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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

World Championships

First category events for 2010 are now drawing closer. Preparations in Russia for the FS, CF and AE events at Menzelinsk, and the CP event in Kolomna are proceeding, and plans are being made for FAI's media contractor, Flying Aces, to cover these events for a TV series.

For the Style and Accuracy WPC in Montenegro, the host organisation has been boosted by the inclusion of Col. Vladimir Vhalcovic, commander of the Montenegro Air Force on the organisation's Executive Board. Flying Aces have also schedule coverage of this event into their 2010 program.

ASC Presidents' meeting with FAI Executive Board

On 30 May I attended the annual Air Sport Commission Presidents meeting with the FAI Executive Board in Lausanne. During the course of the meeting, new Secretary-General Stephane Duprez outlined his plans for restructuring the FAI office, which included an additional staffing position to help service Air Sport Commissions. President Portmann proposed levying the Air Sport Commissions to pay for the additional position. Air Sport Commissions could give no acceptance of the proposal with the lack of details put forward.

A proposal to stage a scaled back World Air Games for 2011 in Herning, Denmark, was also put forward. In general terms, ASC Presidents were unconvinced of the proposal's ability to meet FAI objectives. The FAI Executive Board subsequently discussed the issue and has decided to concentrate energy and resources into pursuing a WAG in 2013 instead.

Further details of the meeting will become available once minutes are issued.

IPC Bureau

The President of the French Parachute Federation has decided to take away from Gillian Winter all international mandates, which made Gillian ineligible for the position of IPC 1st Vice-President, and also she cannot be ex-officio Chair of the Sporting Code Working Group. This action was taken with immediate effect, rather than waiting for the usual confirmation of Delegates at the annual FAI General Conference in October. Until the 2011 Plenary meeting the SCWG will be chaired by the senior IPC VP, Marylou Laughlin, in accordance with IPC Internal Regulations. Gill was carrying out a number of projects within IPC, the most important and pressing of which was the oversight of the Request for Proposal process for selection of an electronic scoring system. As this project is still underway, Gill has agreed to a Bureau request to act as a specialist adviser to IPC to see this project through.

I take this opportunity to say how fortunate IPC has been to have the benefits of Gill's work and dedication, and her talent and enthusiasm will be sorely missed within the Bureau. I know she has other interests within the FAI, such as Secretary of the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI), and I trust that she will continue to bring her talents to the benefit of FAI in the future.

2. LETTER FROM GILLIAN WINTER

Dear IPC Delegates and Friends,

I am very sorry to say that, for internal political reasons, France has decided to no longer support me being delegate to the IPC and this also means that I have to stand down as 1st Vice President.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown to me over the last 20 odd years and especially your support since 2007 when you first elected me to the 1st VP role.

I have always been totally committed to the IPC and have enjoyed working for international parachuting in the different roles that I have had the honour and privilege to hold.

The IPC bureau has asked me to stay on as a specialist for a while so that I can finish some of the recent tasks that I have undertaken. I am happy to continue to support the IPC in whatever way my skills allow me to and I will continue judging.

I wanted to let you know of this situation myself as a mark of my respect of you all.

Blue skies and soft landings

Gill Winter

3. BUREAU MEETING – OCTOBER 2010

The Bureau, being anxious to keep costs to a minimum, made several attempts to hold conference calls on a number of occasions, but this was not very successful due to the non-availability of people and the wide spread of time zones.

The number and complexity of the matters to be discussed by the Bureau are such that it has been decided to hold a Bureau Meeting in October 2010. The timing of this meeting will coincide with the schedule for the selection of a preferred Judging/Scoring system.

The agenda for the Bureau meeting, to be held in Dublin, Ireland, 11th and 12th October 2010 is below. Delegates and Committee Chairs who wish to have any matter added to this agenda are invited to inform the IPC President as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to address any topic suggested for discussion.

Agenda

- 1 **Strategic Plan and Update**
- 2 **Scoring Systems**
- 3 **Indoor Skydiving Events (Wind Tunnel)**
- 4 **Compulsory AAD use at FCEs**
- 5 **Age for Competition (FAI)**
- 6 **Child Protection Issues (FAI)**
- 7 **Insurance – Cover at Competitions**
- 8 **Leonardo da Vinci Diploma – Criteria for Nomination for the Award**
- 9 **Expenses of IPC Officials at FCEs**
- 10 **Training Judges – Courses/Locations/Costs**
- 11 **Review of Sporting Code – SC5 clause 4.2.5 (Organisation of Competitions – Official Bulletins)**
- 12 **ASC Presidents' Meeting – Minutes and Comments**
- 13 **Dealing with new Disciplines**
- 14 **FAI proposed 20% levy on IPC Income**

4. ASIANIA SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

The ASIANIA Safety Symposium was scheduled to be held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in June 2010. Due to conflict in timing with other international and regional events this Safety Symposium has been postponed until February 2011.

A new Bulletin with the revised details and new dates will be circulated soon and will be available on the web site.

5. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

A Technical & Safety Information Notice, No. 28 270410, regarding Reserve Ripcord Pin integrity, has been posted on the web site and has been sent to Technical and Safety Officers worldwide.

The Power Point presentations of the Safety Survey Reports for the years 2001 to 2008 inclusive are now available on the web site.

The Data Collection Tool - User names and passwords have been sent to all IPC countries and the importance of using the toll is again emphasized. Any queries about its use should be addressed to Elisabet Pettersson – elisabet.pettersson@comhem.se

The annual Safety and AAD Surveys are important in that they provide data on an ongoing basis and can allow trends to be noted and acted upon. It is therefore extremely important that these surveys are responded to by countries, and every Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Technical/Safety Officer is asked to do their utmost to ensure that their own country supplies the information requested. The forms for the 2009 Safety and AAD surveys have been sent out, are on the T&S CD and may also be obtained from the IPC's Technical & Safety Committee – Imcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

During the year the T&S Committee will conduct surveys on the following:-

- 1 Instructor Rating Requirements – This will be a simple questionnaire survey on the requirements for Instructor Ratings; Tandem, AFF, Static Line, IAD/JAD, in both National Sport Parachute Associations/Federations and Military/Air Force in your country. The survey asks if there are differences in qualification requirements for Professional and Recreational Instructors and also if there are Medical Requirements for ratings. The form for this survey has been distributed and countries are asked to please respond promptly.
- 2 Canopy Piloting Survey – Seeking information on how countries handle training in this area and what criteria are imposed for participation in competition.

Extract from 2008 Safety Report Presentation

Of the 70 Fatalities in Parachuting in 2008, 58 fell into the category of 'Other Fatalities'. The breakdown of these is:-

● Fast Canopies	17	
● Other Landing Errors	11	
● Medical Issues	8	
● Collision under open Canopies	6	
● Tandem Fatalities	6	
● Main/Reserve Entanglement	3	
● Equipment Issues/problems	2	
● Hard Openings – 1 dead on landing, 1 ruptured aorta	2	
● Freefall Collision	1	
● Low Canopy Collision	1	
● Out of sequence Reserve Deployment	1	
		TOTAL - 58

6. ASIANIA – JUDGES' TRAINING COURSE

A Judges' Training Course, held under the auspices of ASIANIA, took place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. 26 of the 27 who sat the course did Landing Accuracy, but all of the candidates were very keen to learn which made the conducting of the course easier. Others who did CF or FS were pretty good too. 3 FAI passes for CF from Egypt, 11 passes for FS with candidates.

Standards of judging vary in these countries, due to the structure in their country, so the level of training required needs longer time than normal. At least 9 days usually are spent to ensure the upgrade of judging levels. Some of course are revalidating their ratings. ASIANIA allows candidates to participate who may not have fulfilled all requirements, so they must then fulfill all necessities of FAI requirements before they can be nominated by their NAC, e.g. do more judging at national/international championships etc. or be an FAI member.

Some candidates who did not make the FAI standard but reached ASIANIA standard (10% less than FAI) were awarded an ASIANIA National Rating which has been created to encourage them to keep on judging etc. Some (a lot) of countries do not have a Judge structure at this time so we are hoping these courses will encourage them towards better things by upgrading the knowledge and skills to be able to assist improvement in their countries.

Some countries not FAI members, but ASIANIA allows them to participate because on previous occasions it has resulted in another FAI member country. .

I convened and conducted the course which was approved by the IPC Judge Committee Chair Pia Berggren. Approved FAI Training Judges were Ray Williams (Australia) Barry McAuley (Canada) and myself. Mubarak al Swailim (Saudi Arabia and ASIANIA President) was the generous host for this Course conducted in conjunction with the 7th Jeddah International Championships for Skydiving.

Faye Cox
Chief of Judge Training

**SPORTING CODE – GENERAL SECTION, SECTION 5
ACCURACY LANDING**

	Country	NAME	O/A FAI RESULT Pass in Theory & Practical	NOT CURRENT FAI ****
Chief of Judge Training: Faye Cox				
1	EGYPT	AMR SALAH KAMEL	FAI	
2	EGYPT	ISMAIL DARWISH	FAI	
3	EGYPT	OSAMA MOHAMED AL-SHIMY	FAI	
4	EGYPT	MOHAMED ABDUL EL RAZAK OSMAN	FAI	
5	JAPAN	YUKO HANDA	FAI	
6	MOROCCO	RACHID BENATTABOU	FAI	
7	MOROCCO	AZZAZI SLIMANE	FAI	
8	QATAR	MOHAMED ABDULLA ALI	FAI	
9	SAUDI	SAMI A . AL HAMMAD	FAI	
10	SAUDI	SALEH ALSHMARANI	FAI	
11	UAE	SAEED KHALIFA AL-GHAITHI	FAI	
12	UAE	YOUSUF AHMED AL HOSANI	FAI	
13	UAE	MOHAMED OBAID AL SUWAIDY	FAI	
14	UZBEKISTAN	KHURSHID SALIEV	FAI	
15	JORDAN	<i>ZEYAD NOORI AL AWAYSHEH</i>	***	***
16	JORDAN	<i>SOLTAN M-M MOSA</i>	***	***
17	JORDAN	<i>FARIS NAYEF AL-JARRAH</i>	***	***
18	JORDAN	<i>IZZALDEEN -TAHA</i>	***	***
19	JORDAN	<i>KHALED ABU HILALH</i>	***	***
20	IRAQ	<i>RAID HAMDOON</i>	***	***
21	IRAQ	<i>SABA YASEEN FATHI</i>	***	***
22	IRAQ	<i>SAMIR JAMAL RASHID</i>	***	***
23	IRAQ	<i>YOUSEF HUSSEIN</i>	***	***
24	OMAN	<i>YOUSEF SUBAA AL-HOSNI</i>	***	***
25	SYRIA	<i>MOHAMED OTHMAN DAKDOK</i>	***	***
26	YEMEN	<i>SAMI AHMAD ALI ALHMATY</i>	***	***
27	YEMEN	<i>AYASH NASSER AYASH</i>	***	***

FORMATION SKYDIVING

	Country	NAME	O/A FAI RESULT Pass required in Theory & Practical	Not Current FAI ****
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Chief of Judge Training: Ray Williams				
1	JAPAN	YUKO HANDA	FAI	
2	MOROCCO	RACHID BENATTABOU	FAI	
3	QATAR	MOHAMED ABDULLA ALI	FAI	
4	SAUDI	SALEH ALSHMARANI	FAI	
5	UAE	SAEED KHALIFA AL-GHAITHI	FAI	
6	UAE	YOUSUF AHMED AL HOSANI	FAI	
7	UAE	MOHAMED OBAID AL SUWAIDY	FAI	
8	YEMEN	SAMI AHMAD ALI ALHMATY	****	****
9	YEMEN	AYASH NASSER AYASH	****	****
10	JORDAN	IZZALDEEN -TAHA	****	****
11	OMAN	YOUSEF SUBAA AL-HOSNI	****	****

CANOPY FORMATION

	Country	NAME	O/A FAI RESULT Pass required in Theory & Practical
Chief of Judge Training: Barry McAuley /Faye Cox			
1	EGYPT	ISMAIL DARWISH	FAI
2	EGYPT	OSAMA MOHAMED AL-SHIMY	FAI
3	EGYPT	MOHAMED ABDUL EL RAZAK OSMAN	FAI

Judges must fulfill all requirements of the FAI Sporting Code before they may be nominated by their NAC

7. NEW RECORDS

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) World records:

Claim number : 15672

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Canopy Piloting Records

Type of record : Speed

Course/location : Johannesburg (South Africa)

Performance : 2.093 sec

Parachutist : Greg WINDMILLER (USA)

Date :05.12.2009

Previous record : 2.166 s (05.08.2009 - Jason MOLEDZKI, Canada)

Claim number : 15673

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Canopy Piloting Records

Type of record : Distance

Course/location : Johannesburg (South Africa)

Performance : 181.70 m

Parachutist : Nick BATSCH (USA)

Date :05.12.2009

Previous record : 169.610 m (22.11.2008 - Nick BATSCH, USA)

FAI and IPC congratulate the Parachutists on these splendid achievements

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.

04 Mar 2010	2010/04/03	<p>Subject Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for 2010.</p> <p>Details The IPC Bureau was requested, by the Chair of the Canopy Piloting Committee, Thomas Tuominen, to approve the CP Competition Rules for 2010.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for 2010 and agreed to their publication</p>
07 Mar 2010	2010/05/03	<p>Subject Bulletin #1, 31st FAI World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Parachuting Championships and 5th FAI Junior World Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Parachuting Championships to be held at Niksic, Montenegro, 28th August - 04th September 2010.</p> <p>Details The Organiser requested Bureau approval of and permission to release, Bulletin No. 1. Bulletin No.1 was sent by the Organizer, through the FAI Controller, John Hitchen, to the IPC Bureau for approval and posting on the FAI web site.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved the issue of Bulletin #1.</p>
11 Mar 2010	2010/06/03	<p>Subject Canopy Formation Committee – Membership of Ismael Darwish, Voting Representative from Egypt.</p> <p>Details It was pointed out to the IPC Bureau that Ismael Darwish is recorded in the Plenary 2010 Attendance List as 'Voting representative for Egypt', and was not a Delegate or Alternate Delegate. Consequently, Ismael Darwish's status as a Member of the CF Committee was in question, and this being so the CF Committee would not have the requisite number of Voting members. (Ref Internal Regs 6.2 and 6.2.1).</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau agreed to allow the CF Committee to function, as it was approved by the IPC Plenary, with Ismael Darwish as a Member, up to and only up to the next Plenary meeting (January 2011). In the meantime the status of Egyptian representation at the IPC will be formalized with FAI and Egypt.</p>
13 Mar 2010	2010/07/03	<p>Subject Refund of Security Deposit, 8th World Cup and 5th European Championships in Para Ski, held at Predazzo, Bellamonte, Italy, 10 – 13 March 2010.</p> <p>Details The Jury submitted a final report stating that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the Jury's opinion the event has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the rules for the event. 2. No Protests had been filed. 3. The final results had been verified and were valid. 	<p>Bureau Decision As the Jury Final Report was satisfactory, the IPC Bureau agreed to the repayment of the Security Deposit for this event.</p>
23 Mar 2010	2010/08/03	<p>Subject Level of reimbursement of travel expenses to Officials at FAI/IPC First category Events.</p> <p>Details The Delegate for Germany, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, quoted paragraph 4.3.1 of the General Section and stated that 'there is a discrepancy in the treatment of persons, the status of whom are listed under paragraphs 4.3, 4.3.1, and 4.3.1.1 in the General Section of the</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau is of the opinion that the fact that two groups of persons are mentioned in GS paragraph.4.3.1 does not imply nor require "equal treatment". The paragraph is about roles and responsibilities, not about reimbursement or remuneration.</p>

		<p>Sporting Code of the FAI'. Dr Hoenle stated that while there is a limit to the amount of travel expenses allowed for Judges, no such limit exists for Jury members.</p>	
28 Apr 2010	2010/09/04	<p>Subject Approval of Bulletin No.1, 3rd WPC in Canopy Piloting, to be held at Aerograd Kolomna, Russia, 10th-14th August 2010.</p> <p>Details Bulletin No.1 was sent by the organizer to the IPC Bureau for approval and posting on the FAI web site.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved the issue of Bulletin No.1.</p>
12 May 2010	2010/10/05	<p>Subject Approval of Bulletin No.1, 19th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving, 14th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Canopy Formation and 8th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Artistic Events, to be held at Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russian Federation, 01st - 05th August 2010.</p> <p>Details Bulletin No.1 was sent to the IPC Bureau for approval and posting on the FAI web site.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The IPC Bureau approved, by majority decision, the issue of Bulletin No.1.</p> <p>Richard 'Buzz' Bennett wishes to have it recorded that he is a dissenting voice in this decision, due to the amount and structure of the Training Judge fees.</p> <p>The Bureau as a body expressed concern at the amount and structure of the Training Judge fees.</p> <p>The Bureau has referred the question of Training Judge fees to the SCWG for a review.</p>
19 May 2010	2010/11/05	<p>Subject The retirement of Gillian Winter as IPC Delegate representing France and her vacating of the position of IPC 1st Vice President as a consequence of her no longer being an IPC Delegate.</p> <p>Details Gillian Winter was retired at French Delegate and consequently must retire from the position of IPC 1st Vice President. (FAI By Laws ref. 5.4.8 and IPC Internal regulations ref. 5.2).</p> <p>IPC rules do not provide for mid-term Delegate replacement and some time would be needed to facilitate a handover. Gillian Winter kindly consented to assist in tasks which she was handling at the time of her being retired. To facilitate and formalise this arrangement it was proposed that Gillian Winter be retained as a specialist, primarily with overseeing the RFP/electronic scoring system process and keeping it on track, until the IPC Bureau Half-Yearly Meeting in Dublin in October 2010, which would be attended by G. Winter.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau agreed to retain Gillian in the capacity as noted above and to request her to attend the Bureau Half-Yearly Meeting in October 2010.</p>
19 May 2010	2010/12/05	<p>Subject Approval of Niels-Christian Levin Hansen as facilitator for review and update of IPC Strategic Plan, at the Bureau half-Yearly Meeting, to be held in Dublin, 11th/12th October 2010.</p> <p>Details As Niels-Christian Levin Hansen had previously acted as facilitator and as this had been very efficient and satisfactory, it was proposed that he be again asked to act as facilitator at the 2010 Half-Yearly Bureau Meeting.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision The Bureau agreed to ask Niels-Christian Levin Hansen to act as facilitator at the 2010 Bureau Half-Yearly Meeting.</p>