



## C.I.P.S

### **Athletes Commission report year ending 2023.**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Dear Presidium,

#### **Introduction**

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Athletes Commission and anglers to thank the 3 FIPS boards and also the CIPS presidium for all their hard work in the last 12 months in organising the events that allows us to take part in at the highest level.

As you are aware and as agreed at our last Presidium meeting Ben Blegen is currently suspended by his Federation so is also currently suspended from the AC. We will look to welcome Ben back on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March provided he is reinstated by his Federation. He has not been included in any of our communications since his suspension. To be fair to Ben he accepted our decision and is looking forward to working with us again from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

#### **Communication**

We have been receiving some communications this year via emails and also social media. Mainly they ask about clarification of rules, and we have also received some asking about setting up an athletes commission in their country. We have also received some regarding rule changes.

One other thing we have received communication wise is that some of the opening and medal presentations are not being translated into French this happened a number of times in 2023. As you are aware the official languages are French and English and we feel that this should be include in the opening and medal ceremonies.

#### **Tasks carried out.**

We attended a number of events this year. I attended the disabled World Championships in France; this is a very special championships and was a real eye opener for me. It would be fantastic if we could somehow have these disciplines in both FIPS Mer and FIPS Mouche. I know it is difficult but would be great to see happen. I also went to the FIPS ed seniors' event but that was mainly as an angler.

Misako went to the masters and Ladies event in Canada as a delegate of the Japanese federation but also to represent the Athletes Commission.

Andrzej went to the FIPS Mer seniors' event in Sicily. Where he was treated very well by the organisers and also the FIPS Mer representatives there.

Reports and comments from these trips have been used in the 3 report that we have sent to the 3 FIPS boards.

#### **Anti-Doping**

We continue to speak with anglers regarding the importance of checking their medications and applying for TUE when needed. However, it is still apparent that there is a lack of education being given to the anglers by their Federations.

During our recent AC meeting it was agreed that I should look at preparing a brief presentation to be given at the Congress in Cape Town explaining about Anti-Doping and where Federations can find the tools required to educate their anglers. This would be as part of my speech during the CIPS congress. I will of course send to you for approval first.

### **FIPS reports**

As usual we sent our reports to the 3 fips we hope that they proved to be helpful to see the thoughts of their anglers.

### **Facebook**

We have been a bit delayed in setting up our facebook page as we wanted to use the correct logo. Now that this was agreed by the Presidium, we have just started to use our facebook page. This will be a source of information for the anglers and will update the page with information for forthcoming championships, as well as results and photos of the championships. We will share posts from the 3 Fips facebook pages as well.

### **Funding**

We will be attending a few competitions this year and would be looking for a budget of around 6000 euro. I will include a breakdown of the competitions we are looking to attend further down this report.

### **Going forward**

In 2024 we will be looking to attend the following events.

#### Greig

To be confirmed was hoping to go to the street fishing in Paris but has now changed and is to be confirmed. He will also be competing in the Senior WC in Bethune France.

#### Ingvild

Will attend the Fips Mouche senior WC in France as an AC representative.

#### Missako

Juniors and Ladies WC as an AC representative in Czech Republic

#### Benjamin

Fips Mer Shore angling in Spain as an AC representative and possibly some other championships with his Country as manager. Also taking part in the Pairs competition in Spain and for junior and youth in Ireland.

#### Andrzej

Fips Mer boat championships in Ireland.

#### Ben Blegen

Currently suspended so not sure what his plans are.

For some of the events we will only be looking to attend for two or Three days. This will reduce the cost and also the amount of time off from work required. Some championships this amount of time is perfect but for some a longer period would be required.

## **Summary**

We would like to thank the Presidium and FIPS for your continued support. We do feel that we are starting to be recognised by the anglers and I would personally like to thank the members of the Athletes Commission for all their hard work. Without them this commission wouldn't be where it is today.

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