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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Here is a brief report on some of the matters relevant to IPC that were covered at the recent Air Sport Commission (ASC) Presidents' meeting with the FAI Executive Board (EB), the CASI meeting and the Annual FAI General Conference, all of which took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 2 to 5 October 2013. These comments are from my own observations and should not be regarded as the official record, which is contained in the minutes that I hope will be available in the near future.

All Air Sport and Technical Commission Presidents joined together in the afternoon before the scheduled meeting with the EB, to discuss issues of mutual interest. This was very worthwhile and led to a much more structured and efficient meeting the following day. With 11 Air Sport and 3 Technical Commissions, the FAI, the International Air Sports Federation, has quite a task to successfully facilitate the development of its air sports. This is best done by gathering together all the respective Commissions into a cohesive unit to provide strategic guidance and advice to the EB on air sport and technical issues, while at the same time providing a forum for the various air sports to share experiences and knowledge.

This is becoming increasingly important as FAI and its air sports are becoming more attuned to international sport development in a commercial sense. Development of special international events and tours will require the involvement of sponsors, which in turn will require the development of specific FAI guidelines that enhance the sponsor's involvement, and deals with issues such as competitors being sponsored by rival FAI sponsors, ambush marketing, etc, while still allowing the ASCs the freedom to develop their sports as they see fit. This can only happen through good communication and consultative policy development.

In the meantime, FAI needs to take care of the role of its member owners, the NACs. As ASCs develop events and start producing dividends, whether through increased interest, participation rates and financial returns, the members who pay the annual subscription fees should start receiving returns on their investments. These returns may be simply an increase in membership base, with increased membership subscription revenue, and could also lead to a reduction in the funding required to run the FAI office.

In this commentary, I may have digressed a little from my report of the meetings, but it is always useful to remind ourselves of why we volunteer to work for the benefit of our chosen sport.

Matters, relevant to IPC, covered during the conference include:-

Minutes - it took over 4 months for the last set of ASC Presidents' meeting minutes to be distributed. The ASC Presidents asked for future minutes to be distributed. The ASC Presidents asked for future minutes to be agreed as the meeting progressed.

World Games participation - ASC Presidents questioned the evaluation process by which FAI reviews participation in the World Games. It is costly for both FAI and the ASCs participating, and there was no quantitative analysis or data available to the ASCs. The ASC Presidents requested that the results of the media monitoring obtained through IWGA channels be made available to ASCs.

Asian Beach Games - Clarification was sought on whether this was to be regarded as an FCE. This question remains unanswered. Air sports participating will include

Paramotors, Paragliding and model pylon racing. Parachuting was considered, but logistics and air space issues became factors preventing inclusion at this stage.

World Air Games - A status report on the World Air Games bidding process for 2015 was provided. The FAI President led a confidential discussion which sought ASC views on the suitability of the preferred bid location. The general view of the ASC Presidents is that the event should not go ahead unless there was a full professional team installed in time to make it happen. The secrecy surrounding the bids to date meant that the ASCs have not been able to plan participation. There was also comment that the concept seemed to be changing and that it was no longer a "best of the best" elite level competition.

Anti-Doping - The Anti-Doping Advisory Group (ADAG) chair, Bob Henderson, and FAI Anti-doping manager, Segolene Rouillon, gave an update on the current status of FAI's anti-doping measures and compliance with WADA requirements. Those ASCs that had been selected for the out-of-competition testing pool for 2014 were asked to provide four names selected from the top 100 athletes in their respective air sport, but excluding World Champions. IPC is one of the ASCs selected for 2014. With the assistance of the IPC ranking system management team, 4 names were selected from the last World Championships from a list of 100 weighted according to participation. FAI will contact those selected to be in the testing pool. The CIMP president commented on an option that was available to FAI (and all sports) to have alcohol removed from the banned list. FAI is not currently planning to adopt this.

Organiser Agreement revision - A status report was provided on this long-outstanding task. The view of the ASC Presidents was that this matter should have a much higher priority, and that the decision to further delay the project because of preparation of a draft OA for a possible 2015 WAG did not make much sense when there are 40 First Category Events run each year. **Note:** *The CASI meeting next day passed a resolution requesting the EB to make this task a top priority and to allocate the required resources to get it completed ASAP.*

FAME - Those ASC Presidents that had entered into an arrangement with FAME generally expressed disappointment at the lack of any progress. There was a discussion on the Breitling sponsorship, currently managed by FAME at some cost to FAI. Discussion also took place on the value of a presence at air sport events and compensation levels that should apply in the case of organisers having their watch and jewellery sponsorship rights removed by FAI for Breitling use.

Finance - All ASCs were concerned at the state of the current accounting arrangements, with no end-of-year balance for 2012, and no up to date accounting for 2013. A trial for CIVL (hang/paragliding) to operate their own bank account had not yet been properly implemented to allow CIVL to realise the efficiencies proposed by the change. The question of bank charges has now been resolved, with FAI reverting to the pre-existing arrangements, whereby ASC accounts were allocated no interest income in return for FAI absorbing bank charges and account handling costs.

CASI meeting - CASI has had a busy but productive year, with two new manuals being adopted along with a number of amendments to the General Section. A full review of the General Section will take place during the current year by a workgroup chaired by Buzz Bennett. IPC is well represented in CASI with Gill Rayner being returned as Secretary, Buzz Bennett as 1st Vice President, and myself as President.

IPC has both competition and performance record categories. A request was submitted to allow competition records set at First Category Events to be recognised automatically. This was not accepted but will be considered as part of a comprehensive review of the General Section of the Sporting Code that is to take place before the next meeting.

SportAccord - ASC Presidents requested the EB to facilitate a presence at the SportAccord forum for those ASCs interested. This is becoming more critical as ASCs seek to develop tours and events in partnership with cities etc.

ASC Presidents communication - The FAI President stated at the end of the ASC Presidents meeting that he "promised to be better at communicating with this group" in future.

CASI meeting - The next FAI General Conference and associated meetings will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, October 2014.

IPETA - FAI now owns the company IPC established to run tours and events (specifically a CP tour). This transfer of ownership has been recognised by a Memorandum of Understanding between IPC and FAI which effectively gives IPC control of the company with 5 nominated Directors, while FAI nominates two. There is a clause that gives FAI the power to veto any actions that could damage FAI. The mechanics of share transfer are now underway, and advice has been received from the company lawyers in the UK that the IPC director positions need not be filled before the IPETA AGM, which will be held in Vienna during the course of the IPC Plenary.

Please consider whom you might like to nominate at the meeting in Vienna to help guide this company through its early years into a successful tour organisation. Nominations can be sent to me beforehand if you prefer.

In the meantime, planning is well underway for a tour start in 2014.

Graeme Windsor
President IPC

2. NEW PARACHUTING RECORD

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) South-American record :

Claim number : 16845

Sub-class : G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Largest Formation Records

Type of record : Large freefall formation Course/location : Perris Valley, CA (USA) Performance : 103 parachutists

Team Members : 103 Brazilian parachutists

Date :26.05.2013

Previous record : 102 parachutists (20.04.2011)

FAI and IPC congratulates the Parachutists on this splendid achievement.

3. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

The following is an extract from the 2011 Safety Report Presentation –

HUMAN ERROR HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND CONTINUES TO BE, THE MAJOR FACTOR IN SKYDIVING FATALITIES. THE ATTENTION OF ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN COACHING AND TRAINING, AT INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL & LOCAL LEVELS MUST BE CONTINUOUSLY FOCUSED ON SAFETY TRAINING AND REINFORCEMENT.

SAFETY IS BEST TAUGHT AT DROPZONES, WHERE STUDENTS, FROM THEIR FIRST JUMP, AND AS THEY PROGRESS, HAVE THEIR ATTENTION DRAWN TO SAFETY ISSUES AND SAFE CONDUCT. THIS MUST BE A MAJOR FEATURE AT EVERY PARACHUTING CENTRE.

CANOPY HANDLING, CANOPY COLLISION AVOIDANCE AND LANDING SKILLS SHOULD FEATURE PROMINENTLY.

THE COMBINED NUMBER OF FATALITIES IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES IN 2011 WAS 32, 62% OF THE TOTAL OF 52.

The ongoing issue of fatalities arising from errors in high-speed landings continues to be a serious matter in parachuting, with a number of fatalities occurring in autumn 2013.

The matter will be addressed at the Technical & Safety Meeting during the IPC Plenary Meeting in Vienna.

4. PLENARY MEETING 2014 – ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

REMINDER - Please note that the latest date for receipt of items for inclusion in the agenda of the IPC Plenary Meeting, to be held in Vienna, Austria on 1st and 2nd February 2014, is 3rd December 2013 (60 days before the Plenary Meeting, as per IPC Internal Regulations 3.7.3 *Proposals*).

The Plenary Bulletin, with full details, is to be found on the web site.

Details can also be found on the Organiser's web site – <http://www.ipc2014.net/>

5. CISM NEWS



37th World Military Parachuting Championships (WMPC) 2013

The 37th WMPC in Qionglai/ China has been finished in spite of the unfavourable weather (clouds)
The Chinese organizers (PLAAF) conducted a well-organized championship with outstanding parachuting demo jumps at the opening ceremony.
Most impressive was the firework demo under open canopies.

Results are available at CISM parachuting website
<http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/parachuting>

Future CISM World Military Parachuting Championships

38th WMPC 2014 is now confirmed to be held in Solo, Java, Indonesia – 17-28 September 2014.
The details for 38th WMPC were presented during open CPC meeting in Qionglai on 22nd Oct 2013.



39th WMPC as part of the 6th Military World Games (MWG) 2015 Mungyeong/ Republic of Korea will be held in Pohang 02 - 11 Oct 2015 with all three CISM disciplines - Accuracy, Style and 4-way Formation (same as 2013 and 2014).

CISM parachuting and other military sports

CISM regulations allow the conduct of parachuting disciplines combined with other military skills like swimming, orienteering, shooting, if at least one of the three CISM disciplines is included.

One example is the 34th Para Cross held in Freistadt/ Austria 14-15 June 2014:
http://www.skydive-freistadt.at/downloads/invitation_paracross_eng_2014.pdf

CISM Parachuting Regulations 2014

Some few changes were introduced during open CPC meeting on 22nd Oct in Qionglai. The 2014 edition of CISM Parachuting Regulations will be valid from 1st Jan 2014 and can be downloaded from CISM website.

CISM parachuting judges

CISM judges' seminar and refresher evaluation was conducted during 37th WMPC in Qionglai.
The updated 2014 CISM judges list will be published by Pascal De Haes on CISM website.

All three CISM disciplines Accuracy Landing, Style and Formation Skydiving (4-Way) will be catered for at both Championships.

6. FAI/IPC AWARDS – NOMINATIONS

Delegates are reminded that their NACs may nominate suitably-qualified persons for the various awards available. The awards are listed, along with the criteria in the IPC Internal Regulations. A standard nomination form, below, has been provided by FAI. This form is also available from the IPC Recording Secretary. Please note that 2013 nominations should be sent to FAI **and** to the IPC Recording Secretary by 03 December 2013.



FAI Awards for Parachuting 2013

Nomination Form

(one form per nomination)

Name of the Award:

- Gold Parachuting Medal (By-Law 7.6.1)
- Leonardo Da Vinci Parachuting Diploma (By-Law 7.6.2)
- Faust Vrancic Medal (By-Law 7.6.3)

Submitted by:

NAC :

Name :

Position / Function :

Date :

Signature and stamp :

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Nomination for:

Name :

Birthdate:

E-mail address :

Reasons for nomination (maximum 250 words, English only):.....

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Please provide at least one high resolution picture of the nominated person, if possible taken while practicing his/her sport or beside his/her (model) aircraft.

All nominations must be received at the FAI Head Office by **3 December 2013** at the latest in electronic format (to members@fai.org) **preferably** or by fax or post.

7. C.I.F.P. AWARD NOMINATIONS



SUBMISSION OF CANDIDACY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR C.I.F.P. AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The C.I.F.P. awards distinctions for fair play under the following four categories each year:

1. **Pierre de Coubertin World Fair Play Trophy**
- to an athlete, or a team, **for a gesture of fair play** that cost, or could have cost his/her victory, or could have downgraded his sport performance;
2. **Jean Borotra World Fair Play Trophy**
- to a person **for his/her** remarkable **general attitude showed all along his/her sport career**, for an outstanding and constant spirit of fair play, for observing the unwritten rule of sport not to take advantage of an opponent's bad luck;
3. **Willi Daume World Fair Play Trophy**
- to a person or organization **for an activity aiming at promoting fair play** by organizing national or local campaigns, giving lectures, writing articles in the press, or making comments on the radio or television;
4. **IOC President's Prize for the Youth**
- to an athlete, or a team **UNDER 20, for a gesture of fair play**

The CIFP awards are the following in the ascending order of merit:

- I. **Letter of Congratulations,**
- II. **Diploma of Honour,**
- III. **World Fair Play Trophies**

The Trophies and Diplomas of Honour are presented to the laureates in a ceremony held every year.

Fully substantiated candidacies for 2013 World Fair Play Awards can be submitted by 06 December 2013 to this address:

International Fair Play Committee
Attn. Dr Jen KAMUTI - President
H-1124 Budapest, Csörsz u. 49-51. Hungary
E-mail: cifp@fairplayinternational.org 2

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE YEAR 2013
- PLEASE ADD ALL RELEVANT DETAILS -

Name, address of the person or organization proposed for the nomination:

Ms./Mr./organization _____

Profession or current occupation: _____

For (check one box only)

her/his act of fair play

Date of the act: _____

Place (city, country): _____

Name of the competition: _____

her/his whole sports career

Short summary of the sports career, performances and/or functions in sport:

her/his activity for promoting fair play

Short description:

Name, title/function and address of the person or organization submitting this nomination:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please attach all available supporting evidence (photos, press clippings, reports etc.) justifying this nomination as well as a PHOTO.

8. FAI PARACHUTING JUDGES – NOMINATIONS FOR 2014, AND FOR 2014 COMPETITIONS

Two forms, one for the Nomination of FAI Parachuting Judges for 2014, and the second for the Nomination of Judges for 2014 Competitions, have been sent to Delegates and Alternate Delegates. The forms may also be found on the FAI/IPC web site.

Please note that the forms must be returned to the Chair of the Judges Committee, Pia Berggren, as the e-mail address on the forms, **by 31st December 2013**. After that date nominations will not be accepted.

9. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

More complete details of, or the background to, any Bureau Interim Decision may be had by contacting a Bureau member or the Committee Chair of the Committee concerned.

14 Oct. 2013	2013/20/10	<p>Subject - Bureau approval of request to FAI to fund the attendance of Edward 'Bushman' Anderson at Cities/Events Forum, to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, 13-15 November 2013, to explore the possibilities for IPETA to commence a CP Tour.</p> <p>Details - IPC is prevented from allocating funds for this attendance, as per the Minutes of the 2013 IPC Plenary Meeting at Banja Luka, which minutes state - <i>The use of the start-up funds allocated in Buenos Aires will not be used until the entity setup is agreed with FAI and all matters are correctly in place.</i></p> <p>The IPC Bureau felt that other means of funding Edward 'Bushman' Anderson's attendance must be sought, so that this opportunity might not be lost.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the request to FAI to fund the attendance of Edward 'Bushman' Anderson at this event.</p>
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