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**INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION  
CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE REPORT  
VIENNA, 2014**

Two First Category Events have been held in CP during 2013:

1. World Cup and European Championships in Canopy Piloting in Kolomna, Russia (see attached report of Chief Judge, Anders Berggren (Annex 44).
2. World Games 2013 in Cali, Colombia (see excellent report of the World Games Liaison Officer, Ronald Overdijk (Annex 4). Please refer to my Chief Judge Report (Annex 5).

I thank the organizers in Kolomna and all involved in Cali for the good work, which contributed to the success of both events. Details are available in the reports.

A competitors' meeting was held after both events, revealing that the changes, which have been made in 2013 to the rules, were generally well accepted, when the principle behind the changes were explained in detail and are described below.

2013 was a year of transition in Canopy Piloting right from the start. The Chair, Jacqui Bruwer, unexpectedly stepped down for personal reasons and proposed the current Chair for taking the lead. Having received approval by the Plenary, I take the opportunity to thank Jacqui for her never ending energy and enthusiasm. With her talent for guidance and balance she made it pleasant for all members of the Committee to develop the CP-Discipline step by step further. Fortunately she continues to work for the CP-Committee as the Deputy Chair. Wearing the hat of the Chair, I thank the IPC-Delegates for their support.

2013 Canopy Piloting transitioned from a predominantly penalizing system in the previous CP rules to a rewarding system, in which a competitor, who achieved any positive score kept a positive score and was not "zeroed out" to end up with the same score as a competitor, who missed on the course completely. After the first events most competitors understood the concept and accepted the new philosophy. The same applies to the Committee itself leading to a interim correction of the value of the Neutral Zone.

2013 Canopy Piloting rules went through another slight, but important transition, which was intended to reduce injuries, which had increasingly happened on landings, especially in Distance but also in Accuracy. By adding an extended dragging water-area in the Distance event and making a mandatory transition through gate 5 at the same height restriction as on the entry gate, this goals was generally achieved. In Accuracy the effect of having to do the same approach into the landing zone when passing gate 5 is discussed controversingly.

Other issues were brought up at the open Meeting of competitors in Kolomna.

- open up option to present Speed as
- carved Speed
- as straight Drag Speed
- as full Speed over 50 metres
- (with or without additional distance integrated)
- (with or without reducing the width of the course
- Eliminate gate 5 in Accuracy, give yellow card for unsafe landing instead.

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- Eliminate Visor rule or allow use of flipping up visors or quick release visors
- Gates all level in Speed
- Elevated cameras in Accuracy course
- continue to distance measurement per video
- Winddummies or WDI and publication of altitude wind-chart before first jump as a must
- Option in Accuracy to accept score if Wind is above 7m limit.

The agenda for our open meeting in Vienna contains our proposals for rule changes in 2014. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

At the time of this report is written the 4<sup>th</sup> DIPC 2013 is in progress with 80 competitors registered, which will be running over the deadline of this report. Experiences from this event will be presented at the Open Meeting in Vienna 2014.

My thanks go to all the members of the committee for their efforts throughout the year: Jacqui Bruwer (RSA), Alberto Martin Paracuellos (ESP), Jan Andersson (FIN), Ian Bobo (USA), Henny Wiggers (NED), Marylou Laughlin (USA) and last but not least and with our deepest regret the late Barry McAuley (CAN), who contributed to the CP-Committee up to the very end.

Dr. Rainer EXI Hoenle  
IPC CP Committee Chair

Dubai, 26th of November 2013

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## Open Meeting 2014 of IPC COMMITTEE CANOPY PILOTING AGENDA

### 1. Opening by the active chairman

### 2. Composition of the Committee

### 3. Reports/Information:

#### 1. World Games 2013 in Cali, Columbia

Report World Games Liaison Officer's Report

Chief judge Report

**Well accepted event by the public and the media. Sportsman of the day. Two airsports events with Canopy Piloting and Paragliding.**

36 competitors, 34:2 male:female athletes.

#### 2. EPC and WC in Kolomna, Russia

Chief Judges Report

80 competitors, 78 male, 2 female athletes.

Weather conditions prevented full programme by well prepared and organized event.

### 4. Competition Rules:

- Consolidation of rules from 2013
- streamlining existing rules through cosmetic and structural adjustments
- Video assisted judging option (Czech proposal to be looked into) in Distance and Accuracy.
- Public Judging/Public Viewing procedures and outlook.

### 5. Future competitions

#### 2014

**Bid from USA – Florida (Zephyrhills) for WPC 2014 in CP**

**Bid from RUSSIA (Kolomna) for WPC 2014 in CP**

#### 2015

Verbal intention from South Africa

- Members who are considering the possibility of hosting a future World Cup or World Championships or Continental Meets are requested to indicate their interest as soon as possible
- Any bids?
- Any other business

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