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FORMATION SKYDIVING COMMITTEE REPORT Bar, Montenegro 2011

Two First Category Events were held in FS disciplines during 2010. They were the World Championship of Formation Skydiving and the World Championship of Vertical Formation Skydiving, held in Menzelinsk, Russia.

The **World Championship of Formation Skydiving** and the **World Championship of Vertical Formation Skydiving** were held in Menzelinsk, Russia. In 4-Way, 19 teams competed in the WC which is less than at the last WC (23). In the 4-Way female event 8 teams competed, which is the same number of teams as the last WC. Teams for the 8-Way was less than expected with only 5 teams from different NACs. Only 3 teams were preregistered and 2 teams (Norway and Kazakhstan) signed up at the competition site only days prior to the meet started. At the last WC in 2008 9 teams competed in the 8-Way event.

The competition ran for a full ten rounds which was pleasing for both competitors and the organization. Unfortunately the scoring system (Omniskore) was not able to support the judging of round 3 in the 4-Way event, when the teams came up with scores above 50 points. This round also gave us a new Word Record for 4-Way, as France and Russia both scored 56 point, and a new 4-Way Female World Record for France with 47 points.

The First World Championships of Vertical Formation Skydiving was held in Menzelinsk also. There was a turnout of 6 teams representing 6 NACs. The winning team averaged 25.5 (20.4 last year) over a complete completion program of 8 rounds.

I would like to thank the organizers for the excellent work they did to make a satisfying competition.

A joint FS/VFS competitors' meeting was held after the WC. Unfortunately I was not attendant at this meeting, who was led by IPC FS Committee Chair Fiona McEachern. Competitors were well represented. Changes made to the rules were generally well accepted. Competitors wished to keep the randomness of the draw and the chance of a random round. A majority of the competitors are in favor of a public drawing process (the draw being done publically in front of the teams).

Changes to judging process were discussed. The Committee was asked to look at reduced speed judging, similar to what was proposed in 2009.

VFS is still a new discipline within IPC member countries. There are still only a few countries where competitors are interested in this event but these have more than one team.

The committee needs to find a way to get better pool drawings for the VFS pool. The problem is that they need to be maintained and this is hard unless a professional does it. Reliance on outside assistance by volunteers is not ideal and I would like to commission an animator to provide us with figures we can use to draw our own pool.

The competitors/judges also wanted us to look at the possibility to flip the pool so the drawing reflect what Judges usually see ie from underneath, looking up.

The FS committee also have to discuss the need for another advisor with a VFS bias but willing to participate in all FS discussions and decisions.

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The agenda for our open meeting contains our proposals for rule changes in 2011, including possible changes to the FS and VFS pool. This is based on feedback from Competitors and Judges.

The next FCE is the European Championships/World Cup in Saarlouis, Germany from 1st to 7th of August 2011. Bids for future competitions are welcome.

Unfortunately the fall brought us some very sad news as IPC FS Committee Chair Fiona McEachern died in a skydiving accident at a boogie in Australia. Fiona was a very dedicated and energetic lady who worked hard for IPC and she will be sorely missed.

My thanks go to all the members and advisors of the committee for their efforts throughout the year. Anatoly Zhirov (Russia), Sven Ibens (Belgium), Sara Sacchet (Italy), Jerome David (France), Exi Hoenle (Germany), Phillipe Schorno (France) and Eric Deren (USA).

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