1. IPC PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

Competitions
We are now well into the competition season and three of our First Category Events have been successfully completed - the 8th FAI World Cup and the 4th European Championships of Canopy Piloting in Canada, the 8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships (with the 5th FAI Junior European FS &AL Championships) in Bulgaria, from whence three record claims were sent to FAI, and the 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships, 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, 1st FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships, 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events, 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving, 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving in the Netherlands, from whence two record claims were sent to FAI.

The Canopy Piloting Event was run using the 2014 CP rules. Due to safety reasons and to the obvious appreciation of the competitors, the Meet Director did not allow zone accuracy to take place in more than 5m/sec winds.

Still to come is the Indoor Skydiving event in Prague which shows a high number of teams.

Canopy Piloting Rules
A very productive competitors’ meeting took place at Farnham, as it gave clear directions to the CP Committee for the way forward in 2016. The Jury was asked to provide an unusually high number of interpretations, which in itself points to the need for a good overhaul of the existing written rules. This need has been reinforced by the expressed concern of the FAI Executive Board to all Air Sports Commissions to ensure that Competition Rules are sound, particularly in the light of the high number of appeals dealt with this year by an FAI International Appeals Tribunal.

FAI appoints Board of Inquiry into USA NAC
Relating to the dossier submitted for certification of the record high altitude performance by Alan Eustace
FAI approved the records based on the original dossier prepared by the FAI Official Observer, James Hayhurst. However, I understand that the NAA has not adopted this data for the USA National Record.
The FAI Official Observer sought an investigation by FAI in March 2015. The appointment of a Board of Inquiry by the FAI Executive Board to undertake this task finally took place very recently.
USPA has applied for affiliate membership of FAI on the basis that its NAC, the NAA, has failed in its responsibilities to USPA.
From a broader perspective, this emphasises the difficulties inherent in an FAI structure consisting solely of NAC membership. There are many national parachute associations around that operate totally independently.
2. 2016 IPC PLENARY AGENDA DOCUMENTS

Putting the Plenary agenda together, with about 70 annexes, is a big task. However, it can be made a good deal easier if all those, who wish to have reports, proposals or bids on the agenda, would send those items to the Recording Secretary at an early date.

The official closing date for receipt of items for the 2016 Plenary Agenda is 24 November, but all are asked to submit items before that date, if possible, no later than the end of October.

Please note -

- Documents received after 24 November will NOT be included in the agenda papers.
- Documents MUST BE IN WORD FORMAT, and photographs are not allowed in bids.

Your co-operation in this matter will be very much appreciated.

3. 2015 COMPETITION BULLETIN

Bulletin #2 for the following 2015 competition is now on the FAI/IPC website, under Events, and is also available on the Organiser’s website.

1st FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2015
Hurricane Factory, Prague, Czech Republic, 21st – 24th October 2015
www.wisc2015.com
4. FAI NEWS

Dear Commission Presidents,

We have recently noted some discrepancies in the use of abbreviations for countries. The FAI is following the official list issued by the IOC (International Olympic Committee). We would like to remind you to use this list in any context and even down to scoring systems. We let you communicate with your respective bureaus about this and disseminate the information around as deemed necessary.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration.

The list of IOC abbreviations can be obtained from the IPC Recording Secretary, lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

5. ASIANIA NEWS

ASIANIA PARACHUTE FEDERATION

The 17th ASIANIA Parachuting Championships and China International Open are being held at the Air Sports Centre in Taiyuan, China, 6 – 15 September.
FAI Judge Training Courses are being conducted in Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Accuracy Landing.
The competition results will be published on the ASIANIA website.

The annual general meeting of ASIANIA was be held on 12 September, at Taiyuan.

6. TECHNICAL & SAFETY

2014 Safety Reports
Technical and Safety Officers and IPC Delegates are reminded that 2014 reports from most countries are outstanding, and these should be forwarded as soon as possible.

Parachuting and Government Authorities - Operational Survey
Please respond as soon as possible to this survey, on which there are only four or five questions (depending upon your region) and a space for any notes. In some countries and regions there is a trend towards less government regulation of parachuting (but with aviation authorities’ retaining control of parachuting aircraft operations). As it is important to know the extent of this trend and to keep abreast of this development please complete the short questionnaire and return it without delay.
### Bureau Decision

The Bureau approved the nomination of John Hitchen for the Teuge Jury, which will now be –
- Rina Gallo, Jury President
- Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Jury Member
- John Hitchen, Jury Member

### Details

Due to the tragic death on 5 June 2015, of Jury Member for these events, Jan Andersson, it was necessary to find a replacement. IPC First Vice President proposed John Hitchen to fill the position. John Hitchen was available and willing to be on the Jury.

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### Subject

Jury for -
- 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships
- 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships
- 1st FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships
- 11th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events
- 20th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving
- 2nd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving

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### Subject

Participation in 4-Way Female Event at
- 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships

To be held at Teuge, The Netherlands, 07-13 September 2015.

### Details

As three NACs (France, Poland and Russia) had registered to participate in this event, the Bureau, in accordance with SCS 4.10 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION, where less than 4 NACs are entered in an event (see Competition Rules – SC5 4.2) at an FCE, the Sporting Code, GS 4.4.3.1 permits the IPC to determine whether the event will take place and whether the title of Champion will be awarded.

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### Subject

Bulletin #2, 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting and 4th FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Farnham, Canada, 203 – 30 August 2015.

### Details

Bulletin #2 for these events had been sent to the IPC Bureau for approval.

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### Subject

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- 10th FAI European Artistic Events Championships
- 13th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships
- 1st FAI European Speed Skydiving Championships
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### Bureau Decision

The Bureau approved Bulletin #2 and its publication.

### Distribution of this decision

IPC Bureau
IPC Delegates, through the IPC Newsletter, and in Plenary 2016 Agenda Annex Competition Organisers – CSPA, Michelle Matte-Stotyn and Martin Lemay, Parachutisme Nouvel Air
Jury – Graeme Windsor, Johannes Gritsch, James Hayhurst
FAI Controller – Marylou Laughlin
CP Committee Chair – Alberto Martin Paracuellos

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### Bureau Decision

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| #30/2015 | 11 Aug. 2015 | **Subject** | Appointment of IPC Records Officer. |
| --- | --- | **Details** | FAI office had suggested to the IPC president that IPC appoint a Record Claims Liaison Officer to provide technical assistance with parachuting record claims, due to the number and complexity of claims. This would follow a successful project with another air sport, CIAM (aeromodelling) which also has many categories and claims. Mr Randy Connell, USPA, has been employed on a part time basis to assist FAI in their records claim work. On request, he kindly volunteered to be the IPC Records Liaison officer for this work and USPA had graciously agreed to allow R. Connell the time to do it. It was proposed that R. Connell be confirmed in the position of IPC Records Officer until Plenary 2016, when the position will be discussed. |

| #31/2015 | 01 Sept 2015 | **Subject** | Return of Deposit (€4,000) and amount of overpayment of Sanction Fees (€90) to the Organiser of the 8th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting & 4th FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships Held at Farnham, Quebec, Canada, 23 – 30 August 2015 |
| --- | --- | **Details** | The Jury provided a positive final report and confirmed that –  
1. In our opinion the FCE has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules.  
2. In our opinion, the Organiser has met all contractual commitments.  
3. All protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public.  
4. The final results have been verified and are valid. |

| #32/2015 | 01 Sept 2015 | **Subject** | Return of Deposit (€13,000) to the Organiser of the 8th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships & 5th FAI Junior European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships Held at Erden, Montana, Bulgaria, 21 – 29 August 2015 |
| --- | --- | **Details** | The Jury provided a positive final report and confirmed that -  
1. In our opinion the FCE has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the relevant Competition Rules.  
2. In our opinion, the Organiser has met all contractual commitments  
3. All protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been made public. (There were no protests)  
4. The final results have been verified and are valid. |

**Bureau Decision**  
The Bureau approved the appointment of Mr Randy Connell to the position of IPC Records Officer, and thanked him and USPA for this positive contribution to IPC.