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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013

1. The 2012 Safety Report was compiled. Efforts were made to get more countries involved. This year new countries have contributed. The T&S Committee are grateful for the effort from ASIANIA and COLPAR to promote the value of contributing to IPC's Safety Reports and the committee will continue its work to include more countries. The report is on the CD being distributed at the Plenary Meeting, and the report will be e-mailed to all countries on the T & S e-mail lists.
2. The Data Collection Tool (DCT) is available for use, but has not been utilized by the countries. When meeting in Vienna in Jan. 2014, the T&S Committee will discuss the usages of the DCT and its future use.
3. Five Information Notices (IN) was issued during the year. The active participation of the committee members and not least Liam McNulty's untiring willingness to collect and collate information into formal notices for distribution is commendable.
4. Only with a free flow of information on training and safety issues can we fulfill a strategic mission of IPC, which is to promote safety in parachuting. Central to fulfil this mission is a vision that IPC assume the role as a central disseminator of information on safety on procedures and equipment in sport parachuting. The T&S Committee would like to have a closer cooperation with the manufactures of parachute equipment to be able to assume this role. The T&S Committee will in the coming year seek closer ties with the parachute industry through The Parachute Industry Association (PIA), and directly with the individual manufacturers.
5. In 2012 FAI established a Safety Expert Group (SEG). IPC have expressed its concern about the SEG and emphasized that recommendation and directives from the SEG have to be aligned with the individual air sports. The SEG is a present working of mapping the approach to safety in the air sports communities. It gives me pleasure to recognize that IPC have one of the more well established safety organizations among the ASCs. This is thanks to the hard work done by the present and not least former member of the T&S Committee. The T&S Committee will continue to monitor and contribute to the SEG work and ensure that the interest of IPC is reflected in the work.
6. The T&S Committee still wants to promote the IPC Certificate of Proficiency and would like to encourage all countries to actively promote its use. The CoP is available to the NACs at the FAI Office.
7. At the IPC Plenary in Vienna in January 2014 the T&S Committee will seek to include 1-2 extra members in the committee. Representation from regions not represented in the committee will be a priority. Proposals are welcome. Please contact me on mail nlh@dif.dk.
8. 8 The IPC T&S CD being distributed at the Plenary meeting has these items:
 - *Safety Report for 2012 and Power Point Presentation of same.*
 - *Information Notices (five) distributed in 2013.*

I thank the T & S Committee Members and Advisors, and those who responded to the T&S survey in 2013. Their important input makes it possible for the T&S Committee to produce valuable safety material.

Blue skies



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T & S Committee Chair
9th December 2013

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INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION

OPEN TECHNICAL & SAFETY MEETING

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

WEDNESDAY 29nd JANUARY 2014

AGENDA

1. Review of T & S work in 2013
2. Safety Survey and Report for 2012
3. T&S Committee work to discriminate information on safety.
4. Data Collection Tool – status.
5. FAI/IPC Certificates of Proficiency
6. Equipment to be used at FCEs (see proposal – Annex 58)
7. Suggestions for future work of T & S Committee
8. Any other item raised by attendees