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I would say that there was little belief that the World Air Games would ever happen again. But here we are with only one year to go before the fourth World Games will happen.

A very short lead-time for a major event but hosted by an organiser with good experience in hosting a major air sport event.

A meeting of the WAG Liaison people has been held in Dubai from 28th to 30th. Obviously IPC has an enormous head start as we know the environment and the organiser knows our discipline.

The staff of the DIPC will probably be in charge of the Parachuting aspect of the WAG so we do not have any major input to give there. The key decision outstanding is the disciplines will be included.

IPC has proposed a full 'Mondial' competition with every discipline represented with the exception of those that only have very limited country representation. This is due to one of the aims of the Organiser is to have maximum country participation where possible. We will have a better idea of what is accepted by mid December, too late for this report.

The other disciplines were amazed by the organisation of the DIPC but they each present their own organisational challenges.

None will hold such a full event as Parachuting and it is not even clear whether Gliding will take place at all due to the environment. As many events as possible will take place at the Palm drop zone but some will be held at the Desert drop zone including Indoor Skydiving which will take place at the tunnel there.

A more detailed verbal report will be made at the plenary as decisions will be taken between then and now.

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