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**1. IPC PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

This Newsletter features a short introduction message from the new FAI Secretary-General, Stéphane Desprez. Stéphane received a warm welcome to the IPC at the recent Plenary in Lausanne. He contributed positively to Bureau meetings and we can expect enthusiastic support as we move forward on developing initiatives arising from the IPC Strategic Plan.

The media release calling for bidders for the Mondial 2012 has received wide coverage, and interest from targeted bidders is starting to emerge.

A Request for Proposal document is being prepared which will call for the provision of a dedicated electronic scoring system for IPC events for a trial period of three years. Details will be distributed shortly, and Delegates will be requested to alert interested parties in their own countries of this opportunity to become the IPC’s electronic scoring system supplier.

The FAI Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems (CANS) held its Plenary meeting on the weekend following the IPC Plenary. I attended on behalf of IPC. This is still a new Commission finding its way. Of particular interest to those present was the use of environmental issues to protect the loss of airports to housing and other developments. It was recognised that the work of Europe Air Sports is very important to air space provision in Europe, and I would encourage all IPC Delegates in Europe to support this work through membership of the European Parachute Union. What happens in Europe can happen in other parts of the world, and in these busy times, airspace provision for parachuting is becoming under more threat from the growth in commercial aviation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank IPC Delegates for the trust they have shown in the IPC Bureau for returning it to office at the last meeting. There is now a clear path forward for the next two years, and I can provide an assurance that the IPC Bureau will be working to the agreed plan as hard as it can.
BIDDING UNDERWAY FOR THE
FAI PARACHUTING MONDIAL 2012

Lausanne, 5 February 2010

The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, FAI - The World Air Sports Federation, announced today that bidding has opened to host the FAI Parachuting Mondial in 2012.

The week-long World Championships are staged every two years by the FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC). In 2012 the Championships will take the prestigious form of a Mondial, featuring every type of parachute sport (except Paraski and Canopy Piloting) – a total of four exciting, spectacular parachuting events in all, for both teams and individuals.

The host organization receives full rights to income generated by ticket sales and event sponsorship generated by the host organiser. Extensive TV coverage can be expected around the globe.

The chosen venue will be in or close to a large population centre, with all events taking place at a central airfield or open area (e.g. park, hippodrome or sport arena) equipped with a flat, 100 x 150m grass landing zone; adequate spectator capacity; giant screen(s) for transmitting live video footage; suitable parking facilities and public transport access.

Hosts are required to cover technical/organizational costs and provide accommodation, meals and transport for some 600 to 700 athletes and officials.

Bidders are encouraged to "develop visionary proposals that can enhance the scope, presentation and marketing" of the World Championships.

Final bids must be received by 30 June 2010.

A detailed guide for prospective hosts is available at (pdf / 1 mb):

For more details, please contact:
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* The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), the World Air Sports Federation, is the world’s governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. It was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organization. Over 100 countries are members of the FAI.
3. FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MAX BISHOP, FAI SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an enormous privilege and pleasure for me to have served as your Secretary General for the last 17 years. Whenever I visited a FAI Member country or a FAI Commission, I was received with great warmth and courtesy. I will always treasure the memories of these visits and encounters. Throughout my time in the FAI, I have been lucky enough to be supported by a hard-working and devoted Secretariat staff, whose commitment goes far beyond the call of duty.

I would like to thank you all for the great support you have given me, and for the many kind messages and telephone calls I have received.

I move on from the FAI with a feeling of serenity, satisfaction, and confidence in the future. I am leaving the Secretariat in the hands of an energetic and highly competent successor, Stéphane Desprez, who I know will work with you all to help carry our international air sports community to higher and greater things. Please give him the same level of support you have always given me.

Finally, I hope to see many of you again socially, or at an air sports event, in the months and years to come.

With kind regards,

Max Bishop

4. MESSAGE FROM STEPHANÉ DESPREZ, FAI SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear FAI Colleagues,

I would like to thank you all for the many kind “welcome” messages I have received in the past few days.

As of today, and as previously announced by FAI President, Pierre Portmann, and “Retiring” Secretary General, Max Bishop, I have indeed the privilege and pleasure to serve as your new Secretary General.

I am thrilled to be taking over this position in an International Federation that has such exciting potential, as well as a glorious history. I hope to bring to Air Sports and to our Members the many lessons I learned in my previous assignments. I’ve already had the opportunity to meet some of you in various meetings during the hand-over period with Max Bishop, and I must say I was impressed by the quality of the individuals and their contributions. I really believe we are set for take-off, and I'm looking forward to working with you to tackle the many exciting challenges and opportunities that face us in the coming years.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet and to share experiences with many of you at FAI’s various meetings and competitions.

Yours in Sports,

Stephane DESPREZ
Secretary General, FAI

5. MINUTES OF IPC PLENARY MEETING, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

The minutes of the 61st IPC Plenary Meeting, held in Lausanne, Switzerland, 30-31 January 2010, are available on the FAI web site. The minutes and the various annexes can be found on the IPC page; using ‘Meetings’ on the menu bar.

The new IPC Bid Book, approved and adopted at the recent Plenary Meeting, is also available on the web site. This Bid Book is a guide to potential bidders to host Parachuting First category Events, as to the standards, requirements, criteria and so forth that are required.

Expressions of interest to host an event are welcome from cities and regions, and should be sent to the IPC President.
6. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

The CD which was distributed to Delegates at the IPC Plenary Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, 30th-31st January 2010, contains the following material:-

- the 2008 Safety Report
- the 2008 Safety Report Power Point presentation
- the 2008 AAD Report and presentation
- the six Information Notices issued in 2009
- the forms and notes for the 2009 Safety and AAD reports
- the Medical Requirements Survey Report
- the presentation Medical & Disability Considerations in Skydiving by Elisabet Pettersson
- the presentation Data Collection Tool, by Elisabet Pettersson

A copy of this CD may be had by contact Liam McNulty, IPC Technical & Safety Committee, lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

Dangers in Sport Parachuting
The work of Anton Westman, the Swedish skydiver and Medical Doctor, who made presentations on safety and medical issues in skydiving at the Technical & Safety Open Meetings during the 2008 Paris and 2009 Västerås Plenary Meetings, has been published in book form by Department of Surgical and Perioperative Sciences, Section of Surgery, Umeå University, Sweden.

The book has articles on –
- Fatalities in Swedish Skydiving
- Injuries in Swedish Skydiving
- Validity of injury reporting among active Swedish skydivers
- Skydiving culture and its relation to injury risks and injury reporting

There is an Introduction, and pieces on - Aims, Methods, Results and Discussion.

A full text PDF can be downloaded free at http://umu.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:202326/FULLTEXT02

Those wishing to have a printed copy of the book should contact Mrs Anna Lungdren or Mrs Gunilla Őstberg, Umeå University, Department of Surgery: anna.lundgren@surgery.umu.se or gunilla.ostberg@surgery.umu.se or Mrs Ullagreta Gidlund, Umeå University, Department of Anesthesiology: ullagreta.gidlund@anestesi.umu.se

7. JOSEF PAVLATA, WORLD CHAMPION IN STYLE & ACCURACY

Jiri Dodal, Secretary General of the Aero Club of the Czech Republic has informed IPC of the death of Mr. Josef PAVLATA, double absolute World Champion in parachuting Style and Accuracy disciplines from 1986 and 1992. Josef died on Saturday 9 January 2010 after a long illness.

IPC extends its sincere sympathy to Josef’s family, friends and colleagues in the Aero Club of the Czech Republic.
FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) European record:
Claim number: 15661
Sub-class: G-2 (Group jumps)
Category: General
Group: Performance / Team records
Type of record: G-2-c : Largest freefall formation
Course/location: Kolomna (Russia)
Performance: 160 parachutists
Team: Russian 160 way 2009
Date : 08.07.2009
Previous record : no record set yet

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) European and World record:
Claim number : 15665 and 15626
Sub-class : G-1 (Individual jumps)
Category: Feminine
Group: Performance / Individual records
Type of record: G-1-b : Landing accuracy with 0.02 metre disc
Course/location: Montauban (France)
Performance: 6 cons. Landings + 0.02 m
Parachutist: Deborah FERRAND-PLAT (France)
Date : 08.10.2009
Previous European record : 4 cons. Landings + 0.01 m (17.08.2007 - Liudmyla ZEMS'KA, Ukraine)
Previous World record : 5 cons. Landings + 0.03 m (31.07.2008 - Olga LEPEZINA, Russia)

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) World record:
Claim number : 15627
Sub-class : G-2 (Group jumps)
Category: General
Group: Competition / Team records
Type of record: G-2-c2 : Formation Skydiving, longest sequence (4-Way)
Course/location: Rosharon, TX (USA)
Performance: 45 formations
Team: Spaceland Force XP
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<th>Gary BEYER (USA), Christopher Ian BOBO (USA), Eric BOYD (USA), Thomas HUGHES (USA), Shannon PILCHER (USA)</th>
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<td>Date</td>
<td>14.10.2009</td>
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<td>Previous record</td>
<td>44 formations (16.08.2006 - Black Cat Team as well as Russian Team Extreme, both Russia)</td>
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**FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) World record:**

- **Claim number**: 15614
- **Sub-class**: G-2 (Group jumps)
- **Category**: Feminine
- **Group**: Performance / Team records
- **Type of record**: G-2-c1: Largest freefall formation
- **Course/location**: Perris Valley, CA (USA)
- **Performance**: 181 parachutists
- **Team**: Jump for the Cause

**Members**: Ziara ABUD (Brazil), Leigh AINSWORTH (New Zealand), Jean AITKEN (Canada), Anastasia AKIMOVA (Russia), Rosa ALVA (USA), Nicole ANGLIDES (USA), Rebecca AUSTIN (UK), Mary BAUER (USA), Marina BERETTA (FAI), Kari BERG (Norway), Tone BERGAN (Norway), Cherie BERKE (USA), Hannah BETTS (UK), Viki BINGHAM (UK), Fiona BIRNIE (UK), Amelia BOBOWSKA (Poland), Jeanine BONVIN (USA), Ulrike BORNGÄBER (Germany), Martina BRANT (Ireland), Sally BURGESS (USA), Clare BUTCHER (UK), Sarah CANNON (UK), Diane CAMBERLAIN (USA), Nesta CHAPMAN (Canada), Yong CHISHOLM (Korea), Sarah CHURCHILL (UK), Carolyn CLAY (USA), Barbara CLEINO (USA), Ellen COENA (Australia), Catherine COON (USA), Kate COOPER-JENSEN (Denmark), Shirley COWCHER (Australia), Leanne CRITCHLEY (Australia), Elizabeth DANBY (UK), Carrie DOLL (USA), Jennifer DOMENICO (USA), Isabelle DREYSSE (France), Ekaterina DUBROVINA (Russia), Susan DUKE (USA), Erika EIDER (Germany), Lara EISENBERG (USA), Veronika EMR (Germany), Helle ERIKSEN (Denmark), Valerie ESTABROOK (USA), Mariya EVTEEEVA (Russia), Sharron FIELDING (Canada), Debbie FRANK (USA), Sharron RANNUM (USA), Viki SAUN (Russia), Hannah BETTS (UK), Viki SHIMURA (Japan), Irina SINITSINA (Russia), Monica SMINES (USA), Svetlana SEROV (Russia), Eiko SHIMURA (Japan), Maria SIEBERT (Germany), Liz SMITH (USA), Vita SMUKHAEVAOVA (Russia), Jana SOKOLOWSKA (Poland), Yelena SOKOLOVSKAYA (Russia), Elena VERTIPRAKHOVA (Russia), Alfia VESELOVA (Russia), Amy VON NOVAK (USA), Elizabeth WAGNER-GANTZER (Germany), Lisa WALKER (USA), Susan WALSH (Ireland), Susan WASSERMANN (USA), Debra WEST (USA), Marie WINTER (USA), Karen WOOD (USA), Julie WOODROW (UK), Mary WRIGHT (Canada), Jennifer WRYNN (USA), Janna WYNNE (USA), Kristina YOUNG (UK), Elena ZAKHAROVA (Russia) |
### 9. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

Fuller details/background regarding any Bureau Interim Decision may be had by contacting a Bureau member or the Committee Chair of the Committee concerned.

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<td>06 Feb 2010</td>
<td><strong>Subject</strong> - Membership of IPC Juries</td>
<td><strong>Bureau Decision</strong> The Bureau agreed to the interchange of Graeme Windsor from Montenegro to Menzelinsk and Liam McNulty from Menzelinsk to Montenegro, both to serve as Jury Presidents.</td>
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<td>31st WPC &amp; 5th Junior WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing, Niksic, Montenegro, 28 Aug. - 04 Sept. 2010 and 19th WPC in Formation Skydiving, 14th WPC in Canopy Formation &amp; 8th WPC in Artistic Events, Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia, 24 July - 02 Aug. 2010.</td>
<td><strong>Details</strong> The IPC Jury which was approved, on 31st January 2010, at the IPC Plenary Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, for the FCE Niksic, Montenegro, 2010, consisted of – Graeme Windsor, Jury President, Faye Cox, Jury Member, Alberto Notari, Jury Member.</td>
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<td><strong>Details</strong></td>
<td>SC 5, 4.7.1 1) states - Unless exceptional circumstances prevail, each Jury member must have been present at the previous IPC Plenary meeting and must represent and/or be resident in a different country than the other two Jury members. The exceptional circumstances will be approved by the IPC Plenary upon recommendation from the Sporting Code Working Group.</td>
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<td>As Graeme Windsor and Faye Cox are both resident in Australia, and this was overlooked at the IPC Plenary meeting, the Bureau was asked to agree to the change of Graeme Windsor to be Jury President for the event in Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia and the change of Liam McNulty to be Jury President for the event in Montenegro.</td>
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<td>11 Feb 2010</td>
<td><strong>Subject</strong> Approval of Bulletin No.2, 8th FAI World Cup &amp; 5th FAI European Championships in Para Ski, to be held at Predazzo, Bellamonte, Italy, 10th – 14th March 2010.</td>
<td><strong>Bureau Decision</strong> The IPC Bureau approved the issue of Bulletin No.2.</td>
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<td><strong>Details</strong> Bulletin No.2 was sent by the organizer to the IPC Bureau for approval and posting on the FAI web site.</td>
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<td>27 Feb 2010</td>
<td><strong>Subject</strong> Request by Cametrix to use IPC logo on its, Cametrix’s, website in relation to the WPCs in Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Artistic Events, to be held at Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russia, 29 July – 06 August 2010.</td>
<td><strong>Bureau Decision</strong> The IPC Bureau declined to approve the use by Cametrix of the IPC logo, on the basis that there is no formal or contractual agreement between IPC and Cametrix.</td>
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<td><strong>Details</strong> Cametrix has requested permission to use the IPC logo on the Cametrix website, under ‘Associates’ – citing ‘as we are associated with the IPC for running world championships this year and last years World cup in Czech Rep.’</td>
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