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This Newsletter may be used by IPC Committee Chairs as a means of communicating with Delegates and Alternate Delegates, between Plenary Meetings.

Material for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to the IPC Secretary [Liam McNULTY](#)

#### 1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The third World Air Games is now behind us. Many thanks are due to the organisers, for carrying through in the face of financial adversity. With good weather and considerable effort and the goodwill of the many volunteers from both Turin and the air sports, all rounds were completed, with the last round of Canopy Piloting ending just minutes before the scheduled awards ceremony.

The FAI Executive Board met with Air Sport Commission Presidents following the conclusion of the event to discuss, among other things, the way forward with the new WAG concept. It was clear many lessons were learnt, but also that, with some modifications, World Air Games can be an attractive air sports event.

The Bureau has scheduled a mid-year meeting to review the IPC Strategic Plan and progress since the last Plenary. The meeting will culminate in a discussion with the FAI Executive Board, with the aim of ensuring both FAI and IPC are working towards common objectives. Presentation of attractive and dynamic IPC events to the public remains the top priority, and progress towards this objective will be evaluated. The experiences gained from the World Air Games and World Games will provide valuable background. The Bureau meeting will be held in Incheon, Korea on 5 and 6 October. All Delegates are invited to submit any agenda items to the Secretary, Liam McNulty.

I hope that you are finding this newsletter useful in keeping you informed of the work of the IPC Bureau. All Delegates should feel comfortable in contacting relevant Committee Chairs or Bureau members should they have cause for concern on any relevant matter. This did not happen recently, when an e-mail was circulated by a Delegate criticising a decision by the Bureau to appoint an FAI Controller. Unfortunately, the Delegate had not checked the facts and the background to the decision first. Had he done so, considerable time and effort would have been saved, and goodwill all round would have been maintained.

#### 2. FS AND AE, PROSTEJOV 2009.

The Organiser of the 9th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships & 16th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving and 6th FAI European Artistic Events Championships & 7th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events, to be held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 30 August to 06 September 2009 agreed to increase the number of teams per nation allowed in all disciplines from three to four. The Bureau approved this change. A revised Bulletin No. 1 was issued and posted on the web site. This change, from three to four teams allowed per nation, was the only change made to the earlier version of Bulletin No.1 which had been posted.

### 3. 61<sup>st</sup> IPC MEETING, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, 2010

Planning is going ahead for hosting the IPC Meeting 2010 at the Moevenpick Hotel in Lausanne, Switzerland. Arrival day for Delegates and Alternates will be Tuesday 26 January, with Open Meetings commencing on Wednesday 27 January. The Plenary meeting will be on Saturday 30 January and Sunday 31 January. The Bureau and Committee Chairs will arrive on Monday 25 January and there will be a meeting of the Bureau and CCs all day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for receipt by the IPC Secretary of reports from Officers, Committee Chairs, and Chief Judges at 2009 FCEs is **16 November 2009**. Proposals, Nominations for Awards and any other items for inclusion in the 2010 Plenary agenda must also be received by that date.

The meetings schedule, agenda and annexes will be available on the web site by **16 December 2009**.

### 4. LOCATIONS FOR IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

In keeping with the expressed desire of IPC Delegates, a request has been sent by IPC President Graeme Windsor to FAI, to change FAI By Law 5.6.3 to allow more flexibility to IPC in the choice of a location for a Plenary Meeting. The present By Law requires a two-thirds majority of Delegates to approve a motion to hold a Plenary Meeting in a location other than at or near FAI Headquarters.

The IPC proposal would allow for Air Sports Commissions of FAI a simpler method of choosing where to meet.

### 5. IPC MEDALS

The following is an extract from the minutes of the FAI Executive Board meeting, held at FAI Headquarters, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1 - 2 March 2009.

'The IPC Decision to make use of FAI Medals for Cat 1 championships and create a new IPC medal for other cups was welcomed. All ASCs are now using FAI medals for 1<sup>st</sup> Cat events, a very positive step forward for the common appearance and high quality of championship medals. FAI Medals were generally engraved in French, but IPC had asked to have their medals engraved in English (name/year/location of competition)

**Decision : The Board decided to allow IPC to engrave its FAI medals in English. It also decided that WAG 09 medals were to be engraved in English.'**

### 6. HIGH ALTITUDE ATTEMPTS – MEASUREMENT OF DATA

The FAI office has recently been assisting IPC in approving use of GPS-based technology for high altitude record attempts.

There are now three categories in the High Altitude area of parachuting (see SC5, 3.3.2, Performance Records, for full details). The categories, briefly, are:-

- 1 Highest Exit Altitude.
- 2 Longest Freefall, without a Drogue or Stabilisation Device, from exit to opening of the parachute intended for landing.
- 3 Longest Fall with a Drogue or Stabilisation Device, from exit to opening of the parachute intended for landing.

### 7. VFS and CP WEB CHALLENGES

The VFS web challenge will end on the 31st of July. Please encourage all your competitors to get their tapes in soon. Prizes from Larsen and Brusgaard are on offer for the first three placings and competitors can enter as many times as they wish before the deadline.

The CF web challenges runs to 31 October 2009. Categories are 2-way and 4-way sequential and 4-way rotation. As with

See the website for more details [www.fai.org/parachuting/](http://www.fai.org/parachuting/) and follow the links on the right side, for both VFS and CF web challenge details.

## 8. JEDDAH SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ASIANIA JUDGING COURSE



### 7<sup>th</sup> JEDDAH INTERNATIONAL SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIP – 2010.

This competition, in Formation Skydiving and in Accuracy Landing will take place from 10 – 18 February 2010, at Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Full details of the event are available on the web site.

#### **Important Note**

Judges accompanying the teams have to send copies of a judge license or certificate to the Championship General Secretariat not later than December 15, 2009 to the fax (+966 2 6529431).

The lists of delegations for visas purpose must be sent not later than December 15, 2009.

For more information please contact the Championship General Secretariat, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> ASIANIA/FAI JUDGE COURSE AND SEMINAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA – JEDDAH Organized by the Arab Air Sports Federation, with the co-operation of Saudi Aviation Club, 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2010

ASIANIA Course for Regional and National judges.

FAI Course for National Judges to upgrade to FAI standard and for FAI judges who may require revalidation.

Entry Fee (USD750) will include accommodation, meals and course paperwork- (see Registration Form) – for the period 3-10 February and all the championship days from 10<sup>th</sup>. – 18<sup>th</sup>. February 2010.

Approved FAI Chief of Judge Training personnel will conduct each of the courses that are available.

Study material will be emailed to applicants upon Preliminary registration.

Please fill out the PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM and return it  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE before the 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009

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**NUMBERS WILL BE LIMITED:** An early return of the FINAL REGISTRATION Form and Fee will be required as soon as possible before the 30 November 2009 to ensure a place on the Course.

**Full details, including Aim of Seminar/Course, Strategy, Practical Work, Assessments, Study Material, Preliminary Entry Form, can be had by e-mailing any of the above or the IPC Secretary.**

## 9. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS - since 24 April 2009

**Fuller details/background regarding any Bureau Interim Decision may be had by contacting a Bureau member or the Committee Chair of the Committee concerned.**

01 May 2009	2009/15/05	<p>Number of competing teams per nation allowed in 9th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships &amp; 16th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving and 6th FAI European Artistic Events Championships &amp; 7th FAI World Cup of Artistic Events, to be held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 30 Aug - 06 Sept 2009.</p> <p>Bulletin No.1, which is posted on the web site, states that three teams per nation may participate. The Organizer has agreed that this number may be increased from three to four teams per nation, in each event.</p>	<p>The IPC Bureau approved a change to Bulletin No.1, to allow an increase in the number of teams in each event by each competing nation, from three to four, and agreed that a revised Bulletin No1, showing this increase, will be issued.</p>
18 May 2009	2009/16/05	<p>Appointment of the FAI Controller for the 31<sup>st</sup> FAI WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing and the 5<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing, to be held at Niksic, Montenegro, 28 Aug. – 03 Sept. 2010.</p> <p>The Chair of the Style &amp; Accuracy Committee, John Hitchen, requested the Bureau to appoint the FAI Controller for this FCE, as an appointment now would allow for a pre-WPC Controller inspection of the proposed competition site at Niksic, Montenegro, during the holding of the Adriatic Cup, in September/October 2009. The S &amp; A Committee's nominee for the position of FAI Controller for this FCE is John Hitchen, Committee Chair.</p>	<p>The IPC Bureau:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Agreed to appoint the FAI Controller for the 31<sup>st</sup> FAI WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing and the 5<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing, to be held at Niksic, Montenegro, 28 August – 04 September 2010</li> <li>2 Appointed John Hitchen to the position of FAI Controller for this FCE.</li> </ol>
18 May 2009	2009/17/05	<p>Proposal by IPC to FAI General Conference, to be held at Incheon, Korea, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October 2009, to amend FAI By-Law 5.6.3 on the choosing of venues for ASC Commissions' Plenary Meetings, by allowing Air Sports Commissions to choose future locations by an absolute majority if they so wish.</p> <p>IPC has expressed dissatisfaction with the current restrictive method of choosing venues for Plenary Meetings. A draft By-Law amendment was prepared by Bureau members in consultation with the FAI Sec-General.</p>	<p>The IPC Bureau agreed to support the proposed draft amendment and letter to the FAI for the change of FAI By-Law 5.6.3.</p>
18 June 2009	2009/18/06	<p>Reimbursement of Judges' expenses for World Air Games 2009, held at Turin, Italy.</p> <p>The amount allocated by FAI for the payment of Judges' expenses for the WAG 2009 was in excess of the total of the Judges' expenses incurred. In view of this situation, the Bureau was asked by the IPC Treasurer to consider paying in full the Judges' expenses incurred, without implementing the limitation in SC5.</p>	<p>The IPC Bureau agreed to refund fully the actual amount of eligible travel expenses incurred by Judges, without reference to SC5 limitations.</p>