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CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

I am glad to be able to report that after the previous year, when we couldn't hold any Official CAT 1 CP event, this year the activity has returned to normal, or nearly almost normal I should say. There have been competitions and events all over the world and we are slowly returning to normal. I gather it is going to take a bit more than a world pandemic to keep us from jumping.

During the year the CP Committee has held numerous online meetings to continue working for the benefit of our discipline. Since there had been no official competition during the year 2020 the Committee felt that there was no need to make any modifications to the CP and Freestyle Competition Rules, 2020 edition, so the 2021 edition was exactly the same rules with no modifications. This year, after the experiences from all the competitions where our rules are used and specially after our participation in the Mondial in Tanay, we are going to propose some important changes and many housekeeping issues. We have been working on a complete overhaul to our CP Freestyle rules and we hope these will be well received and approved by the plenary. The CP Rule modifications will be explained during the CP Open Committee meeting on the 26th of January at 18:30 CET (UTC+2).

The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama will take place in July 2022 and we have been working on a set of rules specific for that important event. Some of the new improvements will be tested during the 6th Dubai International Parachuting Championship scheduled for December 2021, so I expect to be able to have more detailed information before making a final request for approval by the plenary in Bucharest.

The 8th FAI World Championship of Canopy Piloting 2021 and the 2nd FAI World Championship of Canopy Piloting Freestyle 2021 took place with the Mondial in Tanay, Russia. Despite all the COVID related problems we had 45 Competitors from 20 NACs participating in CP World Championship and 34 Competitors from 12 NACs in the CP Freestyle World Championship. There were 5 Nations participating in the team event. We had 6 cancelations due to travel related issues or injuries during the training jumps. 8 CP Committee members out of 12 were present either competing, judging or serving as officials.

The pond was state of the art but unfortunately the air capacity and the use of aircraft was limited and that caused that we were short of one complete round in the Accuracy event, and very unfortunately the

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Freestyle event never happened and we could not award the title medals. Despite the difficulties the following records were achieved;

World Record Drag Distance 50m, 195.32m by Cedric Veiga Rios FRA
 European Rec. Drag Distance 50m, 195.32m by Cedric Veiga Rios FRA
 European female Drag Distance 50m, 147.45m by Olga Naumova BLR
 South American Carved Speed 70m, 2.033 sec by Marcos Darman ARG

Next year 2022 we will be hosted by Skydive Arizona in Arizona USA. The pond constructed for their national championships this year is impressive and as usual we expect a high standard competition. We will most probably get an update from the organizer. For the year 2023 we do not have any bidders at this point and we encourage NAC's to bid to organize the next World Championships.

The World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, are scheduled from Friday 7th to Monday the 11th of July and preparations are well underway. The Birmingham Organizing Committee is doing an extraordinary job to organize the event where over 3600 competitors from 100 countries are expected. ISC Liaison Officer Dr. Rainer "Exi" Hoenle has continued to work with FAI and the Organizing Committee to assure that CP and ISC will be well presented. The 36 competitor have already been selected and have confirmed their participation. The BOC have been very observant of the development of the pandemic and how other major events like the Olympics have dealt with it and we hope that with the proper protocols it will be a safe event for our competitors.

This year, the FAI & ISC signed an updated agreement with the Air Sports Group for the continuing organization of the FAI Swoop Freestyle World Championships. Covid has had a negative impact on the development of the event and no competition has been possible in 2020 or 2021. The Championships will probably only be relaunched in 2023 but for 2022 we hope to see some events happening all over the world.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their work and support throughout the year, Mike Teague, Deputy Chair (RSA), Björn Korth (AUT), Jasper Williams (RSA), Ian Bobo (USA), Nina Engel (GER) Rainer "Exi" Hoenle (GER), Agnieszka Sobczynska (FIN) and Julia Sotnikova (RUS), and advisors Marylou Laughlin (USA), Greg Windmiller (USA), Silvia Wagner (AUT) and George Blythe (DEN).

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