In 2023 we received some input during the year with the big chunk of it during the last weeks before the deadline. This deadline was moved forward by two weeks but that did not obstruct the committee’s work, it just made us work harder.

Some items follow out of items that pop-up during the year which prompt proposals for rule changes, clarifications or tweaking. The majority of the proposed changes are related to SC5, following out of issues which happened at FCE’s. One in particular concerns the suggested change to move the video requirements in the Competition Rules from four committees (FS, CF, AE, WS) to SC5. This would lead to a desired unification of the rules on that part.

It is noted that two changes in SC5 are proposed as being text having been removed by accident. As chair I do apologize for this.

Discussion is expected around the subject of organizing an ISC Plenary Meeting, regarding the registration possibilities and related costs, and some around judging rules.

As stated in the R&R annual report over 2022, we as committee remain hesitant to take a stand on the proposal change in SC5 or other documents which incurs the competitors. This by definition should come from the competition committees themselves. That said, we are willing to advise on proposals, looking for implications or possible inconsistencies.

The rule changes accepted in 2023 regarding the payment of standalone continental records by NAC’s or teams (SC5, para 3.1.2 (5) (b)) had led to a substantial decline in record applications. Regardless, R&R feels that the Bureau should sit down with FAI and work on a written agreement regarding the cost of continental records which are also world records.

My thanks for this year go to my R&R colleagues for their input and contributions: Elisabet Mikaelsson, Richard “Buzz” Bennett, Claire King, Doris Merz-Hunziker, Liam McNulty and Gernot Rittenschober. Doris Merz-Hunziker has indicated she will step down, I thank her for her work in the past years and wish her all the best with her future endeavors.