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- 1 The 2010 Safety and AAD reports were compiled. Efforts were made to get more countries involved, but this was not successful. The reports of the surveys are on the CD being distributed at the Plenary Meeting, and these reports will be e-mailed to all countries on the T & S e-mail lists.
- 2 The Data Collection Tool continued to be available for use. Elisabet Mikaelsson will report on its use.
- 3 During 2011 seven Information Notices were issued and posted on the web site.
- 4 A Medical Survey, relating to Diabetes, was undertaken, at the request of Dr Anton Westman, the Swedish doctor/skydiver who has published papers on various medical aspects of skydiving, and he will issue the results of this study.
- 5 Certificate of Proficiency. Issues arose during the year regarding the use of the Certificates of Proficiency, where additional, unauthorised, conditions were attached to qualifications. The matter was investigated in conjunction with FAI. Clarification was made through the IPC Newsletter and by an addition to the web site.
- 6 During 2011 the Committee was called upon for help and advice by a number of individuals and organisations who were doing research into various aspects of parachuting technical and safety matters. The Committee was able to assist one country which was setting national standards for parachuting equipment life. Co-operation with USPA/PIA was aimed at information reaching T&S Officers worldwide.
- 7 The CD being distributed at the Plenary meeting has these items:-
 - *Safety Report for 2010 and Power Point Presentation of same*
 - *AAD Report for 2010 and Power Point Presentation of same*
 - *Information Notices issued in 2011*
 - *Forms and Notes for 2011 Safety and AAD Surveys*
 - *Paper by Bryan Burke, S&TA, Skydive Arizona, Learning from the Mistakes of Others, Skydive Arizona Accident Survey, 1991 – 2011.*

I thank the T & S Committee Members and Advisors, and those who responded to the T&S surveys and questionnaires in 2011. Their valuable input makes it possible for the T&S Committee to produce valuable safety material.

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T & S Committee Chair
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