



IPC ANNUAL REPORT 2007

COMPETITIONS

Being an odd numbered year, 2007 has been the year in which World Cups and non-World Championships take place, except Para-ski which has World Championships in odd numbered years, and this year was no exception. FAI TV coverage of the event was arranged with good media publicity, particularly in Europe. The following is a list our First Category Events this year.

LOCATION & DATE	EVENT	DISCIPLINES
Predazzo, Italy 20 – 25 March 2007	FAI World Championships In Para-Ski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy landing • Giant Slalom Ski
Stupino, Russia 2 – 8 July 2007	6 th FAI Anton Malevsky Memorial International Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 way Formation Skydiving • Accuracy Landing • 4 way Formation Skydiving
Stupino, Russia 4 – 12 Aug 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 FAI European Formation Skydiving Championship • 2007 World Cup in Formation Skydiving • 2007 FAI European Artistic Skydiving Championships • 2007 World Cup of Artistic Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 way formation Skydiving • Freeflying • Freestyle Skydiving • Skysurfing
Osijek, Croatia 4–9 September 2007	5 th FAI European Style & Accuracy Parachuting Championship 8 th World Cup in Canopy Formation 2 nd FAI Junior European Style and Accuracy Parachuting Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freefall Style • Accuracy Landing • Canopy Formation
<i>To be held</i> Sydney, Australia 7–11 November 2007	<i>4th World Cup of Canopy Piloting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Speed</i> • <i>Zone Accuracy</i> • <i>Distance</i>

Not for the first time, the Bureau was called on to determine whether some events with only two or three entries should proceed. The decisions to date have been in the positive, but the IPC has taken this message as a reason to review existing disciplines, consider new ones, and re-examine competition schedules.

Strict application of the IPC's First Category Event Sanction Procedures and associated Organiser Agreements has led to much better understanding of expectations on behalf of all stakeholders for the successful conduct of premier world skydiving events. The application of sanction fees has assisted the IPC to cover the costs of Jury and Judge travel costs.

2007 saw the continuation of the IPC Anton Malevsky Memorial International Cup series of competitions in Russia. The event this year had competitions in 4-Way Formation Skydiving and Team Accuracy Landing. Significant levels of prize money to the top three placegetters in each event were provided courtesy of the major sponsor. Despite the significant prize money on offer, participation was down on previous years, possibly because of the busy competition schedule for 2007.

ASIANIA

This organisation continues to foster growth and participation in its part of the world. It is pleasing to see the FAI continues to gain new members through this avenue. Recent Asiana Championships in Malaysia attracted many nations who are not regular participants at World Cups and Championships, and signs are that this growth will continue.

FINANCES

The extension of travel allowances for judges to all IPC FCE's has provided a number of challenges to our Treasurer and his dealings with the FAI office. These have been mostly resolved in an amicable fashion, but there has been an increased workload on both sides.

CONCLUSION

This has been my first year as IPC President, and I can assure you it is a challenge, but an enjoyable challenge. IPC is looking forward to the revitalised World Air Games concept in 2009 at Turin. It is also dealing with the challenges of hosting parachuting events at the World Games in Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei in 2009, a country where parachute competition is virtually non-existent.

My job has been made much easier by a hard working and supportive Bureau, and the dedication and assistance provided by FAI Secretary- General Max Bishop and his staff in Lausanne. In particular, Max's ability to recognise the emergence of possible difficult matters and deal with them has made my job easier than it otherwise could have been.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graeme Windsor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Graeme Windsor
President
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