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### 1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Friends

It seems like only yesterday when we said farewell in Banja Luka following the 2013 Plenary. I hope all of you, Delegates and interested Observers, have had a chance to read the Minutes from this very productive meeting.

For those planning to attend the European Championships and World Cup in FS and AE in Banja Luka later this year, please make sure you have all the necessary visas to get there. A visa for Bosnia-Herzegovina does not guarantee passage through Croatia, as a small number of persons found out when they planned to travel via Zagreb to the Plenary and were not allowed to enter Croatia.

The Competition Committee Chairs have been busy in ascertaining the participation rates for the First Category Events planned for this year. It appears at this stage that all scheduled First Category Events for 2013 will have sufficient participation rates to declare champions.

A claim for the largest women's formation European record performance in Russia (88) was rejected by FAI because the number of FAI judges used was not in accordance with SC5. The matter was discussed during the recent IPC Plenary and the jump has been rejudged with independent judges appointed by the Judges Committee Chair, Pia Berggren. The claim is now back with FAI for processing, and I have been assured that all is in order.

The FAI Executive Board has agreed to fund the development of the CP tour concept for IPETA with IPC Funds. The development is being undertaken by a person known to many in IPC, Mr Edward "Bushman" Anderson who, amongst his many skydiving achievements, has served as an advisor to the FS committee. The recent call for expressions of interest resulted in a number of candidates for the job, with Bushman being the most suitable.

Implementation of the FAI/IPC task force recommendations of last December is getting closer, with the production of an agreed FAI/IPC framework for implementation. Draft documents have been prepared to enable the transfer of IPETA shares to FAI ownership, while leaving IPC with the freedom and autonomy to operate IPETA within certain parameters designed to limit risk to FAI. Assuming the transfer of IPETA to FAI ownership proceeds smoothly in the near future, the FAI/IPC task force can then start work on the remaining task which is to :-

- Identify a path to greater self-governance and autonomy for the ASCs, achieving an ASC status conducive to operating its own commercial entities (if desired), but under the supervision and umbrella of the FAI.

## 2. FAI General Awards

The FAI Secretariat has issued a letter to all NACs calling for nominations for FAI General Awards. I would encourage all IPC Delegates to consider nominating eligible persons in the parachuting family for FAI awards. Not only do they honour those that are nominated, they also help to promote parachuting. While General Awards nominations can come from Air Sport Commissions, it is more the case that they emanate from NACs.

General Awards Include:-

- FAI Gold Air Medal
- FAI Gold Space Medal
- Sabiha Golken Medal
- FAI Silver Medal
- Diploma for outstanding Airmanship
- Paul Tissandier Diploma
- Group Diploma of Honour

***Nominations for awards are required to be sent to the FAI Secretariat in Lausanne, not later than 60 days before the FAI General Conference. The last date for nominations in 2013 is 5<sup>th</sup> August.***

## 3. CANOPY PILOTING COMPETITION RULES 2013

The IPC CP Committee has re-issued the 2013 Competition Rules and the version originally posted on the IPC/FAI website may be discarded as no longer being valid.

The IPC Bureau has approved one change: The Neutral Zone in Accuracy has been assigned a point value of -20 (negative value similar to Zones 7 and 8) rather than a point value of zero.

In addition, with assistance from Buzz Bennett, Chair of the IPC Rules and Regulations Committee, the Rules have been edited for clarity of grammar and phrasing without any impact on the technical intent and application of the Rules, previously approved by the IPC Plenary.

Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle  
Chair, Canopy Piloting Committee

The amended version of the 2013 CP Competition Rules has now been posted on the web site.

## 4. 2013 IPC PLENARY MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes and Annexes of the 2013 Plenary Meeting of IPC, the FAI Parachuting Commission, have been published on the FAI website on the following page : <http://www.fai.org/ipc-about-us/ipc-meetings> (under Meetings > 2013 Banja Luka (BIH), 26-27 January 2013 > Minutes)

Direct link to the PDF document :

[http://www.fai.org/downloads/ipc/IPC\\_2013\\_Minutes](http://www.fai.org/downloads/ipc/IPC_2013_Minutes)

The attendance list is not posted, as it contains personal details of attendees. This list was e-mailed to Delegates directly by the FAI Secretariat.

## 5. FAI - ANTI-DOPING ADVISORY GROUP AND DOPING REVIEW PANEL

The FAI ADAG is the FAI's Anti-Doping Advisory Group. This group was formed to advise the FAI Executive Board on anti-doping matters during the elaboration of the FAI Anti-Doping Plan and is comprised of EB members, CIMP representatives, the Presidents of the three air sports directly affected (at the time of creation of the group) and NAC representatives. The FAI has also appointed an Anti-Doping Manager (ADM), who is a member of the head office staff, to manage the anti-doping plan and the testing requirements. To provide oversight for these actions and political support to the ADM, the FAI Executive Board has decided to continue the ADAG, but in a revised form. The ADAG will, therefore, now be a small group of persons providing expert knowledge and input from the component membership structure of the FAI. Terms of Reference have been created in order to formalize the existence of this group.

The group will include "*one ASC President, or an appropriate ASC representative, with the authority to represent all ASCs*". FAI now calls for nominations, for you to nominate either yourself or a representative of your ASC to be included

in this group. Final selection will be made by the FAI Executive Board at their next meeting in May. **Deadline** to submit nominations has been set to **Friday 26 April 2013**.

#### FAI DRP ToR

The FAI Executive Board is required to form a Doping Review Panel (DRP), under Article 7.1.2.1 of the FAI Anti-Doping Rules, to investigate any Adverse Analytical Findings (AAF) relating to the testing of an A-sample. The DRP is required to consist of a Chair and four other members with experience in anti-doping. Terms of Reference have been created in order to formalize the existence of this group. The selection procedure is different from the ADAG and that no nominations needs to be directly made.

The Terms of Reference for both the Anti-Doping Advisory Group (ADAG) and the Doping Review Panel (DRP) can be had from FAI or from the IPC Recording Secretary ([lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie](mailto:lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie)).

**IPC is now calling for a volunteer to be a member of the Doping Testing Panel. Please contact the IPC President, Graeme Windsor, if you wish to be nominated by IPC to FAI.**

## 6. NEW PARACHUTING RECORDS

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

Claim number : 16669

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Speed Records

Type of record : Vertical speed without drogue Course/location : Roswell, NM (USA) Performance : 1 357.6 km/h

Parachutist : Felix Baumgartner (Austria) Date :14.10.2012 Previous record : 586.92 km/h (15.03.2012 - Felix Baumgartner, Austria)

Claim number : 16670

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Altitude Records

Type of record : Exit altitude

Course/location : Roswell, NM (USA)

Performance : 38 969.4 m

Parachutist : Felix Baumgartner (Austria) Date :14.10.2012 Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16671

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Altitude Records

Type of record : Freefall distance

Course/location : Roswell, NM (USA)

Performance : 36 402.6 m

Parachutist : Felix Baumgartner (Austria) Date :14.10.2012 Previous record : 24 500 m (01.11.1962 - Eugene Andreev, USSR)

FAI congratulates the Parachutist on this splendid achievement.

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) European record

Claim number : 16588

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: Feminine

Group : Largest Formation Records

Type of record : Largest freefall formation Course/location : Kolomna (Russia) Performance : 88 parachutists

Date :21.07.2012

Previous record : 70 parachutists (25.07.2008 - Team, -)

FAI congratulates the Parachutists on this splendid achievement.

## 7. TECHNICAL & SAFETY MATTERS

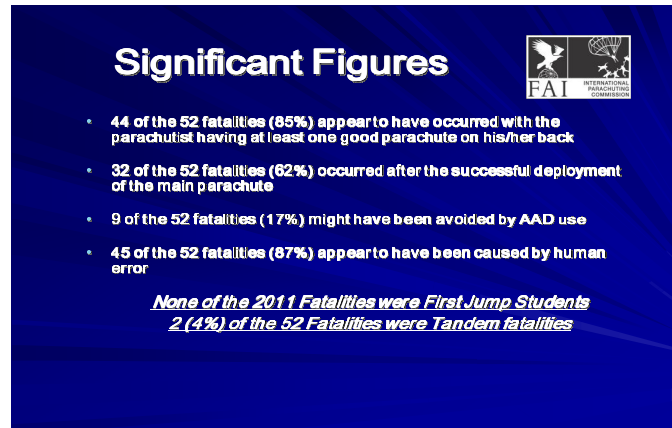
The 2011 Safety Report and Power Point Presentation has been distributed, and a CD with this material, and the 2012 Safety Report form and notes is available on request. The Power Point Presentation is also available in Spanish,, thanks to Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, Argentina, who did the translation.

Some countries have already sent in the 2012 Safety Report and others are asked to please do so, to ensure that 2012 has a greater response than 2011 (36 countries). Please send the reports, as soon as possible, to Liam McNulty – [lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie](mailto:lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie)

### From the 2011 Safety Report

*The slide, on right, from the 2011 Safety Report Presentation, is of particular importance as it shows the high occurrence of fatalities with the parachutist having at least one good parachute, and the high occurrence of fatalities after the successful deployment of the main parachute.*

*Intentional fast landings and landing errors constitute most of these fatalities. The Safety Report gives full details.*



## 8. CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

The request for Certificates of Proficiency is a small, but ongoing matter, with skydivers in countries which do not use the system asking if they can obtain one, to facilitate them jumping in countries other than their home country.

The matter was raised during the IPC Plenary Meeting in January, both at the Technical & Safety Open Meeting and at the Plenary proper. It was emphasised that adopting the C of P system does not in any way interfere with a country's own licensing system; both run independently of each other.

Countries which currently do not issue C of Ps are urged to do so, to facilitate their members.

## 9. CISM NEWS

### **37th World Military Parachuting Championships (WMPC) 2013**

37th WMPC is held from **14 - 25 October 2013** in Quiong Lai (near Chengdu) The official invitation file with the confirmation of arrival and departure date will be distributed to your CISM delegations within the next week(s), please find the most important details for your planning below:

- The format is according to current CISM Parachuting Regulations (all three disciplines will be held)
- The current edition of CISM Parachuting Regulations is 01 May 2012 download at [http://www.cism-milspport.org/eng/003\\_SPORTS/016\\_parachuting/main.asp](http://www.cism-milspport.org/eng/003_SPORTS/016_parachuting/main.asp)

### **Future CISM World Military Parachuting Championships**

38th WMPC 2014 and 39th WMPC & 6th MWG 2015 will be in South Korea, preliminary date is 30 Sep- 09 Oct So far there are no WMPC organizer candidates for 2016, 2017 and 2018, any candidates should bring forward a possible bid at CISM General Assembly (next CISM GA is held in Jakarta in May 2013)

### **CISM judges**

The current rules and additional remarks have been included in the first info letter, the current CISM list is published at CISM website and the current FAI list is at <http://www.fai.org/ipc-about-us/ipc-officials-experts>  
The CISM seminar is still planned to be held in Nish/ Serbia, the date is not yet confirmed by the host nation. The official invitation file will be distributed via CISM delegations and published at CISM website asap.

## 10. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

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

07 Feb. 2013	2013/01/02	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of change of dates for 14<sup>th</sup> FAI World Parachuting Championships in Para Ski, to be held at Tanai, Russia.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - An error had occurred in the dates in the bid from Russia (the bid stating Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014).</p> <p>In consultation with the Chair of the Para Ski Committee, the Organiser requested Bureau approval for a change of dates to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the change of dates to <b>11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b> for this FCE.</p>
20 Feb. 2013	2013/02/02	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Framework Document regarding IPETA transfer of ownership to FAI.</p> <p><b>Details</b> – The Framework Document regarding IPETA transfer of ownership to FAI, as agreed by the Task Force, IPC and FAI, had been modified to the satisfaction of the Task Force, The FAI Executive Board and the IPC Bureau. The IPC Bureau was asked to give its consent to the finalised document, reference <i>FAI/EB/OL17FEB2013 Modified from IPC &amp; EB input, and dated 17 February 2013.</i></p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau agreed to accept the document, version <i>FAI/EB/OL17FEB2013 Modified from IPC &amp; EB input, dated 17 February 2013.</i></p>
15 March 2013	2013/03/03	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of finalised version of the 2013 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Chair of the Canopy Piloting Committee, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, submitted the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for 2013 to the Bureau for approval, as there has been some work done on them after the Plenary meeting.</p> <p>The principle work was of a 'housekeeping' nature, undertaken by the Chair of the Rules &amp; Regulations Committee, R. 'Buzz' Bennett.</p> <p>There was one rule change, proposed by the Canopy Piloting Committee - 'The neutral zone of minus 20 points' change.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the finalised version of the 2103 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules, as submitted by the Chair of the P Committee, and their posting on the FAI/IPC web site.</p>
15 March 2013	2013/04/03	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of Vladimir Gazetov as Meet Director for 19<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup in Formation Skydiving, the 12<sup>th</sup> FAI European Skydiving Championships, 10<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup and 9<sup>th</sup> European Championships in AE in August 2013, to be held at Banja Luka 12 – 18 August 2013.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The Meet Director had not been named in the bid and the Organiser named Vladimir Gazetov in Bulletin #1. Bureau approved was therefore required for this appointment.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau approved the nomination, by the Organiser, of Vladimir Gazetov as Meet Director for 19<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup in Formation Skydiving, the 12<sup>th</sup> FAI European Skydiving Championships, 10<sup>th</sup> FAI World Cup and 9<sup>th</sup> European Championships in AE in August 2013, to be held at Banja Luka 12 – 18 August 2013.</p>
25 March 2013	2013/05/03	<p><b>Subject</b> - Bureau approval of substitute Canopy Piloting competitor from Colombia in World Games, Cali, Colombia.</p> <p><b>Details</b> - The IPC World Games Liaison Officer, Ronald Overdijk, had requested the Bureau to allow Milton Pachon, a Colombian Canopy Piloting skydiver, to be accepted as a substitute, should either of the two selected Colombian skydivers be unable to take part in the World games Canopy Piloting event.</p>	<p><b>Bureau Decision</b> - The Bureau agreed to the request of the IPC World Games Liaison Officer, Ronald Overdijk.</p>