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I was given the task of IPC World Games Liaison Officer at the IPC meeting 2011 in Montenegro. Hereunder you will find a summary of the activities over 2011 up till the end of November. Furthermore, there are proposals and recommendations which need to be accepted at the 2012 meeting. These will be written in a separate document (see Annex 5 of Plenary agenda).

General information

The next World Games (WG) will be held in Cali, Colombia. Parachuting (Canopy Piloting) and Paragliding (Accuracy Landing) are the selected Air Sports, while Indoor Aero modelling will be a demonstration sport. For parachuting a total of 36 competitors can attend. Dates are August 01 through 04, 2013. Selection of the athletes will be based on the results from the WPC 2012 in Dubai. Both the selection process and the competition rules have to be decided upon at the 2012 IPC meeting in Buenos Aires, February 11-12. Furthermore, there will be a test event in 2012, August 07-11 (details subject to confirmation). At this event the organisation, logistics, personnel and competition rules for both Canopy Piloting and Paragliding will be tested.

Activities 2011

- End of April 2011: Commander of Colombian Air Force provides full support for using Cali Air Force Base "Marco Fidel Suarez" as venue for parachuting at the World Games.
- Visit to FAI in Lausanne, June 27. Jean-Marc Badan (FAI World Games 2013 Technical Delegate), Louise Joselyn (Paragliding World Games liaison) and myself, plus a skype conference with Markus Graeber (FAI Vice President for Colombia) Discussion items: provisional layout for the competition, tentative competition schedule, proposed budget, personnel + staff , aircraft (military versus civilian), Colombian Organising Committee (COC) and NAC contact, venue manager.
- Visit to EPC / World Cup CP 2011, Klatovy, August. A leaflet about the WG 2013 and the test event 2012 was distributed. Also, WG was mentioned at the competitors' meeting held by Jacqui Brewer. Problems with the Camscore scoring system for CP were noted.
- All year: emails/phone calls with Mr. Badan, Mr. Graeber and with CP committee members.
- FAI letter to COC. FAI expressed concerns about no visible progress on the venue, competition schedule, test event and the venue manager. Quick reply after that and several meetings in Colombia with COC by Markus Graeber.

Goal

The main goal of parachuting being an official sport at the World Games is to present ourselves in the best way, meeting the Olympic criteria. Of these criteria it has been stated that presentation and media value are critical. In fact, parachuting scored negatively in these criteria at the 2009 WG in Chinese Taipei, this due to slow scoring, serious problems with live air-to-ground images, difficulty to understand the concept of winning criteria, lack of a professional commentator and an intermittent programme. In short, it should be a parachuting show with a serious element of competition. An attractive sports programme is a prime.

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Tentative schedule

The aim of the schedule is to have an ongoing competition and presentation of both CP and Paragliding. The idea is to have an alternation of events, every hour. Preparation of CP (packing, gearing up, boarding, climb to altitude) will be done during the Paragliding competition, and vice versa. Of course this leaves little room for error so the tentative schedule has to be tested thoroughly at the test event. There will be 1 practice day and 3 competition days.

Competition

Day 1 and 2: everybody jumps, in drawn order. All 36 athletes.

Day 3: finals. 2 semi-final rounds of 24 athletes + 1 or 2 final rounds (to be decided).

Option: PR jumps (tandem, VIP, freestyle CP) to fill up possible time slots.

Selection of participants

Total number of WG 2013 passports: 36 CP competitors, 20 officials (CP + paragliding)

Priorities as required by IWGA.

1. Best of the best.

2. As many different nations as possible (to avoid having 3 medallists of the same country if possible).

3. Mix of men and women.

Some wild cards for Colombian and Latin American competitors (if safe).

Events

CP has 3 events. IWGA allows only medals for the overall classification.

The main goal is to have an understandable and easy to comprehend format, while still attractive.

Although freestyle CP seems attractive, this is only so for the top competitors. Furthermore, scoring of freestyle is subjective and time consuming.

- Accuracy: is very entertaining although the understanding of scoring could be eased up. This needs further discussion with the CP committee.
- Speed: needs to be on a straight course.
- Distance: the CR should make sure that there is a practical limit to the distances set by competitors, e.g. by water dragging, or parachute limitations. A maximum distance of 150 meters on average would be good.

Websites

For further information see: <http://theworldgames.org/the-iwga/world-games-cali> and <http://worldgames2013.com.co>

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