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Again, it was a very successful year for the judging part of competitions. We had the Mondial 2003 in Gap, with all disciplines participating. It was the second time we were working with the IPC Controller for Judging and Scoring, and again it showed that this position is absolutely necessary in a multi-discipline Event. With the experience from this very well organized Mondial, we will propose some changes in the Sporting Code, Section 5, it will be mentioned in „Proposals“

The Mondial in Gap was the first IPC competition where the Organizer paid the travel expenses of all FAI Judges. Contrary to the concern of many countries, it did not affect the selection of the Judges. The Chief Judges selected their panel using the criterion: the best judges available - including some „newcomers“, and it worked out perfect.

The big challenge this year was the World Cup in Perris, Ca. The new discipline, Canopy Piloting, was introduced to the IPC at last year's plenary, and that meant there were no FAI-rated judges for this discipline. After long discussions with the organizer we came to a conclusion a couple weeks before the event took place. Barry McAuley was in charge of the education of the Sporting Code for all judges. He was there on behalf of the Judges Committee, and he did a splendid job, as did everybody else from the Judges. For the next Competition we will have officially rated FAI Canopy Piloting Judges. Proposals for the evaluation of FAI Judges in this new discipline will be presented by this committee, together with the Canopy Piloting committee, during the IPC Meeting in Lisbon.

Evaluation tapes

We now have also a new evaluation tape for Formation Skydiving. Desire Mingam has produced the tape out of jumps made during the Malevski-Meet in Russia this year.

The evaluation tapes for the other disciplines were produced last year, so there is no need in exchanging them. Florian Ebner has an updated Judges Training and Evaluation program for Artistic Events, and he is maintaining it during the year – thank you Florian.

Judges Training Courses

This year we only had one officially announced Judges Training Course. That was the one in Perris, for the Canopy Piloting Event.

First, a training course for all disciplines was planned during the Mondial even if it was not mandatory according to the rules. The organizer worked hard on it, but at the end it was a problem of room, equipment, and last but not least, money. Thanks for the effort Patrice!

There were several refresher courses in different countries, and the evaluation tapes of all disciplines were well used during the year.

Competitions 2003

The Chief Judges for each competition has a written report, so I do not need to give any more information.

Proposals

- As I already mentioned, we will come forward with some small adjustments to the position of the IPC Controller Judging and Scoring, Sporting Code, Sect. 5, 4.1.1.(8) and following.
- For Canopy Piloting we have to make some adjustments in the SC 5, concerning the Judging rules. This are in particular the following rules: 6.2(2); 6.3; 6.4; 6.6; 6.6.1. and eventually some others.

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There are several other discussions taking place between the technical committees and the Judges' Committee to make changes concerning the way each discipline likes to be judged. Proposals will be presented during the IPC Meeting.

Committee work

My sincere appreciation is extended to the members of and advisers to the Committee:

Vice Chair: Barry McAuley, members: Roger M. Flinn, Pia Berggren, Sara Sacchett, Advisors: Klaus Wellens, Silvia Wagner and Serge Bayou

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