

The 15TH WPC in FS will be held as part of the 1ST FAI Parachuting Mondial in 2003.

9.3 Future WPCs, World Cups and European Championships

Portugal withdrew its IPC-approved bid to host the 2002 World Cup and European Championships in 4-, 8- and 16-way in Porto Santo, Madeira. Consequently, IPC President Worth proposed that World Cup bids be reopened for all FS events until 1 March 2002, that the IPC Bureau be empowered to take a decision on new bids, and to do so by 7 March 2002. This proposal was unanimously approved.

9.4 Proposed changes to the Formation Skydiving Competition Rules

Committee Chair Pål Bergan detailed the Committee's proposals for rule changes in 2002. He asked the Delegates if they were prepared to vote on all the changes together. Larry Bagley (Alt.Del.-USA) expressed concern about changing the dive pool this year, since the input received from the skydiving community had not been taken into consideration. Pål indicated that many competitors had sent input to the committee, and disagreed that the proposed changes ignored this input from the field. The USA proposed to vote on the proposed dive pool changes separately from the other proposed rule changes. This proposal was unanimously approved. The dive pool changes were approved by majority vote: 23 in favor, 3 against, with 2 abstentions. The other proposed rule changes were unanimously approved.

IPC President Worth reminded the Delegates that it was necessary to use the IPC dive pool and Competition Rules in order for any team to be eligible to set world records in these FS disciplines. The FS Competition Rules for 2002 will be published on the FAI/IPC website.

10. CANOPY FORMATION

The Chair of the Canopy Formation Committee, Graeme Windsor, commented on his report of the activities of the Committee during the past year, per Annex 9 in the Agenda.

10.1 9TH World Parachuting Championships in Canopy Formation

These Championships were held as part of the World Air Games in Granada, Spain. Chief Judge Roger Flinn presented his report to the Delegates, and no questions were forthcoming.

10.2 10TH World Championships in Canopy Formation

The 10TH WPC in Canopy Formation will be part of the 1ST FAI Parachuting Mondial in 2003.

10.3 Future World Championships / World Cups

Portugal withdrew its IPC-approved bid to host the 2002 World Cup and European Championships in Canopy Formation in Porto Santo, Madeira. Consequently, IPC President Worth proposed that bids for these events be reopened until 1 March 2002, that the IPC Bureau be empowered to take a decision on new bids, and to do so by 7 March 2002. This proposal was unanimously approved. Russia submitted a preliminary bid to host the 6TH World Cup & 2ND European Championships of CF

10.4 Proposed changes to the Canopy Formation Competition Rules

Graeme proposed three changes to the Competition Rules: Event Judges may authorize a third viewing at normal speed; Four teams per nation may compete in World Cups; and placings can be determined after one round has been completed. These three proposals were unanimously approved.

11. FREESTYLE SKYDIVING, SKYSURFING AND FREEFLY

Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk commented on his report about the activities of the Committee during the past year, per Annex 10 in the Agenda. He proposed that the Committee's name be changed to the IPC Artistic Events Committee. This proposal was unanimously approved. He thanked all Committee members and Delegates for their work during the pre-Plenary meetings.

11.1 3RD WPC in Freestyle Skydiving and Skysurfing and 1ST WPC in Freeflying

These Championships were held as part of the World Air Games in Granada, Spain. Chief Judge Igor van Aperen commented on his report, and highlighted the recommendations contained therein.

11.2 4TH WPC in Freestyle Skydiving and Skysurfing and 2ND WPC in Freeflying

All WPCs in the Artistic Events will take place as part of the 1ST FAI Parachuting Mondial in 2003.

11.3 Future WPCs and World Cups

Portugal withdrew its IPC-approved bid to host the 2002 World Cup and European Championships in the Artistic Events in Porto Santo, Madeira. Consequently, IPC President Worth proposed that bids for these events be reopened until 1 March 2002, that the IPC Bureau be empowered to take a decision on new bids, and to do so by 7 March 2002. This proposal was unanimously approved.

11.4 Proposed changes to the Freestyle, Skysurfing and Freefly Competition Rules

Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk detailed the Committee proposals to the Competition Rules that were distributed to the Delegates, answered questions, and clarified certain points. He suggested that the proposed changes be accepted as a whole. The Competition Rules were unanimously approved.

12. MONDIAL 2003

Patrice Girardin (Del.-France) presented a comprehensive report on the progress of the organization of the Mondial 2003 to be held in Gap, France, and which will include the following disciplines:

27TH WPC in Freefall Style and Precision Accuracy

15TH WPC in Formation Skydiving

9TH WPC in Canopy Formation

4TH WPC in Freestyle Skydiving and Skysurfing

2ND WPC in Freefly

Mr. Jean-Francois Angles, President of the French Parachute Federation and of the Organizing Committee,

confirmed that the Mondial staff has been selected, and that the Mondial format was tested during the 2001 French Nationals in Gap – with 3500 jumps / 400 competitors. The French Nationals were conducted in 3½ days. He proposed to move Accuracy to the center of Gap to gain PR benefits. Work has been conducted to confirm subsidies from the government, and to ensure full cooperation with the air traffic authorities.

A revised bid was distributed to all Delegates, proposing to reduce the entry fee by 100 Euros, in exchange for the organizers not providing accommodation, local transport, and some meals. Gap is a major tourist area and many hotels, restaurants, and camp-sites are available. A list of such facilities will be provided for the delegations to make their preferred selection. Mr. Angles said the monies saved in entry fees by a four way team would be sufficient to rent a car and stay in a 2 star hotel with breakfast. Delegations could save more by camping, or have better accommodations if they stay at a 3- or 4-star hotel. He noted the advantages of flexibility that this proposal offers to delegations.

With the new proposal, the Organizers would pay all travel costs for FAI Judges. The final list of Judges would be determined in advance, and communicated to a travel agency so that all transport can be handled directly by them. If an FAI Judge elects to travel by car, this would be handled separately. Accommodations would be acceptable, and take certain individual requirements into consideration.

Patrice answered questions and noted certain points. Bulletin N° 1 will be distributed in September 2002, and Bulletin N° 2 will in March 2003, just after the IPC Plenary. The final Bulletin, N° 3, will be distributed in June 2003. The Mondial dates were selected in consultation with the Tourist Offices to ensure that accommodations are readily available. Patrice indicated that nations should be able to more easily send a training judge, since they will no longer have to pay travel costs for FAI Judges.

Carlos Vairinhos (Del.-Portugal) asked why FS entry fees are noticeably higher than for the other disciplines. Patrice explained that the number of rounds, the technology required for judging, etc, justified the increased costs. Buzz Bennett (Del.-Canada) asked the Delegates to consider the risk of setting a precedent of allowing bidders to modify an approved bid. Patrice indicated that a precedent had already been created, referencing the increase in 2001 WAG entry fees.

Buzz ask if the Organizer would ensure that no delegation would be without accommodation, even if its leaders were inefficient in preparation. Exi Hoenle (Del.-Germany) noted that changes would be needed in Sporting Code Section 5 if a WPC organizer was to be relieved of the responsibility for providing accommodation. Ronald Overdijk (Del.-Netherlands) agreed that this change must be made to the Sporting Code, but noted that late entries, not accommodations, was a more critical problem.

The IPC President noted that the Sporting Code could be modified if the proposal was accepted. The President clarified that this proposal required 2/3 majority, since it was not on the published Agenda. He also noted that the offer to pay for FAI Judges travel is not part of the proposal, but is the option of the organizers. The proposal was approved by majority vote : 25 in favor, with 3 abstentions.

Patrice proposed that the IPC Controller for Judging be Doris Merz, and that the FAI Controller be Srecko Medven. Although the position of IPC Controller for Judging had not been formally approved, both proposals were unanimously approved.

13. PARA-SKI

The Chair of the Committee, Michael Egger, was unable to attend the IPC Plenary due to personal reasons. Deputy Chair Larry Bagley presented the annual report on the Committee's activities.

13.1 8TH World Parachuting Championships in Para-Ski

The WPC in Para-Ski was held in Riezlern/Kleinwalsertal, Austria, from 13-18 March 2001. All events were completed, and the German organizers conducted a successful meet by all accounts.

13.2 European Championships of Para-Ski

The 2ND European Championships of Para-Ski was held successfully in La Polsa di Brentonico, Italy, 8-11 March 2001.

13.3 Future World Cups and World Championships

The 2002 Para-Ski World Cup and European Championship will take place 14-17 February 2002, in Kobla, Slovenia. The 9th WPC of Para-Ski will take place 11-16 February, 2003, also in Kobla. In a change to previous appointments, Michael Egger was proposed as FAI controller and Darko Svetina as Meet Director. Also, Helmut Schlecht was proposed as Chief Judge. All these proposals were unanimously approved.

13.4 Proposed changes to the Para-Ski Competition Rules

Proposed changes to the Competition Rules were distributed, and unanimously approved.

14. FAI JUDGING

The Chair of the Judges Committee, Doris Merz, commented on her report about the activities of the Committee during the last year, per Annex 11 in the Agenda.

14.1 Proposed Judging changes to the FAI Sporting Code, Section 5, Chapter 6

Doris Merz commented on the proposal to create a position of an IPC Controller for Judging and Scoring, and make the relevant changes to Section 5 of the Sporting Code. Discussion ensued on the concept, with regard to anticipated responsibilities. The proposal was unanimously approved. Additional proposals were distributed to the delegates, and also unanimously approved.

14.2 FAI Judges List

1. The list of FAI Judges for 2002 was unanimously approved, per Appendix B of these Minutes, and will be published on the FAI/IPC website. The deadline for nomination of FAI Judges for 2003 is 31 December 2002. Each nation's Judges List should be sent by fax only (not email) to the Committee Chair by that date.
2. Upon the Bureau's interim decisions in early March 2002 to select the Organizers and Chief Judges for the 2002 World Cups, the NACs will be requested to nominate Judges to serve for these events, with a requirement that the names of nominated Judges be returned by FAX to the Chair of the Judges Committee by the end of March 2002. The Chief Judges will select the Panels of Judges according to SC, Sec. 5, 4.6.5.

14.3 Judging Courses for 2002

Poland will hold a judges training course on Style and Accuracy during the World Cup of Accuracy. Roger Flinn was proposed as Chief of Judge Training, and was unanimously approved. Doris stressed the importance of Judges training courses during world level competitions. A course will be held on FS in Germany if enough candidates commit to participate. (6 minimum). Dates are to be decided.

15. SPORTING CODE WORKING GROUP and IPC INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Chair of the Sporting Code Working Group, Patrice Girardin (IPC 1ST Vice President) requested Buzz Bennett, Working Group Secretary, to provide details on proposed changes to the Sporting Code.

15.1 Proposed Amendments to the FAI Sporting Code, Section 5

Buzz noted that proposed changes in Annex 12 were clerical. A proposal for male-only World Record categories caused much discussion. FAI President Weinreich spoke against it. Concern was raised that competitions might have to include male-only events. Roland Hilfiker said that gender-specific events could create a negative impact on the IOC. The proposal failed: 1 in favor, 23 against, with 2 abstentions.

Changes to 5.2.12., allowing an unlimited number of competition jumps per day, was unanimously approved. After discussing a proposal for modifying 5.2.5. and 5.2.8, regarding graded penalties, Buzz suggested that a temporary working group composed of Exi Hoenle and himself be created to bring a well developed proposal to the plenary in 2003. This proposal was unanimously approved.

Changes to 4.7.1., for the IPC to use a nominated jury, generated much discussion. It was clarified that in the case of a tie vote, the protest would be considered defeated; and that nominated jury members could serve no other function at an event. Alf Ingesson-Thoor (Alt.Del.-Sweden) shared his experience (with the FAI Gliding Commission) with both types of juries, and strongly recommended the nominated jury. Graeme Windsor (Del.-Australia) felt that this proposal was premature. John Hitchen (Del.-UK) expressed concern about such a small group of people having the authority to make major decisions. President Worth stressed that Parachuting was the only Air Sport Commission that does not use a nominated jury. Buzz suggested to table the proposal, and proposed that a temporary working group including himself, Alf, Larry Bagley, and be set up to present a detailed proposal in 2003. This proposal was unanimously approved. Proposed modification to 4.3.6.1, to eliminate responsibility for Organizers to provide accommodations for

participants, were clarified. Sweden and Germany proposed to allow the Organizer to offer one of three alternatives to participants: a) full service package bid, b) team responsibility to arrange accommodation and transport or c) a combination of a or b. IPC Vice President Srecko Medven noted that accommodations need to be available even if Organizers do not arrange them. Patrice Girardin (Del.-France) suggested that this concept be approved as a major change for all future competitions, not just for Mondials.

Ronald Overdijk (Del.-Netherlands) suggested that this proposal be restricted to a) or b) and that option c) be deleted, as it makes it very difficult to compare bids. John Hitchen (Del.-UK) suggested that the IPC wait until the 2003 Mondial is completed before adopting such a change. It was agreed that if this rule-change was approved, it would not affect the on-going bids for the 2002 World Cups. It was suggested that a temporary working group be set up to review the bid structure and process, and submit a proposal for adoption in 2003. This proposal was approved by a majority vote: 26 in favor, 1 against, with 1 abstention. The following persons were appointed to the temporary working group: Patrice Girardin, Buzz Bennett, Ronald Overdijk, Larry Bagley, and Harro Trempenau (Del.-Kenya). Graeme Windsor will also work with this TWG. Max Bishop encouraged the IPC to review the bid process of the FAI Ballooning Commission.

15.2 IPC Internal Regulations

Buzz Bennett explained the proposed amendments to the IPC Internal Regulations were generated primarily due to recent structural changes approved by the FAI, such as the FAI no longer requiring FAI ratification of IPC-approved awards. The IPC President suggested that the President's duties be clarified to include attendance at meetings of the Air Sport Commission Presidents, in addition to the other FAI meetings. (5.1.2.2.). A change to 3.8.3. was proposed as a means to submit, and vote on, new items of business which were not published on the Agenda. All proposed changes to the Internal Regulations were unanimously approved, and will be published on the FAI/IPC website.

16. TECHNICAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Technical and Safety Committee, Harro Trempenau, commented on his report about the activities of the Committee during the past year. The main project was the finalization of IPC "International Certificates of Proficiency." He noted that similar certificates have been adopted successfully by the Paragliding Commission (CIVL), and clarified certain points on their format, availability, cost and distribution.

16.1 The Annual IPC Safety Survey

Deputy Chair Liam McNulty presented the results of the 2000 IPC Safety Survey. He expressed concern that only 23 nations responded to the 63 questionnaires that were sent out. The questionnaire for 2001 was distributed, and all Delegates were strongly requested to encourage their associations to respond. He also requested that Delegates ensure that the 2000 Safety Survey is reviewed by their associations.

Harro Trempenau advised the Delegates that the Committee is planning to conduct a series of surveys throughout 2002, aimed at identifying parachuting practices in member countries. All member nations are requested to co-operate with this effort, by completing the questionnaires.

17. AWARDS

17.1 The FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

No nominations were received for this award for 2002. A nomination was received from Switzerland for Erich Grätzer for attribution in 2003. Mr. Grätzer's qualifications are listed in Appendix C, and will be published on the FAI/IPC website.

17.2 The Leonardo da Vinci Diploma

Having been nominated for this award in 2001, Franck Bernachot (France) was unanimous approved as the recipient of the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma for 2002.

Nominations for the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma were received for attribution in 2003, for Shuji Nakaya (Japan), and for Jean-Charles Portier (Switzerland). These nominations are contained in Appendix D, and will be published on the FAI/IPC website.

17.3 Faust Vrancic Medal

The FAI approved the implementation of the Faust Vrancic Medal at the 2001 General Conference. A nomination for this new IPC Award was received for attribution in 2003 for Gert Weckbecker (Germany),

for his work in technical development of an automatic scoring system for Accuracy. Mr. Weckbecker's qualifications are contained in Appendix E, and will be published on the FAI/IPC website.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Delegates were asked to bring forward any other business for discussion by the Plenary.

Portugal requested that documents on the FAI/IPC website be downloadable in MS Word format, rather than PDF, to make it easier for NACs to modify national sporting documents. It was clarified that FAI Headquarters or authors of IPC documents can, upon request, send word files to Delegates.

Pia Berggren (Del.-Sweden) commented on her proposal about the payment of Judges expenses, and thanked the French Parachuting Federation for offering to pay these expenses for the Mondial 2003.

Exi Hoenle's (Del.-Germany) proposal was addressed by the approved Sporting Code changes.

Robert Card (Alt.Del-UK) requested and received clarification on the Internal Regulations regarding the IPC's Bureau voting rights.

19. ELECTIONS

19.1 Confirmation of IPC Committees and Working Groups

1. Chairs of IPC Committee and Working Groups:

As there was only one nomination for the position of each Chair, the Bureau presented the complete list of nominated Chairs as a whole, and all nominees were unanimously approved by the Plenary.

2. Members of IPC Committees and Working Groups

The Bureau presented the list of appointed Deputy Chairs, Members, and Advisors for all IPC Committees and Working Groups, and all were unanimously approved by the Plenary.

19.2 The Bureau appointed Pål Bergan as IPC/WAG Liaison Officer, and was confirmed by the Plenary.

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19.4 Buzz Bennett was confirmed in the role of Secretary of the Sporting Code Working Group.

19.5 Leanne Knowles was appointed IPC Media Liaison officer and was confirmed by the Plenary.

19.6 Election of IPC Officers

1. BJ Worth was re-elected IPC President by acclamation.

2. Patrice Girardin was re-elected IPC 1st Vice President by acclamation.

3. Four nominations were accepted for IPC Vice President : Pål Bergan (Norway), John Hitchen (UK), Ronald Overdijk (Netherlands) and Graeme Windsor (Australia). Pål Bergan and Ronald Overdijk were elected as IPC Vice Presidents.

4. Richard *Buzz* Bennett was re-elected IPC Treasurer by acclamation.

5. Two nominations were accepted for IPC Technical Secretary: Larry Bagley (USA) and Robert Card (UK). Larry Bagley was elected Technical Secretary of the IPC.

Gill Winter stood down as Technical Secretary, and Srecko Medven stood down as Vice President. The President thanked both Gill Winter and Srecko Medven for their many years of hard work on the IPC Bureau, and welcomed the two new Bureau members: Ronald Overdijk and Larry Bagley.

6. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT IPC MEETING

Col. Paolo Zanella (Del.-Brazil) presented a bid to host the next IPC meeting in Fortaleza, Brazil, from 31 January to 4 February 2003. The date change from the originally-proposed dates was to accommodate those who would be attending the PIA Symposium (taking place in Jacksonville, Florida, USA - finishing mid-day on 31 January. Registration is US\$ 450 per person, including four nights accommodations. Single room supplements are \$30. Late registration fee is US\$ 45. Regarding airline connections: There are daily flights to Fortaleza from Lisbon and Amsterdam, and direct flights from Miami. The average air fare from Europe to Fortaleza is about US\$ 700. Full secretarial support will be provided. The International Airport is 10 kms from the hotel. The cost of extra nights for a standard double room is approximately 170 Reals

(approximately US\$ 108). Lower prices may be negotiated. Flights to Europe leave at night, so a late-finishing Plenary should not be a problem. Jumps will be possible on the beach during the meeting.

President Worth inquired if the Delegates wanted to revert to a 5 day meeting as in previous years. Opinions were mixed, so it was decided that the 2003 meeting would take place over 4 days.

The Delegates voted to hold the 2003 IPC Meeting away from Lausanne (requiring a 2/3 majority), and therefore the Brazilian bid was approved by a vote of : 21 in favor, and 8 against.

19.7 Hosts for future IPC Meetings

Delegates were invited to submit bids for 2004 onwards. Pedro Luis Gonzalez (Del.-Venezuela) indicated that he hopes to submit a bid to host the 2004 IPC meeting in Margarita Island, Venezuela.

20. ADJOURNMENT:

The 2002 IPC Plenary Meeting was adjourned on Sunday, 27 January 2002, at 15:15.

APPENDIX A

TO the MINUTES of the 53RD IPC PLENARY MEETING – January 2002 COMPOSITION of IPC COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS

Freefall Style and Accuracy Committee

Chair : John Hitchen
Deputy Chair : Jean Dermine
Members : Robert Card
Igor Tiorlo
Leonty Soukovatsin
Advisor : Marylou Laughlin
Jimmy Hayhurst
Roger Flinn

Canopy Formation Committee

Chair : Graeme Windsor
Deputy Chair : Patrice Girardin
Members : Vladimir Gazetov
Larry Bagley
Advisors : Martin Arriens
William H. Ottley
Robert Card

Para-Ski Committee

Chair : Michael Egger
Deputy Chair : Larry Bagley
Members : Emil Franek
Advisors: Doris Merz
Marylou Laughlin

WAG / World Games Working Group

Chair : BJ Worth (IPC President)
Members : Pål Bergan (WAG & WG LO)
Doris Merz
John Hitchen
Ronald Overdijk
Graeme Windsor
Fiona McEachern
Leanne Knowles (MLO)

Sporting Code Working Group

Chair : Patrice Girardin (IPC 1st VP)
Secretary : Richard *Buzz* Bennett
Members : John Hitchen
Fiona McEachern
Graeme Windsor
Ronald Overdijk
Michael Egger
Doris Merz

Formation Skydiving Committee

Chair : Fiona McEachern
Deputy Chair : Exi Hoenle
Members : Frank Mahut
Marc Hoornweg
Mads Larsen
Advisors : Jérôme David
Anatoly Zhirov

Artistic Events Committee

Chair : Ronald Overdijk
Deputy Chair : Carlos Vairinhos Marques
Members : Jorge Derviche
Advisors : Ashley Crick
Ray Williams
Roger Flinn
Omar Alhegelan

Judges Committee

Chair : Doris Merz
Deputy Chair : Barry McAuley
Members : Pia Berggren
Sara Sacchet
Roger Flinn
Advisors : Serge Bayou
Silvia Wagner

Technical and Safety Committee

Chair : Harro Trempenau
Deputy Chair : Liam McNulty
Member : Knut Ekerhovd
Advisors : Barry McAuley
Andreas Knabe
Tony Ross

Finance Working Group

Chair : Richard « Buzz » Bennett
Members : Patrice Girardin
Doris Merz
Graeme Windsor

Appendix B To the Minutes of IPC Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland – January 2002

NAC	Surname	Forenames	Acc	Style	FS	CF	Free
Australia							
	Beasley	Lyn			x		
	Bassett-Smith	Andrew			x		
	Bennett	Craig			x		
	Bradley	Gail			x		x
	Cox	Faye	x			x	x
	Gillard	Claude	x		x	x	
	Hindley	Phil			x		
	Jonsson	Lisa	x		x	x	
	Nichol Ward	Julie	x	x	x	x	x
	Ricketts	Kathy					x
	Sinclair	Kirsty			x		
	Williams	Ray	x	x	x	x	x
	Rochow	Lindy				x	x
Austria							
	Egger	Michael	x	x			
	Hittenberger	Peter	x	x	x		x
	Kuchner	Sabine	x	x			
	Ofner	Günther	x	x			
	Rittenschober	Gernot	x	x			
	Scheibenpflug	Wolfgang	x		x		
	Sonntag	Manfred	x		x		
	Starl	Wolf-Dieter	x	x			
	Wagner	Silvia					x
Brazil							
	Amorim	Gelson	x	x	x		
	De Aguiar	José Fernando	x	x			
	Guilherme	Santos			x		
	Queiroz	José Roberto	x	x			
	Zanella	Paulo			x		
Canada							
	Asquith	Vera	x	x	x	x	
	Davies	Barbara			x	x	
	Dionne	Ron	x				
	Gallo	Rina	x		x		
	Ibbs	Hazel	x	x		x	
	McAuley	Barry	x	x	x	x	
	McGrath	Neil	x	x	x	x	
	Tercier	Terry			x		
	West Gemmel	Doreen	x				
China							
	Fan	Junying	x	x		x	
	Huang	Sheli	x	x		x	
	Li	Rong Rong	x	x		x	
	Pan	Wei	x	x		x	
Croatia							
	Beric	Zlatco	x	x	x		
	Babic	Zdrako	x	x			
	Djidara	Miroslav	x	x			
	Djidara	Nada	x	x	x		
	Dumencic	Zeljko	x	x			
	Josipovic	Zvonko	x	x			
	Mikuska	Silvije	x	x	x		
	Okicki	Milica	x	x			
	Pavin	Bjanka	x	x			
	Petrovic	Dario	x	x			
Denmark							
	Andreasen	Susanne			x		
	Holm	Pia			x		
	Knudsen	Jan			x		
	Maersk	Ulla			x		
	Petersen	Elin	x	x			
	Petersen	Thomas A.	x	x			
	Straarup	Karsten			x		
	Vingaard	Mette					x
Finland							
	Aittomäki	Reijo	x	x			
	Karjalainen	Matti			x		
	Kausalainen	Antti	x	x			
	Kuusenmäki	Tiina	x	x		x	
	Kosonen	Raija			x		x
	Latvala	Harry			x		

	Olkkonen	Jukka			x		x
	Rindell	Eevastina			x		
	Salmela	Pekka			x		
	Teivainen	Tiina					x
France							
	Alonso	Daniel			x		x
	Bayou	Serge	x	x	x	x	
	Ciccione	Frédéric	x	x	x		
	Ciccone	Pascal	x	x	x		
	Dixon	Susan	x		x		
	Duhamel	Eric	x	x			
	Dussaut	Eric	x	x			x
	Garsault	Bernard			x		x
	Gausserand	Xavier			x		x
	Helguers	Jean-Claude	x	x	x	x	
	Jara	Michel	x	x	x	x	
	Lenotte	Monique			x		
	Letourneur	Yves	x	x			
	Leye	Amadou	x	x	x	x	
	Mingam	Desiré	x	x	x	x	
	Munoz	Francis				x	
	Rohrhurst	Paul	x	x			
	Saget	Jean-Pierre	x	x			
	Valverde	Bernard	x	x			
	Wateau	Dominique	x	x	x	x	x
	Weckbecker	Flavia	x				
Germany							
	Berendt	Günter	x	x			
	Dastig	Dieter	x	x			
	Ebner	Florian					x
	Herbst	Albert	x	x			
	Hoenle	EXI Rainer			x		
	Kassner	Gerd	x	x			
	Kerzel	Inge			x		
	Lasotta	Horst	x	x			
	Rettenmaier	Peter	x				
	Rösener	Günther			x	x	
	Schlecht	Helmut	x	x			
	Spielvogel	Andrea					x
	Strüber	Dieter	x	x			
	Wegeler	Manfred	x	x			
	Wellens	Klaus			x		
Italy							
	Di Tecco	Silvio	x	x			
	Di Paoli	Bruna	x	x			
	Fasulo	Guido	x	x			
	Guercini	Mario				x	
	Martinengo	Gaudenzia					x
	Mascio	Roberto					x
	Pellegrin	Alfio	x	x			
	Sacchet	Sara			x		
	Tanda	Pierro	x	x			
Japan							
	Yamamoto	Massaki	x	x			
Kazakhstan							
	Volkov	Vassili	x	x	x	x	x
Latvia							
	Shamarin	Anatolijs	x	x			
Lithuania							
	Gutnikiene	Jurate Ona	x	x			
	Horodniciute	Ona Marija	x	x			
	Janusauskiene	Jurate	x	x			
	Kailiuviene	Birute	x	x			
	Pupkiene	Nomeda	x	x			
Netherlands							
	Bloemendaal	Jannet					x
	Burger	Caspar				x	
	de Boo	Willem	x	x			x
	Luys	Hans			x		
	Mogendorff	Judith	x				
	Strating	Henk			x		x
	ten Hoorn	Liesbeth			x		
	van Aperen	Igor	x		x		x
	van Rijn	Ronald	x				

	van Rijn	Ursula	x				
	van Schagen	Arie	x		x		x
Norway	Bergan	Tone			x		
	Granbakken	Kjell	x	x			
	Lund	Anna Maria			x		
Poland	Antkowiak	Maciej	x	x	x		
	Buczowski	Andrzej	x	x	x		
	Koczorowski	Ryszard	x	x			
	Kosk	Lidia	x	x			
	Nawracaj	Andrzej	x	x			
	Olszowy	Ryszard	x	x	x		
	Puchala	Mariusz	x	x	x		
	Swierczek	Stanislaw	x	x			
	Wantola	Arkadiusz	x	x			
Portugal	Almeida	Manuel					x
	Casanova	Carlos	x	x	x		
	Freire	Martim					x
	Mendes	Antonio	x	x			
Russia	Ananjina	Alja			x	x	x
	Anisimov	Vladimir	x	x			
	Gazetov	Vladimir			x	x	
	Gmyzina	Tamara	x	x			
	Ivanov	Andrei	x	x			
	Inkin	Dmitri			x		
	Jarikov	Vyacheslav	x	x			
	Kiselev	Sergei	x	x			
	Kovalev	Anton			x		
	Kotekov	Alecandr	x	x			
	Kosterin	Oleg	x	x			
	Kurizina	Zinaida	x	x			
	Lakisa	Nina	x	x			
	Lapitski	Viktor	x	x			
	Mironov	Vladimir	x	x			
	Novikova	Lubov	x	x			
	Ostanin	Vladimir			x		
	Shvachka	Alexandra	x	x			
	Syrchin	Anatoly	x	x			
	Sukovatsin	Leonty	x	x	x	x	
	Stupenkov	Victor	x	x			
	Sushilin	Mikhail					x
	Tarasova	Valentina	x	x			
	Terekhov	Evgeni	x	x			
	Valyunas	Vyacheslav	x	x			
	Vasina	Bernadeta					x
	Yurchenkov	Anatoli			x		
Slovakia	Dergnovich	Vladimir	x	x	x		
	Sluk	Marian	x	x	x		
	Zamecnik	Vladimir	x	x			
Spain	Castellanos	Ignacio	x	x	x		
	Delgado	Jose Vicente	x	x	x		
	Lopez	Jose Antonio	x	x	x		
	Moreno	Jose Lara	x	x	x		
	Quilez	Jose Manuel	x	x	x		
Sweden	Alpfors	Malin	x	x			
	Berggren	Pia			x	x	
	Kristersson	Percy				x	
	Rittenschober	Solveig	x	x			
	Mazouch	Maria					x
	Pettersson	Elisabet			x		
	Tingnert	Ulf	x	x			
	Wallberg	Jonas	x	x			
	Wallinder	Anders					x
Switzerland	Baumann	Heinz	x	x			
	Béguelin	Silvia	x	x	x	x	
	Hartmann	Roland					x
	Jerg	Zita	x	x			

	Manni-Hunold	Lucrezia						x
	Merz	Doris	x	x	x			
	Sieber	Ruth						x
	Sieber	Daniel						x
Ukraine								
	Bespiataya	Lesia	x	x				
	Bezruk	Nataliya	x	x				
	Kurtov	Valentin	x	x				
	Pavlovskaya	Nadiya	x	x	x			
	Pokatilov	Vladimir	x	x				
	Tiorlo	Igor	x	x	x			
	Zlotnik	Vladimir	x	x	x			
United Kingdom								
	Charters	Kate	x	x	x			
	Charters	Robert	x	x	x			
	Cole	Karla			x			
	Crum	Dona						x
	Flinn	Roger Martin	x	x	x	x		x
	Fowler	Ann	x					
	Fowler	Jack	x					
	King	Bob	x	x				
USA								
	Altendorfer	Al	x		x	x		
	Auden	Butch	x	x				
	Barber	Richard	x	x	x			
	Bartlett	Lori				x		
	Baylie-Haass	Amy						x
	Brantley	Charles	x	x				
	Celaya	Judy			x	x		
	Daniel	Deborah			x	x		
	Gardner	Roger	x	x				
	Gramando	Allan	x	x	x	x		
	Kelly	Christine			x			
	Knight	Kirk	x	x	x			
	Koyn	Tamara						x
	Laughlin	Marylou	x					
	Mountz	Kama						x
	Murdock	Madolyn			x			
	Pillasch	Jamie						x
	Reid	Brenda			x	x		
	Schrimsher	Sherry			x	x		
	Scott	John	x	x				
	Smith	Scott						x
	Urschel	June			x			
Yugoslavia								
	Zolnaj	Stanislav	x	x				

End of list

Nomination for the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

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The **AERO-CLUB OF SWITZERLAND**
propose
Erich Grätzer
as candidate for
the **Gold Parachuting Medal of the FAI**

- Born 26.02.36
- Military Instructor since 1981, Lieutenant-Colonel
- Founder and first commandant of the Swiss-Army Parachuting Troupes
- Member of the Aero-Club parachuting commission 1965 – 1995
- Member of the board of the Aero-Club since 1974
- National Aero-Club Vice-President since 1991
- Member of commissions:
 - preliminary flight academy instruction
 - former military airfields
 - Swiss aeronautical planification
- Organisator of the CISM-Worldmeet 1983
- President of the permanent technical parachuting committee 1963 – 1995
- Organisator of the FAI-General conference 2001
- Introduced in Switzerland:
 - sport parachuting
 - first steerable parachute
 - aeronautical sport medical services



Felix Kiser



Christian Landry

Appendix E To the Minutes of IPC Meeting in Lausanne Switzerland, January 2002

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subj.: FAUSTO VRANCIC MEDAL

The " Deutscher Aero Club e.V." nominates Mr. Gerd Weckbecker for awarding the

Fausto Vrancic Medal

for his development of equipment allowing the evaluation of sport parachute jumps, especially in accuracy and style events, in a much more precise, objective and more transparent way for media, spectators and for competitors themselves.

In particular, these developments included the electronic pad, the anemometer system combined with giant score-indicator, an angle indication system for the style video event and equipment for public judging.

Mr. Gerd Weckbecker achieved international acknowledgement and distinction within the sport parachute community for his outstanding technicals developments, which are world wide in use and official approved by the IPC.

Dieter Engel
President of the German Sport Parachuting
Association

Rainer Hoenle
Vice-President of the German Sport
Parachuting Association

IPC-delegate (alt)

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