



FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC)
Report to the 108th FAI General Conference
Pattaya, 17-18 October 2014

Reported by: Graeme Windsor, President

1. Important activities, projects or events since last FAI General Conference:

- i) Speed Skydiving adopted as a new discipline with its own competition committee.
- ii) Indoor Skydiving (wind tunnel) to be tested at a World Cup in Austin Texas in November 2014.
- iii) Closer co-operation with CISM explored. MoU signed. IPC President visits CISM World Parachute Championships, Sep 2014.
- iv) IPETA ownership transferred to FAI. Directors appointed, 2 nominated by FAI EB and 5 by IPC.

2. Positive and negative results:

Positive –

Interest continues to grow in hosting First Category Events. Sufficient bidders exist for all events.

Events well attended.

Strategic Plan of bringing events to public and making them Attractive and Dynamic continues as a theme.

Record claims backlog resolved.

Finance procedures revised.

FAI/IPC Judge training packages enhanced

Negative –

Financial statements for 2012 and 2013 were not finalised in good time. .

Joint FAI/IPC SportAccord promotional opportunity missed due EB delay.

3. Main problem(s) encountered and solutions adopted :

- i) NAC expresses desire to change organiser for Classic Cat 1 event, apparently due to internal politics.

Legal advice via FAI lawyer confirmed that Organiser Agreement cannot be unilaterally abandoned.

- ii) The void left by the departure of the former Sec-General who cited work overload as a reason for leaving placed too high a load on remaining staff, in particular Rob Hughes to the detriment of IPC.

4. Planned activities and projects for next year :

Pursue opportunities as they arise for IPETA and IPC.

Evaluate first FAI/IPC wind-tunnel event. The event lacks 100% support within IPC as it does not involve parachuting, although it does provide a pathway for allowing persons too young for parachuting to learn skydiving skills.

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5. Proposals (if any) to FAI Executive Board, FAI Head Office or for the next General Conference :

Complete an adaptable revised Organiser Agreement ASAP. This task is well overdue.

6. Free reporting: FAI/IPC Task Force on IPETA

On 3 Dec 2012, the FAI-IPC Task Force reported on its two references. The first recommendation on establishing IPETA is now complete.

The TF's second recommendation to the President was to

"consider significant autonomy for the ASC's to pursue the strategies and actions relevant for each air sports are needed. Mutual understanding and discussion of this should continue.... The aim must be to complete this task before the FAI GC in 2013. "

This has still not been done. IPC looks forward to the EB taking action in the coming year.

FAI Secretariat

Thank you to the new Secretary-General and her staff for their support and assistance during the year.

Date: 1/9/2014

Signature :

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