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Poland 2005

Two First Category events were held for the FS discipline in 2004. The first was the Anton Malevsky Memorial Meet as a World Cup and Open European Championship in Open 4 – way from 29th June to 3rd July. There were 15 teams (and 6 extra guest Russian teams) in the WC competition and 8 teams for the European championships. Exi, Klaus, Marc and Toly from the FS committee attended this meet.

The World Parachuting Championships were held in Rijecka, Croatia from the 18th to the 24th of September. There were 21 teams in Open 4-way, which is one less than last year, and 10 teams in both 8-way and the Female 4-way event, which is two more than last year. All committee members except Marc were in attendance at Croatia and a competitor's meeting was held after the competition finished.

Competitor's meetings

A meeting was held at the end of the WPC in Croatia and was well attended. Discussions on dive pool changes, the Videographer's position within the team and clarifications on rules were held. Three competitors presented an alternative scoring system where points are awarded only for correct formations and there is no penalty for incorrect formations. Changes to judging were also discussed and the need for standard manifest calls. These are all in our agenda for the 2005 meeting.

Croatia

Weather problems meant that few training jumps could be done preceding the meet. The organisers improvised magnificently after tents originally planned to house competitors on site were demolished by high winds. In a 24 hour period, they rebuilt team areas in a large hangar, which proved adequate. This meet was slow as only one MI8 was available for the FS competition. Both 4-way events completed all 10 rounds and the 8-way, 9 rounds. The 8-way would have completed except for bad weather on the final day.

Future Competitions

The USA will hold a WC from the 21-29th of October 2005 in Eloy, Arizona.

Germany will hold a WPC from the 5-11th of August 2006 in Gera.

Russia has indicated they will bid for another Anton Malevsky EC in 2005.

The IPC President has informed the committee that he would like us to consider a change to the World Cup format we have now. The result of this would be a fixed number of teams in the World Cups, making it much easier for organisers to anticipate requirements. We would need to have a selection process for the final series, which may extend the number of teams competing. No decision has been made as yet and this will not affect the USA WC in 2005. Bids for future competitions are welcome.

Finally, my thanks go to all the committee for their efforts throughout the year.

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