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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

With the first half of 2014 behind us, here is an-update on work from the IPC Bureau.

Mid-year Bureau Meeting.

There are at present no outstanding issues that will require a mid-year IPC Bureau meeting. Electronic communication between Bureau members during the year has been sufficient so far to cover all needs.

I am very happy to report that there is a very good working relationship with the FAI office since the recruitment of FAI's new Secretary General, Susanne Schoedel. Assistance has been readily forthcoming in resolving issues as they arise, and new opportunities are being developed.

Strategic Plan

IPC's Strategic Plan has been reviewed each year since its inception. This year should be no different, and there will be plenty of varied experiences to learn from, including the first IPC Body Flight World Cup.

How does IPC make its events more Attractive and Dynamic ?

Can IPC increase interest in city events?

Should IPC be thinking of ways to make First Category Events shorter?

Can a commentator describe new placings as jumps are scored?

During the coming months, the Bureau will be considering whether IPC should have a presence at the next SportAccord convention, the biggest annual sporting meeting in the world. A presence at this convention would permit the promotion of professional parachuting tours, participation in the newly formed SportAccord World Urban Games and other large multi-sport events.

IPETA

I have included this item so that Delegates can be assured that they are being informed on the latest company action. When IPETA was first mooted and subsequently established, there was a window of opportunity to establish a "Road to Dubai and back" tour. Delays were experienced in getting IPETA up and running, due to resistance within FAI and some other quarters. IPETA remains ready to establish professional parachuting tours and events, when an opportunity next arises.

IPETA can learn from the far more expensive exercise conducted by FAI, with its airports marketing company, FAME. After experiencing significant unproductive costs, including a buyback of shares that had left FAI hands, FAI has decided to shelve FAME for the time being.

As I recently advised the FAI Executive Board, IPETA will not be engaging in a mass advertising spray at large cost with no known prospect of success. It will be cautious and seek out favourable targets as they arise from time to time.

FAI Vision Statement

You may have read the FAI President's letter of 27 May 2014, circulated to many FAI distribution lists, in which he stated that the new Vision Statement for FAI is "A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available to everyone at reasonable cost."

The IPC Bureau is of the view that this is a very dangerous statement because Air Sports are not, by their very nature, 'safe' sports, and it is misleading to imply that participation is safe.

The IPC Technical and Safety Committee has prepared a 4-page document, included in this Newsletter, outlining why parachuting should not be described as safe, and why parachuting may not be available to everyone. The IPC Bureau has endorsed the T & S paper, which proposes a change to the Vision Statement, as follows:-

'A world where participation in air sports and recreational flying is made as safe as possible and is available at reasonable cost.'

IPC Delegates are asked to bring the IPC document to the attention of their NAC representative to the FAI General Conference, to be held in Pattaya, Thailand, 17 – 18 October 2014, with a view to having the FAI Vision Statement amended.

Blue skies, stay safe.

Graeme Windsor
President IPC

2. IPC PLENARY MEETING 2015 – AGENDA DEADLINE

The latest date for receipt of items which are to appear on the agenda of the 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting, to be held at Varshets, Bulgaria, 31 January/01 February 2015, is **02 December 2014** (60 days prior to the Plenary, as per the regulations).

Items for the agenda must be sent in **Word Format**; pdf format is not acceptable, and should be sent to IPC President Graeme Windsor at graemeapf@ozemail.com.au and to IPC Recording Secretary Liam McNulty at lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie

Delegates and Committee Chairs are asked to please forward items as early as possible, before 02 December where this can be done, to facilitate the production of the agenda and annexes.

3. NEW PARACHUTING RECORDS

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) European records:

Claim number : 16615

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Largest Formation Records

Type of record : Largest Canopy Formation

Course/location : Menzelinsk (Russia)

Performance : 20 parachutists

Team Members : Ravil Akhmetov (Russia), Ruslan Valler (Russia), Andrey Vakhrushev (Russia), Alexey Volynskiy (Russia), Denis Dodonov (Russia), Kirill Karpiukov (Russia), Victor Luka (Russia), Ivan Mylchenko (Russia), Nikolai Osenchuk (Russia), Dmitry Prokopiev (Russia), Alexey Rogozin (Russia), Oleg Sodel (Russia), Eduard Suslov (Russia), Ilya Uraleov (Russia), Sergey Filatov (Russia), Alexey Konkov (Russia), Dmitry Krasilov (Russia), Vladislav Myznikov (Russia), Oleg Oleynikov (Russia), Sergey Sosunov (Russia), Vitaly Dodonov (Russia), Igor Sotskov (Russia)

Date :23.08.2012

Previous record : 19 parachutists (18.10.2011)

Claim number : 16798

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)

Category: General

Group : Altitude Records

Type of record : Exit altitude

Course/location : Utti (Finland)

Performance : 9319 m

Parachutist : Timo Toivonen (Finland)
Date :21.04.2013
Previous record : no record previously set

Claim number : 16799
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: General
Group : Altitude Records
Type of record : Freefall distance
Course/location : Utti (Finland)
Performance : 8125 m
Parachutist : Timo Toivonen (Finland)
Date :21.04.2013
Previous record : no record previously set

Claim number : 16925
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Formation Skydiving Records
Type of record : Longest sequence (8-Way)
Course/location : Korobcheevo (Russia)
Performance : 29 formations
Team Members : Leonid Kazinets, Sergey Shenin, Oleg Shalomykhin, Vladimir Pavlenko, Alexandr Golovkin, Nikolai Sukharnikov, Nikolai Vylegzhanin, Alexey Minaev, Andrey Seliverstov
Date :03.09.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16935
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Junior
Group : Freefall Style Records
Type of record : Freefall Style
Course/location : Cheboksary (Russia)
Performance : 7.24 sec
Parachutist : Raphael Lautenbacher (Germany)
Date :23.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16961
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: Junior
Group : Accuracy Landing Records
Type of record : Accuracy Landing with 0.02 metre disc
Course/location : Cheboksary (Russia)
Performance : 4 cons. Landings + 0.02 m
Parachutist : Anton Sayevich (Belarus)
Date :26.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16964
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Junior
Group : Accuracy Landing Records
Type of record : Accuracy Landing with 0.02 metre disc
Course/location : Cheboksary (Russia)
Performance : 0.10 m in 10 rounds
Parachutist : Anton Kuzmenka (Belarus)
Date :26.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16999
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance
Course/location : Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
Performance : 147.19 m
Parachutist : Julien Guiho (France) Date :10.12.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) *North-American * record:

Claim number : 16922
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Female
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance
Course/location : Kolomna (Russia)
Performance : 136.49 m
Parachutist : Jessica Edgeington (USA)
Date :28.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16923
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed
Course/location : Kolomna (Russia)
Performance : 2.371 sec
Parachutist : Greg Windmiller (USA)
Date :28.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

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

Claim number : 17059
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: General
Group : Largest Formation Records
Type of record : Large freefall formation
Course/location : Eloy, AZ (USA)
Performance : 17 parachutists
Team Members : Kazuhiko Hirono, Yasuo Kawada, Nobutoshi Kobayashi, Nobuhiko Kobayashi, Akiko Kurokawa, Nana Mezaki, Daisuke Masuda, Manabu Murakami, Kyo Nakano, Yuka Nakano, Yuko Nakano, Hirotaka Okada, Hitomi Onodera, Eiko Shimura, Naoshige Shimura, Takayuki Takashima, Kosuke Yamamoto
Date :02.03.2014
Previous record : no record set yet

FAI has received the following Class G (Parachuting) World records:

Claim number : 16724
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed over a 70 m course
Course/location : Zephyrhills, FL (USA)
Performance : 2.301 sec
Parachutist : William Sharman (United Arab Emirates)
Date :09.05.2013
Previous record : 2.404 sec (15.06.2012 - Greg Windmiller, USA)

Claim number : 16924
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed
Course/location : Kolomna (Russia)
Performance : 2.371 sec
Parachutist : Greg Windmiller (USA)
Date :28.08.2013
Current record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16934
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Junior
Group : Freefall Style Records
Type of record : Freefall Style
Course/location : Cheboksary (Russia)
Performance : 7.24 sec
Parachutist : Raphael Lautenbacher (Germany)
Date :23.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16955
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Female
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance
Course/location : Kolomna (Russia)
Performance : 138.54 m
Parachutist : Cornelia Mihai (United Arab Emirates)
Date :28.08.2013
Previous record : 120.18 m (14.06.2012 - Jessica Edgeington, USA)

Claim number : 16962
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: Junior
Group : Accuracy Landing Records
Type of record : Accuracy Landing with 0.02 metre disc
Course/location : Cheboksary (Russia)
Performance : 4 cons. Landings + 0.02 m
Parachutist : Anton Sayevich (Belarus) operated by
Date :26.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16963
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Junior
Group : Accuracy Landing Records
Type of record : Accuracy Landing with 0.02 metre disc
Course/location : Cheboksary (Russia)
Performance : 0.10 m in 10 rounds Parachutist :
Anton Kuzmenka (Belarus)
Date :26.08.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16982
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: General
Group : Large Formation Sequential Records - 2 formations
Type of record : Large freefall formation
Course/location : Deland, FL (USA)
Performance : 110 parachutists
Team Members : Various nationalities
Date :23.11.2013
Previous record : 106 parachutists (20.09.2013 - Team, -)

Claim number : 16987
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: Female
Group : Largest Formation Records
Type of record : Largest head-down formation
Course/location : Eloy, AZ (USA)
Performance : 63 parachutists
Team Members : Various nationalities
Date :30.11.2013
Previous record : 41 parachutists (26.11.2010 - Team, -)

Claim number : 16988
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Formation Records
Type of record : Longest sequence 2-way (working time 60 sec)
Course/location : Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
Performance : 45 formations
Team: US Team
Members : Chris Gay, Brian Pangburn, Yuliya Pangburn
Date :29.11.2013
Previous record : 36 formations (11.08.2012 - Team, -)

Claim number : 16989
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance

Course/location : Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
Performance : 158.76 m
Parachutist : Nicolas J. Batsch (USA)
Date :05.12.2013
Previous record : 154.09 m (03.12.2012 - Nicolas J. Batsch, USA)

Claim number : 16996
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Accuracy Landing Records
Type of record : Accuracy Landing with 0.02 metre disc
Course/location : Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
Performance : 0.02 m in 10 rounds
Parachutist : Thomas Jeannerot (France)
Date :10.12.2013
Previous record : 0.03 m in 10 rounds (23.08.2011 - Deborah Ferrand-Plat, France)

Claim number : 17218
Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed
Course/location : Zephyrhills, FL (USA)
Performance : 2.034 sec
Parachutist : Nicolas J. Batsch (USA)
Date :17.05.2014
Previous record : 2.093 sec (05.12.2009 - Greg Windmiller, USA)

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) South-Asian records :

Claim number : 16836
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance
Course/location : Zephyrhills, FL (USA)
Performance : 119.04 m
Parachutist : William Sharman (United Arab Emirates)
Date :08.05.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16837
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Female
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance
Course/location : Zephyrhills, FL (USA)
Performance : 110.03 m
Parachutist : Cornelia Mihai (United Arab Emirates)
Date :08.05.2013 Previous record : no record previously set

Claim number : 16838
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed over a 70 m course
Course/location : Zephyrhills, FL (USA)
Performance : 2.301 sec
Parachutist : William Sharman (United Arab Emirates)
Date :09.05.2013
Previous record : no record set yet

Claim number : 16839
Sub-class :G-1 (Competition Records)
Category: Female
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed over a 70 m course
Course/location : Zephyrhills, FL (USA)
Performance : 2.613 sec
Parachutist : Cornelia Mihai (United Arab Emirates) Date :09.05.2013 Previous record : no record set yet

FAI and IPC congratulate the Parachutists on these splendid achievements.

4. IPC HISTORY

A question arose recently about the date of IPC's first Plenary meeting. FAI supplied the following from the archives – thanks to Ms Christine Rousson and Ms Annick Hauser for the information.

1. 42nd FAI General Conference - Cleveland - 2-9 September 1949
CASI proposed to create Parachuting Sub-Committee to General Conference
2. Annex to 43rd FAI General Conference - Stockholm - 28 May to 4 June 1950
Minutes of Parachuting Sub-Committee that took place in Paris on 24 February 1950
3. Election of Parachuting Commission during 44th FAI General Conference - Brussels - 4 - 10 July 1951
4. Annex to 44th FAI General Conference - Brussels - 4 - 10 July 1951
Minutes of Parachuting Commission that took place in Brussels on 5 & 6 July 1951

From the above it would appear that the first IPC Plenary Meeting was in Brussels, Belgium , 5/6 July 1951.

On the assumption that one only IPC Plenary meeting has been held each year since 1951, and that there was no year in which a Plenary was not held, it would appear that the numbering sequence developed an error, in the late 1980s. Consequently, the 2014 Plenary Plenary in Vienna, which was noted as the 65th, was in fact the 64th. The 2015 Plenary, to be held at Varshets, Bulgaria will be the 65th Plenary, and it will be noted as such in the documentation.

5. IPC SUBMISSION TO FAI REGARDING FAI VISION STATEMENT

The following is the text of the submission to FAI, drafted by the Technical & Safety Committee of IPC and endorsed by the IPC Bureau, regarding the FAI Vision Statement.

Some comments on the FAI Vision Statement

'A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available to everyone at reasonable cost.'

1 FAI Vision Statement and the word 'safe' and its use by FAI

1.1 **FAI Vision Statement** FAI will never be able to absolutely guarantee to all air sports participants that they will never have an accident/incident/injury or even suffer death. It is consequently wholly misleading for FAI to have a Vision Statement which reads - **A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available to everyone at reasonable cost.**

FAI is unable to give such a guarantee, so the use of the word 'safe', without qualification, is misleading and borders on being fraudulent, and may make FAI and the NACs vulnerable to potential liability issues. The sentiment is laudable, but, while a vision should be challenging, it should not lose touch with the real world.

1.2 **The word 'safe' is absolute.** Various dictionary definitions of the word 'safe' include – *secure, protected, out of danger, not involving risk, free from risk, secure from harm, free from threat.*
The word 'safe' can be qualified, as when the following expressions are used – *as safe as possible, safe within reason, reasonably safe.*

The word 'safe' is **NOT** the same as any of the qualified expressions. As noted, 'safe' is an absolute.

1.3 The claim that air sports are available 'to everyone' is incorrect and ignores the fact that there are clearly some disabilities, which, unfortunately, preclude people from participation in air sports. We propose that a text reflecting our willingness to include more groups in air sports be part of FAI's aims, but the words 'to everyone' be amended or removed to reflect the fact that every person may not have to ability, or right, to participate in air sports.

1.4 **International Olympic Committee** In the recent FAI meeting with the International Olympics Committee President Thomas Bach, FAI President John Grubbström is quoted as stating *Air sports give them (young people) an exciting, modern and **safe** (IPC T&S emphasis) alternative to more traditional sports.*

2 The Reality of Air Sports Activity

2.1 **Air Sports intrinsically have a level of risk** (part of the attraction) and there is an ever-present danger of death or injury, minor or serious, each time an air sports person engages in his or her chosen activity. This risk is minimised with training and the use of appropriate air-worthy equipment but nonetheless the risk is ever-present.

2.2 **Manufacturers' Warnings** The fact that air sport activity has risk is recognised by manufacturers of parachuting equipment, working unceasingly over many decades, to try to make such activity safer. They have done this by producing better designed and manufactured equipment, and in parachuting, by the provision of AADs (Automatic Activation Devices) which automatically activate the reserve parachute when the skydiver has not carried out standard procedures.

However, even with AADs widely used, there are still fatalities and injuries in parachuting.

All manufacturers of canopies (parachutes) and harness/container systems have a prominent Warning label on their products. The Warning typically states -

Training and/or experience are required to lower the risk of injury or death.

Clearly then, manufacturers are aware of the risks involved in skydiving, an air sport.

2.3 **No National Federation or Association** and no parachute centre in the world claims that skydiving/parachuting is a 'safe' activity. On the contrary, all point out the potential risks of engaging in the activity. No centre, association, federation or manufacturer will deny the presence of risk, and to do so could open them to liability issues. It is highly unlikely that this stance will change in the future, irrespective of whatever FAI's Mission Statement may state, especially since pointing out the potential risks in the activity is linked directly to reducing liability issues.

This position is believed to be the same as the situation in other air sports.

3 Particulars of Parachuting Fatalities over a 24-year period, 1988 – 2012

3.1 **Parachuting Fatalities Statistics** The table below shows the number of fatalities over the 24 years, 1988 – 2012 inclusive. This data was included in the 2012 Safety Report from the IPC's Technical & Safety Committee. Annual Safety reports are compiled in order to analyse in detail the causes of parachuting fatalities. Obviously there are more injuries, minor and serious, than fatalities.

Year & Number of Countries	Number of Fatalities
1989 - 34 countries	97
1990 - 32 countries	70
1991 - 35 countries	74
1992 - 35 countries	59
1993 - 38 countries	101
1994 - 40 countries	70
1995 - 38 countries	64
1996 - 40 countries	76
1997 - 37 countries	78
1998 - 33 countries	72
1999 - 26 countries	60
2000 - 27 countries	63
2001 - 31 countries	92
2002 - 33 countries	73
2003 - 39 countries	82
2004 - 39 countries	53
2005 - 36 countries	64
2006 - 39 countries	51
2007 - 41 countries	68
2008 - 44 countries	70
2009 - 40 countries	62
2010 - 40 countries	66
2011 - 36 countries	52
2012 - 37 countries	53

2006 saw a 'low' of 51 fatalities, while 1993 saw a 'high' of 101.

The total over the 24-year period is 1670, giving an average of 70 per annum.

3.2 **Human Error** A strikingly significant figure is the high percentage of parachuting fatalities which can be attributed to Human Error. The percentages for the 20 years 1993 to 2012 inclusive, range from a low of 67% to a high of 94%, averaging out at 83.5%.

Unless human error can be taken out of the equation, which is clearly impossible, there will always be the potential for accidents, due to the capacity of human beings to make mistakes.

3.3 **Injuries in three selected countries** Injury figures for three countries only, in 2012, are –

- Australia 264
- France 310
- United Kingdom 176

4 The Need to Amend or Change the FAI Vision Statement

4.1 **As the FAI Vision Statement is at variance** with the actual reality in air sports, it is incumbent upon FAI to change this statement forthwith, for the following reasons -

- **It is clearly an unsustainable vision.**
- **It is misleading to those considering involving themselves in air sports**
- **It is misleading to organisations which may be considering adding air sports to their range of activities.**
- **It may have legal implications, in that it is misleading people into believing that air sports activities are inherently 'safe', when they clearly are not, and that they are available to 'everyone', when we know that this is not the case.**

4.2 **Suggestion for change of Vision Statement.** While it is entirely laudable that FAI should aim as high as possible in all things, it might be advisable to submit such a far-reaching Vision Statement to the Air Sports Commissions, and to people well versed in the implications of the use of such language, in order that more informed input can be contributed.

4.3 **Conclusion and Suggestion** To end on a positive note, with a firm proposal for change to a more realistic Vision Statement, the following is suggested, for the reasons –

- a) **Air Sports are not inherently 'safe'**
- b) **Air Sports are not 'available to everyone'**

'A world where participation in air sports and recreational flying is made as safe as possible and is available at reasonable cost.'

6. CISM NEWS



2014 CISM Accuracy Tournaments

In August two CISM accuracy landing tournaments (on invitation) were successfully held in Poland and Switzerland.



The Open Polish nationals/ CISM Tournament took place 27Jul- 02Aug 14 in Poznan. This championship was used by some teams to select their national team for the upcoming World Championships in Banja Luka (FAI) and Solo (CISM)

The second very challenging CISM Tournament was completed 13-17 Aug 14 with nine rounds on seven different dropzones starting in Buochs (central part of Switzerland) and ending in the city of Lachen (upper part of Lake of Zurich). The final rounds on a floating target in the harbor of Lachen/Switzerland in front of a huge spectator crowd and followed by the firework of the annual "Seenachtsfest" (local festival) was a very good promotion for our parachuting sport.



Participants in Lachen after the final jump (photo: Gernot Rittenschober)
<http://www.seenachtsfest-lachen.ch/artikel/bilder-vom-samstag-16.-august-2014.html>

Both CISM tournaments are planned for 2015 again.

38th CISM World Military Parachuting Championship WMPC Solo, Indonesia – 17-28 Sep 2014

After the deadline for final entry on 17 August about 40 nations have nominated participants and/or judges and officials. The organizer has extended the deadline for final entry until 31st August.

The competition venues in Solo will also provide good spectator surrounding, accuracy will be held in the central stadium and for Style and 4way Formation a big town square in the city centre will be used.

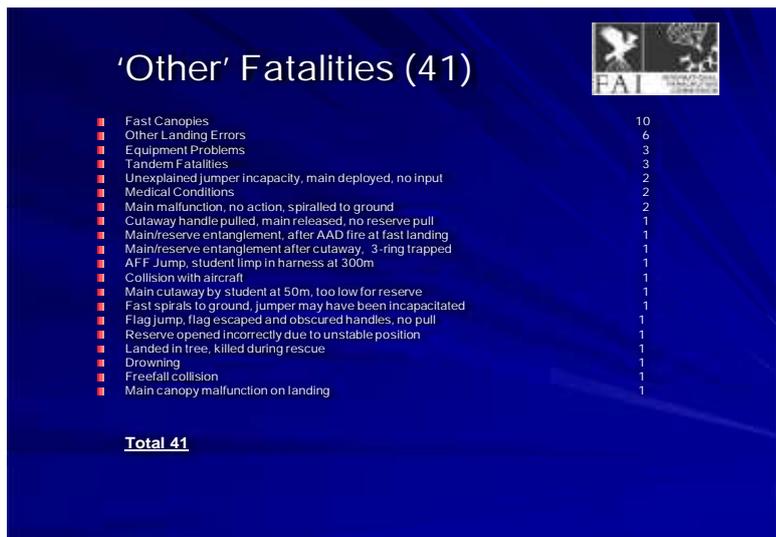
Details and results from 38th WMPC will be available after 18 Sep at CISM parachuting website

<http://www.cismmilsport.org/portfolio/parachuting>

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7. TECHNICAL & SAFETY

Delegates and Technical & Safety Officers are asked once again to please complete the form for the 2013 Safety Survey and return it as soon as possible to lmcnulty@skydiveireland.ie



There were 53 reported parachuting fatalities in 2012. The above shows the 41 fatalities in the category 'other'. It will be seen that there is a very wide spread in the types/causes of these fatalities.

8. IPC BUREAU INTERIM DECISIONS

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

# 20/2014	29 Jun 2014	<p>Subject - Bureau approval of Bulletin #1 for 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Skydive City/Zephyr Hills, Florida, USA, 01 – 08 November 2014.</p> <p>Details - Bulletin #1 for the above had been approved by the FAI Controller and the Committee Chairs, and had been furnished to the Bureau for its approval.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved Bulletin #1 for this event.</p>
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#21/2014	17 Jul 2014	<p>Subject - Bureau approval of Submission from the IPC Technical & Safety Committee, in reference to the FAI Mission Statement '<i>A world where safe participation in air sports and recreational flying is available to everyone at reasonable cost.</i>'</p> <p>Details - The IPC T&S Committee wished to draw the attention of FAI to the fact that the FAI Mission Statement is misleading and erroneous, in that air sports are not, by their nature, 'safe', and that 'safe participation' should not therefore be part of an FAI Mission Statement even though every effort is made to make them as safe as possible. Also, air sports are not available to everyone, as there are people with specific conditions who, unfortunately, cannot take part in air sports.</p> <p>The submission was drafted by the IPC T&S Committee.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau approved the submission from the IPC T&S Committee.</p>
#22/2014	19 Jul 2014	<p>Subject - Submission by IPC President Graeme Windsor to Bureau for funding of airfare and some local costs associated with his proposed attendance at the ASIANIA and CISM parachuting championships, both of which will be held in Indonesia in September 2014.</p> <p>Details - President Windsor requested the Bureau to meet the airfare cost, and some minor local costs, associated with attendance at these events. ASIANIA and CISM had both issued invitations and offered to cover accommodation and local transport costs at their respective events. The intention would be to attend the last days of the ASIANIA championships (5 – 14 September) and the first days of the CISM championships (17 – 28 September).</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau, in the interests of promoting parachuting and building links with parachuting organisations, approved the submission and agreed to fund the airfare cost and some local costs for G. Windsor.</p>
#23/2014	04 Aug 2014	<p>Subject - Request to Bureau to amend Bulletin #1, 5th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held 01 – 08 November 2014, at Skydive City/Zephyr Hills, Florida, USA.</p> <p>Details - FAI Controller, Alberto Martin Paracuellos, requested the Bureau to allow a change in the published Bulletin#1. Resulting from the issue of bank wire transfer information in Bulletin #1, attempts have been made to fraudulently use the bank account. The FAI Controller suggested that Bulletin #1 be changed to read - "Contact Skydive City at info@skydivecity.com for bank wire transfer information"</p>	<p>Bureau Decision- The Bureau agreed to the change suggested by the FAI Controller.</p>
#24/2014	20 Aug 2014	<p>Subject - Clarification re Female Category, and awarding of medals and diplomas, in 1st FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving at Prostějov, Czech Republic, 25 – 31 August 2014.</p> <p>Details - The FAI Controller at Prostějov advised the Bureau that entrants for the Speed Skydiving event comprised 16 men, two women and no juniors.</p> <p>According to 4.10 of the SC5, the Bureau should decide on whether the female event should proceed. The Chair of the IPC Rules and Regulation Committee confirmed that each of the four classifications of male, female, junior male and junior female classification should be regarded as an event.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau decided that the female Speed Skydiving event should not proceed, and that the two female competitors can compete in the Open event.</p> <p>This would leave all competitors in an Open event only. Consequently, medals and diplomas should be provided for the Speed Skydiving Open Event only.</p> <p>The Bureau requests the Speed Skydiving Committee to review the Competition Rules in the light of this experience.</p> <p><i>Note – IPC Vice President, Niels-Christian Levin Hansen did not exercise a vote on this decision, as he was FAI Controller for the FCE at Prostějov.</i></p>

#25/2014	01 Sep 2014	<p>Subject - Amendment to Competition Rules for Indoor Formation Skydiving and Indoor Vertical Formation Skydiving, 2014 Edition, at point 4.5.4.</p> <p>Details - The Chair of the FS Committee, Trude Sviggum, requested the IPC Bureau to make a decision to amend the Indoor Skydiving FS Competition Rules at point 4.54.4. The rule was originally written for VFS, but is not appropriate for FS</p> <p>The rule states - <i>The video equipment will be placed in the wind tunnel in such a location as to ensure that all members of the team are visible from below. The location and field of vision must be approved by the Chief Judge and the FAI Controller.</i></p> <p>The FS Committee Chair suggested that the words 'from below' (at the end of the first sentence) be deleted.</p> <p>The amended rule would then read - <i>The video equipment will be placed in the wind tunnel in such a location as to ensure that all members of the team are visible. The location and field of vision must be approved by the Chief Judge and the FAI Controller.</i></p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau agreed to this amendment to the 2014 Competition Rules for Indoor Formation Skydiving and Indoor Vertical Formation Skydiving.</p> <p>The rule will be formally amended at the 2015 IPC Plenary Meeting.</p>
#26/2014	02 Sep 2014	<p>Subject - Refund of Deposit to Organiser of 33rd FAI World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championship, 7th FAI Junior Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championship and 16th FAI World Canopy Formation Championships, held at Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 16 – 23 August 2014.</p> <p>Details - The Jury reported, as per SC5, 4.7.2.6, on the event, and declared that all contractual obligations had been met by the Organiser.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau, on receipt of the positive report from the Jury, agreed to the refund of the Deposit.</p>
#27/2014	02 Sep 2014	<p>Subject - Distribution of funds received by IPC from FAI as compensation payment to Air Sports Commissions whose events have not been chosen for direct Breitling sponsorship in 2014.</p> <p>Details - The funds (4500CHF; about 3600 Euro) have been credited to IPC's account.</p> <p>IPC President Graeme Windsor proposed that 50% of this money be allocated between the four Organisers of World Championships and the other 50% be retained by IPC in its accumulated fund.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau agreed to this proposal. 50% of the funds in question will be retained by IPC and the other 50% divided equally between the Organisers of the WPCs at - Banja Luka, B i H (S&A; CF), 2014 Prostejov, Czech Rep (FS; AE), 2014 Zephyr Hills, USA (CP), 2014 Tanay, Russia, (Para Ski), 2014</p>
#28/2014	05 Sep 2014	<p>Subject - Refund of Deposit to Organiser of 21st FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships, 10th FAI World Artistic Events Championships and 1st FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving, held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 25 – 31 August 2014.</p> <p>Details - The Jury reported, as per SC5, 4.7.2.6, on the event, and declared that all contractual obligations had been met by the Organiser.</p>	<p>Bureau Decision - The Bureau, on receipt of the positive report from the Jury, agreed to the refund of the Deposit and Application Fee.</p>