



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

International Parachuting Commission (IPC)

55th Plenary Meeting – Lisbon, Portugal

28 January - 1 February 2004

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

- In memoriam
- Welcome address
- Roll call
- Apologies for absence
- Verification of delegates' authority
- Approval of proxies
- Delegates' address list to be updated. (Delegates should provide all relevant contact information.)
- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Delegates will be asked to approve, and/or submit corrections to, the Minutes of the 54th IPC Plenary meeting held in Fortaleza, Brazil, 1 – 4 February 2003.

2.1 Thomas Tuominen submitted changes to the minutes in paragraph 5, World Games:

5.1 Current first sentence: "WAG/WG Liaison Officer Pål Bergen reported on the further developing relationship of the World Games within the Olympic movement, and how canopy piloting is to be included."

Proposed first sentence: "WAG/WG Liaison Officer Pål Bergen reported on the further developing relationship of the World Games within the Olympic movement, and informed the Plenary that the International World Games Association (IWGA) has invited the FAI/IPC to include Canopy Piloting in the 2005 World Games, if it is an IPC-recognized competition event."

5.2 Proposed paragraphs to replace current paragraphs:

Establishment of Temporary Working Group for Canopy Piloting

At the recommendation of the Bureau, a Temporary Working Group titled "Canopy Piloting Working Group" was established. (Canopy Piloting is also known as Canopy Swooping among parachutists in the field.) The Canopy Piloting WG included Thomas Tuominen, Chair (Del. Finland), Liam McNulty (Del. Ireland), Graeme Windsor (Del. Australia), and Knute Ekerhovd (Alt Del. Norway).

The Canopy Piloting WG was tasked with evaluating the viability of Canopy Piloting as an IPC competition event and, if Canopy Piloting was deemed viable, the WG was further tasked with evaluating a bid from the United States to conduct the first World Cup of Canopy Piloting, and with presenting the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules for 2003. This WG was asked to report to the 2003 Plenary during the World Games agenda item, since the IWGA has invited the FAI/IPC to include Canopy Piloting in the 2005 World Games.

If Canopy Piloting is determined not to be a viable IPC competition event, this Temporary Working Group would be disbanded at the end of the 2003 IPC meeting. However, if the Plenary approves a 2003 World Cup of Canopy Piloting, the Canopy Piloting WG would remain intact through the 2004 IPC Plenary meeting, to report on the results of the World Cup and other Canopy Piloting competition events held during 2003. At that time, the Canopy Piloting Working Group would be established as an IPC Competition Committee, be continued as a Temporary Working Group, or be disbanded.

Viability of Canopy Piloting as a new IPC Competition Event

Thomas Tuominen, Chair of the Canopy Piloting Working Group reported on the work of the Temporary Working Group. The WG reviewed the history of Canopy Piloting (canopy swooping) as a competition event, and reported that these events had been conducted for eight years, that they were currently taking place in several countries - including Australia, Finland, Spain, and the USA, and that high-speed Canopy Piloting activities were popular among active skydivers around the world.

The WG reviewed the safety parameters, and reported that although the event included high canopy speeds close to the ground, the current safety precautions being implemented in conjunction with the competition rules allowed the event to be conducted within practical and acceptable safety tolerances. Judging criteria were reviewed with members of the Judging Committee, and it was reported that the use of electronic Judging equipment, and the evaluation skills required of Judges, allowed for a fair, practical, and accurate evaluation of the competition performances.

Chair Tuominen also reported that Canopy Piloting was a very popular competition event for spectators and the media. Also, it has a strong history of attracting prize money for competitors, and sponsorship money for event organizers.

Graeme Windsor (Del. Australia) moved that the IPC accept canopy piloting as a competition discipline. Motion passed - 24 for, 0 against, 5 abstained

3. **96th FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE - FAI ACTIVITIES REPORT**

FAI Secretary General Max Bishop will present an overview of FAI's activities in 2003, the results of the 96th FAI General Conference held in Krakow, Poland, 9-12 October 2003, and FAI's plans for 2004.

4. **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

4.1 **President's Report**

IPC President Patrice Girardin will report on IPC-related activities in 2003. (**Annex 1**)

4.2 **Decisions by the Bureau**

President Girardin will present his report on the IPC Bureau's interim work during 2003. (**Annexes 2A, 2B**)

4.3 **Mission Plan**

President Girardin will report on the status of the IPC Mission Plan and its development. Team Leaders of the Mission Plan Task Force will be invited to present developments on their specific fields of work.

5. **WORLD GAMES/ OLYMPIC GAMES**

5.1 President Girardin has assumed the role of WAG / WG Liaison Officer, and will report on the further-developing relationship of the World Games within the Olympic movement, and the IPC's role within the World Games in general. (**Annex 3**)

5.2 Dr. Rainer *Exi* Hoenle, IPC Technical Director for the Duisburg World Games, will brief the Plenary on the IPC's involvement in the 6th World Games, to be conducted in Duisburg, Germany, in 2005.

6. **WORLD AIR GAMES**

6.1 **Future World Air Games**

President Girardin attended the FAI General Conference and participated in the discussion of the WAG Structure Document, which includes the concept, proposed event organizers, program, competition events, schedule, bidding procedures, etc. for the future FAI World Air Games. (**Annex 4 – to be distributed later**)

7. **GENERAL ISSUES**

President Girardin and IPC Bureau will brief the plenary on the open meeting resolutions (**Annex 5**)

8. FINANCE WORKING GROUP

IPC Treasurer and Finance Working Group Chair, *Buzz* Bennett, will present his report on income, expenditures, and accounts receivable and balance sheet for 2003 (**Annexes 6A, 6B & 6C**), plus the draft IPC Budget for 2004.

9. FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

Committee Chair John Hitchen will comment on the Committee's activities in 2003, and address the Agenda topics discussed by the Committee for 2004. (**Annexes 7A, 7B**)

9.1 Anton Malevsky Memorial Meet in Accuracy Landing - Stupino, Russia, 29 July - 2 August 2003

Chief Judge Tiorlo will present his report. (**Annex 9**)

9.2 27th World Parachuting Championships in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing

The 27th World Parachuting Championships in S&A was included in the 1st Parachuting Mondial in Gap, France. Chief Judge Ulf Tingnert provides a report. (**Annex 10**)

9.3 Future WPCs, World Cups, and other First Category Events

Croatia will host the WPC of S&A, FS (4-, 8-way and 4-way womens) and CF 18-24 September 2004. Organizers will be given an opportunity to provide an update on the event.

Slovakia has submitted a bid to host the 4th European Championships in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing – Lucenec, Slovakia, 23 July – 1 August 2004. (**Annex 8**)

Russia has submitted a bid to host the IPC Anton Malevsky Memorial Meet in 4-way Formation Skydiving and Accuracy Landing in Stupino, Russia, 29 June – 3 July 2004, as an FAI FCE (World Cup). (**Annex 11**)

The USA has submitted a bid to host the WC of Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, 21 – 29 October 2005, at Skydive Arizona in Eloy, Arizona. (**Annexes 32 and 32A**)

Additional nations wishing to host future Style & Accuracy events are requested to inform the Plenary.

9.4 Proposed changes to the Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Competition Rules

Committee Chair John Hitchen will propose and discuss any amendments to the Competition Rules and SC Section 5, due to S&A Committee deliberations held prior to the Plenary meeting. (**Annex 12**)

10. FORMATION SKYDIVING

Committee Chair Fiona McEachern will report on the Committee's activities in 2003, and address the Agenda topics discussed by the Committee for 2004. (**Annex 13A, 13B**)

10.1 Anton Malevsky Memorial Meet: 4-way Formation Skydiving – Stupino, Russia, 29 July - 3 August 2003.

The organizers will be given the opportunity to provide a report.

10.2 15th World Championships in Formation Skydiving

The 15th WPC in FS was included in the 1st Parachuting Mondial in France, 2003. Chief Judge Pia Berggren's report is attached. (**Annex 14**)

10.3 Future WPCs, World Cups, and other First Category Events

Croatia will host the WPC of S&A, FS (4-, 8-way and 4-way womens) and CF 18-24 September 2004. Organizers will be given an opportunity to provide an update on the event.

Russia has submitted a bid to host the Anton Malevsky Memorial Meet in Formation Skydiving in Stupino, Russia, 29 June - 3 July 2004, as an FAI FCE (World cup). (**Annex 11**)

The USA has submitted a bid to host the WC of 4-, 8-way and women's 4-way Formation Skydiving, 21 – 29 October 2005, at Skydive Arizona in Eloy, Arizona. (**Annexes 32 and 32B**)

Germany has submitted a bid to host the World Championship in Formation Skydiving, 5 - 11 August 2006, at Gera (Thüringen). (**Annex 33A/B**)

Additional nations wishing to host future FS events are requested to inform the Plenary.

10.4 Proposed changes to the Formation Skydiving Competition Rules

Committee Chair Fiona McEachern will propose and discuss any amendments to the Competition Rules and SC Section 5, due to FS Committee deliberations held prior to the Plenary meeting.

11. CANOPY FORMATION

Committee Chair Vladimir Gazetov will report on the Committee's activities in 2003, and address the Agenda topics discussed by the Committee for 2004. (**Annex 15**)

11.1 10th World Parachuting Championships in Canopy Formation

The 10th WPC in CF was included in the 1st Parachuting Mondial in France, 2003. Chief Judge Barry McCauley's report is attached. (**Annex 16**)

11.2 Future WPCs, World Cups, and other First Category Events

Croatia will host the WPC of S&A, FS (4-, 8-way and 4-way womens) and CF 18-24 September 2004. Organizers will be given an opportunity to provide an update on the event.

The USA has submitted a bid to host the WC of Canopy Formation, 21 – 29 October 2005, at Skydive Arizona in Eloy, Arizona. (**Annexes 32 and 32C**)

Additional nations wishing to host future Canopy Formation events are requested to inform the Plenary.

11.3 Proposed changes to the Canopy Formation Competition Rules

Committee Chair Vladimir Gazetov will propose and discuss any amendments to the Competition Rules and SC Section 5, due to CF Committee deliberations held prior to the Plenary meeting. (**Annex 17**)

11.4 ARTISTIC EVENTS

Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk will report on Committee activities for 2003, and address the Agenda topics discussed by the Committee for 2004. (**Annexes 18A, 18B**)

11.5 4th WPC in Freestyle Skydiving and Skysurfing, and 2nd WPC in Freestyle

The 4th WPC in FR & SK, 2nd WPC in FF was included in the 1st Parachuting Mondial in France, 2003. Chief Judge Florian Ebner's report is attached. (**Annex 19**)

Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk's report of the competitor's open meeting is attached. (**Annex 20**)

11.6 Future WPCs, World Cups, and other First Category Events

Brazil will host the 5th WPC in Freestyle Skydiving & Skysurfing, and 3rd WPC in Freeflying in Campinas (Sao Paulo), Brazil, 13-19 September 2004. Organizers will be given an opportunity to provide an update.

The USA has submitted a bid to host the WC of Artistic Events, 21 – 29 October 2005, at Skydive Arizona in Eloy, Arizona. (**Annexes 32 and 32D**)

Germany has submitted a bid to host the World Championship in Artistic Events, 5 - 11 August 2006, at Gera (Thüringen). (**Annex 33A/B**)

Additional nations wishing to host future events in the Artistic Events are requested to inform the Plenary.

11.7 Proposed changes to the Freestyle, Skysurfing and Freefly Competition Rules

Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk will propose and discuss amendments to the Competition Rules and SC Section 5, due to AE Committee deliberations held prior to the Plenary meeting. (**Annex 21**)

12. MONDIAL 2003 - Gap, France, 6-14 September 2003

Mr. Jean François ANGLES, Del.-France, will report on the 1st Parachuting Mondial, to include: 27th WPC in Style and Accuracy; 15th WPC in Formation Skydiving; 9th WPC in Canopy Formation, 4th WPC in

Freestyle and Skysurfing; 2nd WPC in Freestyle.

IPC Controller J&S Doris Merz' report is attached. (**Annex 22**)

13. PARA-SKI

Committee Chair Michael Egger will report on the Committee's activities in 2003, and address the Agenda topics discussed by the Committee for 2004.

13.1 9th World Parachuting Championships in Para-Ski in Kobla, Slovenia, 11-16 February 2003

The Organizers will be given an opportunity to report on the success of the event.

13.2 Future WPCs, World Cups, and other First Category Events

Nations wishing to host future events in Para-Ski are requested to inform the Plenary.

13.3 Proposed changes to the Para-Ski Competition Rules

Committee Chair Michael Egger will propose and discuss amendments to the Competition Rules and SC Section 5, due to Para-Ski Committee deliberations held prior to the Plenary meeting.

14. CANOPY PILOTING WORKING GROUP

14.1 IPC Go Fast World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2003

USA successfully conducted the world cup 24 – 28 September 2003 at the Perris Valley Skydiving Center in California. The Canopy Piloting Working Group Chair, Thomas Tuominen's report is attached (**Annex 23**); and IPC Controller Dr. Exi Hoenle's report is attached (**Annex 24**)

**14.2 Future WPCs, World Cups, and other First Category Events
UNDER CONDITION**

Brazil submitted a bid to host the 1st WPC of Canopy Piloting in Campinas, Brazil, 9 – 15 September 2004. (**Annex 25**)

Nations wishing to host future events in Canopy Piloting are requested to inform the Plenary.

15. FAI JUDGING

Committee Chair Doris Merz will report on the Committee's activities in 2003. (**Annex 26**)

15.1 FAI Judges List

The list of FAI Judges for 2004 will be verified, per updates sent to Judges Committee Chair Merz.

16. SPORTING CODE & IPC INTERNAL REGULATIONS

The Secretary of the Sporting Code Working Group, Richard "Buzz" Bennett, will present proposals to amend the FAI Sporting Code, Section 5, and to amend the IPC Internal Regulations.

16.1 FAI Sporting Code, Section 5

Proposals to amend the Sporting Code will be addressed. (**Annexes 27A, 27B & 27C**)

16.2 IPC Internal Regulations

Proposals to amend the IPC Internal Regulations will be addressed.

UK Delegate, John Hitchen, has a proposal to change the IR as it relates to make-up of the bureau. (**Annex 28**)

17. TECHNICAL AND SAFETY

The Chairman of the Technical and Safety Committee, Knut M. Ekerhovd, will report on the Committee's activities in 2003. (**Annex 29**)

17.1 Annual IPC Safety Survey

Deputy Chair, Mr. Liam McNulty, will report on the results of the IPC Safety Survey for 2002.

18. AWARDS

18.1 FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

In 2003, Germany nominated Dr. Dieter Strüber to be awarded the FAI Gold Medal in 2004. Mr. Strüber's qualifications are presented in **Annex 30A**.

The USA has nominated Ms. Brenda Reid to be awarded the FAI Gold Medal in 2005 and her qualifications are presented in **Annex 30B**.

18.2 Leonardo da Vinci Diploma

The USA has nominated Mr. Scott Rhodes to be awarded the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma and his qualifications are presented in **Annex 31A**.

Italy has nominated Mr. Alessandro Ruggeri to be awarded the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma and his qualifications are presented in **Annex 31B**.

18.3 Faust Vrancic Medal

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Delegates may bring forward any other business for discussion by the Plenary at this time.

20. ELECTIONS

20.1 Confirmation of the Committees and Working Groups

The Bureau will present the list of appointed committee and working group members to the Plenary for approval. The lists will be based on requests received by the IPC Secretary, and on proposals received from the Chairs of the Committees and Working Groups, which must be presented to the Bureau no later than the Bureau meeting held on 3 February 2003.

20.2 Confirmation of the IPC WAG / World Games Liaison Officer (appointed by Bureau)

20.3 Election of IPC Officers

a) Nominations for IPC President

b) Election of IPC President

c) Nominations for IPC 1st Vice-President

d) Election of IPC 1st Vice-President

e) Nominations for two IPC Vice Presidents

f) Election of two IPC Vice Presidents

g) Nomination of IPC Technical Secretary

h) Election of IPC Technical Secretary

i) Nomination of IPC Treasurer

j) Election of IPC Treasurer

21. IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

21.1 Date and Place of Next IPC Meeting

Poland was chosen to host the 2005 IPC meeting, 26 – 30 January 2005, in Warsaw, Poland. Delegate Lidia Kosk will be given an opportunity to give an update on the progress of the meeting arrangements.

21.2 Hosts for future IPC Meetings

Bids may be received from Nations who wish to host the 2006 or the 2007 IPC Meetings.

(If no bids are approved by 2/3 majority, the 2006 IPC Meeting will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland. Bids must be per Internal Regulations paragraph 3, must conform to the IR time window of January 20th – February 20th, include a weekend, and have a maximum duration of five days.)

- 22. ADJOURNMENT:** The 2004 IPC Plenary meeting will be adjourned.