

Report to the CSPA Board of Directors and membership on the

66th Plenary Meeting of the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale held in **Frankfurt, Germany, January 23 and 24, 2016.**

In attendance:

Rina Gallo; Delegate; Canopy Formation Committee Chair, and member of the Judges Committee
Barb Davies; Alternate Delegate, Chair of the CSPA Competition and National Teams Committee
Melanie Guerin, Catherine Carignan and Alain Guerin; unofficial observers and 2017 World Indoor Skydiving Championships bid presenters. Melanie Guerin was subsequently appointed as a new member of the Indoor Skydiving Committee.

Regrets; **Martin Lemay** (due to work commitments), Formation Skydiving Committee member; Indoor Skydiving Committee. Member

I arrived in Frankfurt on January 15 in order to participate in the Chief of Training Judges Workshop on the 16 and 17 of January as well as all the open and closed meetings (which pertain to my Committees) prior to the Plenary Meeting on January 23 and 24. Barb Davies arrived on January 18 in order to attend the open meetings. The open meetings are crucial to understanding and giving input in regards to the proposed rule changes by the different Committees and Working Groups.

Chief of Judges Training Seminar:

The weekend prior to the Plenary, Karla Cole, the Judges Committee course co-ordinator invited all those involved in judge training to attend a workshop designed to standardize judge training courses in all disciplines. As I maintain and administer the FAI/IPC Judges Database, I was requested to explain how this database works; that is, what it tracks, information I need to add a new judge to the list for the first time, or to simply update a revalidating judge. This database is a current and historical list of all judging activity of all internationally rated judges.

Open / Closed Meetings:

Although most of the day is spent in Open Meetings and a lot of information is covered in those meetings, a lot of work is done behind the scenes in closed meetings by the various Committees and Working Groups. Closed meetings are for Committee members only. Attendance by anyone other than Committee members is by invitation only.

Highlights of the Plenary:

The Agenda and all documents pertaining to the Plenary session as well as the minutes of the meeting are available on the /FAI-IPC Website.

- 34 countries were represented in person and 7 by proxy.
- Graeme Windsor (President of IPC) thanked Buzz Bennett for his 40 years of service to the IPC.
- Delegate from Spain objected to the procedure of and interim decision by the Bureau to appoint the FAI Controller (Marylou Laughlin) in Farnham, Quebec. A vote ensues to reverse the decision. **Carried.** In any event, Marylou Laughlin was appointed FAI Controller by the CP Committee.
- Presentation by Skydive TV and vote for Skydive TV continue to be IPC's official partner. **Carried.**

- Vote to appoint an Official, permanent IPC Records Liaison Officer. **Carried.**
- Vote to appoint Randy Connell of the U.S.A. as the new Records Liaison Officer. **Carried.**
- Change of dates for Chicago Mondial. New dates September 10-20, 2016
- Amendments to the 2016 Farnham, Quebec CP bid approved.
- Indoor skydiving Working Group is now a full-fledged Committee.
- Proposal for a Raija Kosonen Trophy for Freestyle. **Carried**
- FAI Gold Medal awarded to Thomas Danil Berruolo of Argentina.
- Confirmation of Elisabet Mikaelsson as World Games Liaison officer.
- Seven (7) bids for Indoor Skydiving World Cup / Championships for 2016 and 2017.
- Canada wins bid for World Indoor Skydiving Championships in 2017.

All Bureau positions were up for election. Results as follows:

- President: Dr. Rainer "Exi" Hoenle - Germany
- 1st Vice President: Patrice Girardin – France
- Vice President: Alberto Martin Paracuellos – Spain
- Vice President: Ronald Overdyck – The Netherlands
- Recording Secretary: Liam McNulty (Ireland) stepped down. Replaced by Susan Dixon – France
- Finance Secretary: Doris Merz (Switzerland) stepped down. Replaced by Peter Pfalzgraf – Germany

Two bids to host the 67th Annual IPC meeting. Gold Coast Brisbane, Australia and Faro, Portugal. Faro was selected to host and organize the next Plenary Meeting.

Competitions to be held in 2016:

WPC of Canopy Piloting - Farnham, Quebec – August 21-27, 2016
 Mondial Chicago, USA – WPCs in S&A, FS, CF, AE, SP – September 10-20, 2016
 WC of Indoor Skydiving – Warsaw, Poland – October 21-24, 2016
 WPC of Wingsuit - Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida - November 2-6, 2016

Competitions to be held in 2017:

WPC of Para-Ski in St. Johann, Austria – March 7-11, 2017
 World Games – Wroclaw, Poland – Invitation only – July 20-30, 2017
 W & WPC of FS, C, AE, SP – Saarlouis, Germany - August 8-12, 2017
 European Championships of Style & Accuracy – Podgorica, Montenegro – August 24-31, 2017
 WC of Canopy Piloting – Dubai, UAE – November 27-December 1, 2017

Competitions to be held in 2018:

WPC of Style & Accuracy – Erden, Montana, Bulgaria – August 19-25, 2018

Skyventure Montreal Indoor Skydiving Bid:


Melanie Guerin, Catherine Carignan, and Alain Guerin attended the open and plenary meetings. Melanie and Catherine co-presented their proposal on the Thursday. These two ladies far and away out shone all other presenters and after Barb and I spoke to other Delegates, it was clear that they had nailed their presentation and created an excellent impression. The vote was taken on Saturday and both Barb and I were ecstatic when Montreal won the bid over a Slovenia.

My work as Delegate:

- CF Committee - This year I became chair of the CF Committee. A number of rule changes were made by the committee and I then prepared those rule changes for presentation to the plenary as well as fielding any questions at that time.
- Judges Committee – A number of hours were spent in Judges Committee meetings due to many Section 5 changes. During the Judges Committee presentation at the open meeting I gave a short presentation on the judge's database. As well, one on one time was spent with a few Delegates reviewing individual judge information pertaining to their countries.
- Participated in all Extended Bureau Meetings
- 2016 CP WPC – Unfortunately, Martin Lemay could not attend this year. Some minor amendments and a date change to the 2016 CP bid needed the approval of the CP Committee. Along with the help of Marylou Laughlin (FAI Controller), a few e-mails to Martin, we formalized the changes and presented them to the CP Committee. The amendments were accepted. I wish to thank Marylou for all of her help.
- I wrote a letter to the Bureau to request that Melanie Guerin be included in the newly appointed Indoor Skydiving Committee.
- During the elections, I was nominated for 1st vice President and Vice president Positions. I declined both for now.

Barb and I wish to thank the CSPA for the financial support and ask that such support be continued in the future. An accounting of all expenses will be provided separately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rina Gallo".

Rina Gallo
IPC Delegate