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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

1. The 2013 Safety Report was compiled. Efforts were made to get more countries involved. This year new countries have contributed. The T&S Committee is grateful for the work of ASIANIA and COLPAR in encouraging countries in their regions to participate in this work. The report is on the CD being distributed at the Plenary Meeting, and the report will be e-mailed to all countries on the T & S e-mail lists.
2. The Data Collection Tool (DCT) is available for use, but has not been utilized by the countries. When meeting in Varshets in Jan. 2015, the T&S Committee will discuss the usages of the DCT and its future.
3. One Information Notice (IN No. 48) was issued during the year, regarding Argus AAD.
4. The T&S Committee would like to have closer cooperation with the manufacturers of parachute equipment. As mentioned last year the T&S Committee will seek closer ties with the parachute industry through The Parachute Industry Association (PIA), and directly with the individual manufacturers. Committee Member Frederic Bourinet from France has been a great help in establishing dialogue with one manufacturer on a specific subject. The case mentioned shows that there is still some way to go to find common ground with the manufacturers on disseminating information.
5. In 2012 FAI established a Safety Expert Group (SEG) and I represent IPC's interests on it. The first results are still pending. At the FAI GC it was announced that a proposal for an FAI Safety Policy has been drafted and it will be circulated to the ASC's and NAC's for comments before finalized and submitted for approval by the FAI Executive Board.
6. The T&S Committee still promotes the IPC Certificate of Proficiency and would like to encourage all countries to actively promote its use. 8 countries have requested CoP's in 2014 and it is in use in 30 countries. The CoP is available to the NACs from the FAI Office.
7. The IPC T&S CD being distributed at the Plenary meeting has these items:
 - *Safety Report for 2013 and Power Point Presentation of same.*
 - *Information Notice (one) distributed in 2014.*

I thank the T & S Committee Members and Advisors, and those who responded to the T&S survey in 2014. Their important input makes it possible for the T&S Committee to produce valuable safety material.

As you may be aware I have been elected to the FAI Executive Board and consequently have to step down as Delegate for Denmark. Following this I will also step down as Chair of the T&S Committee. I will be in dialogue with the Committee about my replacement and encourage any proposal for nomination to contact me to discuss further. I extend thanks to the Committee Members, Delegates and NAC's for good co-operation these last years. I look forward to promoting safety in air sport further in the years to come.

Blue skies



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T & S Committee Chair

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OPEN TECHNICAL & SAFETY MEETING

VASTERAS, BULGARIA

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2015

AGENDA

1. Review of T & S work in 2014
2. Safety Survey and Report for 2013
3. Data Collection Tool – status.
4. FAI/IPC Certificates of Proficiency
5. Suggestions for future work of T & S Committee
6. Any other item raised by attendees