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### 1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the new look IPC Newsletter. I wish to record a special thanks to Agnieszka Solomon for volunteering to help with this new layout. Since the IPC Plenary Meeting in Bar, there has been progress on a number of matters which I wish to inform you about.

#### Cametrix Contract

Following IPC Plenary approval, a contract which gives Cametrix the status of FAI official supplier for judging and scoring systems for IPC First Category events from 2012 onwards has now been signed. In the period leading up to 2012, the IPC's Mondial year, Cametrix will be used at other events, including the European Championships and World Cups in Canopy Piloting, Klatovy, Czech, and Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing, Kikinda, Serbia.

The annual meeting of ASC Presidents with the FAI Executive Board took place on 7 May 2010. I could not attend due to medical procedures, and my place was taken by 1st Vice President Gill Rayner (formerly Winter).

The good news is that, although official minutes have not yet been released, it seems that the threat to tax IPC funds is off the table, at least for the present. However, a working group established last year comprising two NAC representatives, two Executive Board representatives and two Air Sport Commission Presidents still has a task of reviewing FAI finances, including "resource sharing" and FAI profit centres. Minutes from this meeting will be distributed as soon as they are received. In the meantime, the Bureau is of the opinion that it must be in a position to present its view at the FAI General Conference in October, and be ready to deal with any threat to funds raised by IPC from competitors for the purpose of developing the sport of parachuting.

#### Mid year Bureau meeting

The Bureau will meet before the next FAI General Conference to discuss a number of issues, but primarily the focus will be, as foreshadowed above, preparing for protection of IPC Finances, both now and moving forward. The best opportunity to do this before the FAI General Conference scheduled for Belgrade in October, will be immediately following the completion of the European Championships and World Cup in FS and AE in Saarlouis. Delegates are invited to forward matters requiring Bureau attention prior to the next Plenary to IPC Secretary, Liam McNulty

#### FAI logo and branding

I hope you like the new look of this Newsletter. In accordance with the FAI guidelines on logo use, the format and logo use has been checked by FAI office staff to ensure it complies. Please do the same if you are contemplating FAI logo use.

### IMPORTANT LINKS

FAI Homepage  
Parachuting Commission  
Sporting Calendar  
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World Air Games  
World Records  
FAI Awards  
Anti Doping

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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 Recording Secretary **Liam McNULTY**

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### USA Delegate

Vice President Marylou Laughlin has advised me that, with effect from 15 May, she is no longer IPC Delegate for USA. In addition to being a Bureau member, Marylou was also Chair of the CF Committee, a member of the CP Committee and a member of the Ranking Systems Working Group. I wish to publicly record my thanks to Marylou for her hard work and dedication in her voluntary roles within the IPC to date.

With the consent of the new Delegate for USA, Marylou will continue as a member of the CF and CP Committees as well as the Ranking Systems Working Group.

I also would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Delegate for USA, Kirk Verner, and the Alternate Delegate, Jimmy Hayhurst, to the IPC.

*Graeme Windsor*  
IPC President

## 2. MEETING BETWEEN FAI EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ASC PRESIDENTS

On 7 May 2011, this annual event took place. IPC 1st Vice President Gill Rayner deputised for me, as I was unable to attend. Minutes of the meeting are yet to be distributed, but the following brief resume has been prepared by the FAI Secretary-General:-

“Presentations were made on various subjects all relating to the FAI Strategic Review

- The implementation of a Regional Vice-President system aimed at reinforcing FAI's capacity to develop an Air Sports presence specifically in Asia, South America and Africa, but also to facilitate and improve our communication structure and synergies with our Members
- The role of CASI, which seems to be overlapping with other FAI Bodies. Proposals were discussed to transfer most of the Sports related duties to the Air Sport Presidents Group, and to investigate the potential creation of an independent Board of Appeal.
- The need to revitalize FAI's capacity to serve its members with an enlarged Expertise-know-how in various cross-functional areas like Safety, International Regulations, IT, Technology, Marketing / Communication and so on, and to ensure that the vehicle used to deliver each of those services is efficient. It was therefore envisioned to create an FAI-Expert-System with Experts Groups, rather than more Technical Commissions, as it was believed that this structure would better suit today's world of rapid changes. So far the existing Technical Commission would remain unchanged, even though, as a trial, the CANS President has also offered to implement Expert Groups within CANS and some additional new Expert-groups will be established..
- A number of ideas to be debated in order to improve FAI's decision making process and efficiency. These ideas are only at an early stage of discussion. The underlying goal, in the long-run, is to study the possibility to reunite all FAI Constituents around a General Conference which would host not only the FAI General Assembly, but also all the ASCs Plenaries. Such an event would certainly increase FAI's capacity to grow together, to share information, and to create a larger sense of community, but would also require more logistical support.
- On the Sporting side, following a review of our assets, and in order to create a more visible structure for both the media, the public and potential sponsors, proposals were made:
  1. to implement a 4-tier competition structure, with the WAG and other multi-sports events as the first level, the “classic” World and Continental Championships as the second level and the existing Cat 2 events which are FAI's “grassroot” events as the fourth level
  2. to introduce, as the third level of this Competition Structure, a number of World Series type of events which would have circuits of shorter and more media friendly events in order to better promote Air Sports and the FAI, and ultimately to raise the profile of our regular events
  3. to introduce a “quality” label for any CAT 2 events in order to revitalize that category of event, to give an incentive to many competitions to seek that label, and to ultimately increase FAI's reach to new members through these numerous events worldwide

A more detailed summary of the discussions will be available through the minutes of these meetings which will be published in the next few weeks. All these subjects will also be discussed at the next NAC Presidents meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or any input, please don't hesitate to contact the FAI Headquarters at [members@fai.org](mailto:members@fai.org).”

## The 2011 Freestyle Canopy Piloting Rules

are now online at: <http://www.fai.org/parachuting/documents>

### 3. IPC PLENARY MEETING 2011 MINUTES

The minutes, with annexes, of the 2011 IPC Plenary Meeting, held at Bar, Montenegro, 29th-30th January 2011, have been posted on the FAI web site.

The meeting was very successful organised by Vojo Vujisic and hosted by the NAC of Montenegro.

The 2012 Plenary meeting will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 07th – 12th February 2012.

### 4. TECHNICAL & SAFETY

Three Technical & Safety Information Notices, No. 36, 37, 38 and 39 concerning the Aerodyne ICON Harness/Container, Ripcord handle Pins on MarS containers and Argus AAD respectively, have been posted on the web site and have been sent to Technical and Safety Officers worldwide.

At the 2011 Plenary Meeting a CD was distributed to Delegates, for use in their countries. This CD has the following:-

- 2009 Safety Survey Report
- 2009 Safety Survey Report Power Point Presentation
- 2009 AAD Report
- 2009 AAD Power Point Presentation
- 2010 Instructor Requirements Report
  
- Form and notes for the 2010 Safety Survey
- Form for the 2010 AAD Survey.

This CD is available to Technical and Safety Officers from the IPC's Technical & Safety Committee by e-mailing [Imcnulty@skydiveireland.ie](mailto:Imcnulty@skydiveireland.ie)  
Please complete and return as soon as possible the forms for the 2010 Safety Survey and the 2010 AAD Survey.

A survey on Equipment Useful Life Expectancy, National Life Cycle Limitations is being conducted by the T&S Committee. The survey form has been sent to Technical and Safety Officers worldwide. Please help to ensure that your country responds to this survey.

*From the presentation on the 2009 Safety Report*

## Significant Figures



- 44 of the 62 fatalities (71%) appear to have occurred with the parachutist having at least one good parachute on his/her back
- 30 of the 62 fatalities (48%) occurred after the successful deployment of the main parachute
- 10 of the 62 fatalities (16%) might have been avoided by AAD use
- 49 of the 62 fatalities (79%) appear to have been caused by human error

6 (10%) of the 62 Fatalities were First Jump Students  
7 (11%) of the 62 Fatalities were Tandem fatalities



#### **Confederación Latinoamericana de Paracaidismo (COLPAR SIGLO XXI) 7° CAMPEONATO LATINOAMERICANO DE PARACAIDISMO 24 al 29 de mayo de 2011, San Juan, Argentina**

The 7th Latin American Championship was held 24 -29 May, at San Juan, Argentina.

It was a successful Competition in Canopy Piloting and Accuracy Precision. Teams from Uruguay, Cuba, Chile, Brasil, Paraguay and Argentina took part.

All competition was under FAI rules. This competition was part of COLPAR's strategies for Latin America and now there is a lot of enthusiasm for competition. The next, 8th Latin American Championships will be held in 2012 in Santiago Chile, in conjunction with "Encuentro de los Siglos" (Centuries Meeting), skydivers over 40.

Jelson Amorin was Chief Judge at this year's Championships.

## 5. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

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

No. 2011/01/02	<b>Subject</b>
Date 02 February 2011	<b>Approval of Bulletin No.2, 13th FAI Para Ski World Championships, to be held at Gosau, Austria, 28 February – 05 March 2011</b>
	<b>Details</b>
	In accordance with SC5 4.2.5, Bulletin No.2 was sent to the Bureau for approval following its review by the FAI Controller, Doris Merz-Hunziker, the Chief Judge, Daniel Sieber and the Para Ski Committee Chair, Michael Egger.
	<b>Bureau Decision</b>
	The Bureau approved Bulletin No.2, 13th FAI Para Ski World Championships.
No. 2011/02/02	<b>Subject</b>
Date 03 February 2011	<b>Refund of deposit of €500 to Organiser of 62nd IPC Plenary Meeting, held 25 – 30 January 2011, at Bar, Montenegro</b>
	<b>Details</b>
	The IPC Bureau was satisfied that the Organiser had fulfilled all obligations in relation to the hosting of the 62nd IPC Plenary Meeting.
	<b>Bureau Decision</b>
	The IPC Bureau unanimously approved the refund of the deposit of €500 and authorised the IPC Treasurer, Richard 'Buzz' Bennett to arrange the refund with FAI.
No. 2011/03/02	<b>Subject</b>
Date 05 February 2011	<b>Clarification regarding changed IR 6.2.2, and addition to the rule</b>
	<b>Details</b>
	IR 6.2.2 was changed at the 2011 IPC Plenary meeting, this change resulting in the abolition of the 'Advisor' status on Committees and Working Groups. The amended rule will allow all those on Committees and Working Groups to be regarded as 'Members', with all having voting rights. The amended rule states that any Member of a Committee or WG may serve as a Member of no more than two other Committees.
	The Secretary of the SCWG, Richard Buzz Bennett has drawn the attention of the Bureau to the fact that whereas the old rule stated that the Chair of a Committee could not be a Chair of a second Committee, such restriction was not carried forward in the amended rule 6.2.2.
	R. Bennett requested the Bureau to clarify the position and insert the following wording into the amended rule 6.2.2 – <b>'The Chair and Deputy Chair of an IPC Committee may not be the Chair or Deputy Chair of another IPC Committee'</b> .
	<b>Bureau Decision</b>
	The IPC Bureau unanimously agreed to this clarification and to the insertion of the additional wording into 6.2.2.
No. 2011/04/03	<b>Subject</b>
Date 08 March 2011	<b>Return of Deposit – 13th FAI World Para Ski Championships, held at Gosau, Austria, 28th February – 05th March 2011</b>
	<b>Details</b>
	The Final Jury Report was positive and confirmed that all conditions had been met. (Appendix B of Final Jury Report).
	<b>Bureau Decision</b>
	The IPC Bureau unanimously agreed to the return of the Deposit to the Organiser of the 13th FAI World Para Ski Championships.
No. 2011/05/03	<b>Subject</b>
Date 14 March 2011	<b>Bulletin #1, 10th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championship 2011, 17th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup 2011, 7th FAI European Artistic Events Championship 2011, 8th FAI Artistic Events World Cup 2011, to be held at Saarlouis, Germany, 01st – 07th August 2011</b>
	<b>Details</b>
	Bulletin #1 was sent to the Bureau for approval.
	<b>Bureau Decision</b>
	The IPC Bureau, by consensus, approved the release and publication of Bulletin #1.

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- No.** 2011/07/04  
**Date**  
12 April 2011
- Subject**  
**IPC representation at the meeting of FAI Air Sports Commissions Presidents, scheduled for 07 May 2011, in Lausanne, Switzerland**
- Details**  
IPC representation at the meeting of FAI Air Sports Commissions Presidents, scheduled for 07 May 2011, in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Bureau Decision**  
The IPC Bureau agreed unanimously that IPC 1st Vice President Gillian Winter should represent IPC at this meeting.
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- No.** 2011/08/04  
**Date**  
14 April 2011
- Subject**  
**Publication of the corrected version of 2011 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules**
- Details**  
The CP CRs, as posted on the FAI web site, were found to be incorrect. The Chair of the CP Committee, Jacqui Bruwer, requested the Bureau to approve, as per SC5, 4.2, the corrected version, and to allow its publication.
- Bureau Decision**  
The IPC Bureau unanimously approved the corrected version of the 2011 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules and agreed to their publication.
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- No.** 2011/09/05  
**Date**  
01 May 2011
- Subject**  
**Bulletin #1, 6th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships and 3rd FAI Junior European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Championships, to be held at Kikinda, Republic of Serbia, 20th – 28th August 2011**
- Details**  
The above Bulletin had been sent to the IPC Bureau, for Bureau approval.
- Bureau Decision**  
The IPC Bureau approved the Bulletin and agreed to have it released and posted on the FAI/IPC web site.
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- No.** 2011/10/05  
**Date**  
03 May 2011
- Subject**  
**Bulletin #1, 6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Cup & 2nd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships, to be held at Klatovy, Czech Republic, 22nd – 27th August 2011**
- Details**  
The above Bulletin had been sent to the IPC Bureau, for Bureau approval.
- Bureau Decision**  
The IPC Bureau approved the Bulletin and agreed to have it released and posted on the FAI/IPC web site.
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- No.** 2011/11/05  
**Date**  
15 May 2011
- Subject**  
**Approval of amended Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for 2011**
- Details**  
In addition to the changes made to the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules at the IPC Plenary Meeting at Bar, Montenegro, January 30/31 2011, there were additional changes which were not incorporated in the minutes due to an oversight.  
The additional changes are required as a consequence of reverting to an earlier form of calculating scores.  
The IPC Bureau was asked to approve the 2011 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules, which would incorporate all approved changes.
- Bureau Decision**  
The IPC Bureau approved the 2011 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules, incorporating all approved changes, and in addition to having these rules posted on the web site, the Bureau agreed to send the rules directly to Delegates and Alternate Delegates.
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- No.** 2011/12/05  
**Date**  
15 May 2011
- Subject**  
**Approval of amended Canopy Piloting Freestyle Competition Rules for 2011**
- Details**  
The IPC Bureau was asked to approve the 2011 Canopy Piloting Freestyle Competition Rules.
- Bureau Decision**  
The IPC Bureau approved the above rules, and their posting on the web site.
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**No.** 2011/13/05

**Date**

21 May 2011

**Subject**

**Bulletin #2, 10th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championship 2011, 17th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup 2011, 7th FAI European Artistic Events Championship 2011, 8th FAI Artistic Events World Cup 2011.**

**To be held at Saarlouis, Germany, 01st – 07th August 2011**

**Details**

Bulletin #2 was sent to the Bureau for approval following review as required by SC5 4.2.5.

**Bureau Decision**

The IPC Bureau, by consensus, approved the release and publication of Bulletin #2.

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**No.** 2011/14/06

**Date**

10 June 2011

**Subject**

**Replacement Juror, to replace Larry Bagley (who indicated inability to serve on the Jury), for 10th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championship 2011, 17th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup 2011, 7th FAI European Artistic Events Championship 2011, 8th FAI Artistic Events World Cup 2011, to be held at Saarlouis, Germany, 01st – 07th August 2011**

**Details**

The SCWG recommended Gillian Rayner as the Replacement Juror for Saarlouis.

The recommendation comes as a result of a ballot conducted by the SCWG Chair from a list of Jurors that were still available for appointment in 2011.

**Bureau Decision**

The IPC Bureau approved the recommendation of the SCWG that Gillian Rayner be appointed to the Saarlouis Jury.

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**No.** 2011/15/06

**Date**

15 June 2011

**Subject**

**Bulletin #2, 6th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2011 and 2nd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships 2011, to be held at, Skydive Pink Klatovy, Airfield Chaloupky, CZ-33901 Klatovy, Czech Republic, 22nd – 27th August 2011**

**Details**

Bulletin #2 was sent to the Bureau for approval following review as required by SC5 4.2.5.

**Bureau Decision**

The IPC Bureau, by consensus, approved the release and publication of Bulletin #2.

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