



C.I.P.S

Athletes Commission report year ending 2024.

6th February 2025

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 at the highest level.

Communication

The Dutch Federation approached us last year to ask advice regarding setting up an Athletes commission. I am pleased to announce that they have now set up their commission and also elected the commission members and President.

We have been receiving communications from anglers mainly from anglers that we have introduced ourselves to when we have attended championships. This proves that it is vital that we attend as many championships as possible.

Tasks carried out.

We attended a number of events this year. I attended the Nations FIPS ED event in Bethune France as an angler but still managed to talk to anglers during the week.

Andrzej went to the FIPS Mer Boat angling for Seniors event in Crosshaven Ireland as an Athletes commission representative.

Ingvild attended the FIPS Mouche World championships in Occitanie France as an Athletes commission representative.

Benjamin had a busy year he attended the FIPS Mer Pairs World championships in Spain as an angler, The Junior World Championships in Wexford Ireland as a coach and the Club World Championships as an Athletes commission representative in Bias France.

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

Ben Blegen as agreed at the 2024 Congress in South Africa was removed from the commission after communication received from the USA Federation asking us to do this.

Anti-Doping

This is still an issue and have even had an instance where anglers from one team were offered Cannabis from an angler from another team, this was after the championships but is still a concern.

We would like to ask that CIPS look at the possibility of setting up an Anti-Doping education commission to help Federations to set up Education programmes and awareness for their anglers.

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. We would be grateful if we would receive some communication back from the 3 FIPS after their meetings regarding our reports. Just to let us know what has been accepted and what has not been accepted and why. This way we can communicate back to the anglers concerned why they were rejected. Currently we are receiving no communications back from any of the FIPS. We do understand that the minutes of your meeting are to be sent out to Federations but it would be good if you could communicate back to us as well.

Facebook

Our Facebook page has been running for around 10 months now and we currently have 397 followers and hope this improves this year. The most popular posts are from the competitions that last for 3 to 5 days. We think this is because the tension builds up over a few days and people are interested to follow the story so engage more. The least followed events are the 2 day events as they are over and done with quickly with not much movement on the leader boards after day one.

We hope to have more content moving forward with lots of photos and information for the anglers.

Funding

We will be attending a few competitions this year and would be looking for a budget of around 6000 euro. Unfortunately at this time as it is election year we cant say which Championships we will be attending as we don't know who will be on the commission.

We did have an underspend this year but this was due to Misako attending WC in Czech Republic as an international Supervisor for FIPS Mouche. Also myself and Benjamin were unable to attend two events we were due to attend.

Moving forward

We would like to ask that during opening ceremonies where one of our commission has attended would it be possible that the 3 FIPS ask the organisers if they could give our representative a mention. This is the best opportunity to be introduced to all the anglers at one time. It wouldn't take long to do this so would not affect the timings of the Ceremony.

We would also like clothing hats t shirts jackets and an id badge so that people can instantly recognise us and approach us. We have mentioned this in the past it was agreed but we didn't receive anything after sending all our sizes and addresses. Maybe we could use the underspend from this year to purchase these for ourselves as this would save on the postage and we could choose what we preferred to wear with the CIPS AC logo on the clothing.

Along the same lines would it be possible to plan for a budget for the Athletes commission to all attend the World Games again this would be the ideal opportunity to speak with a large number of anglers at the opening ceremony for instance. We could work with the South African Athletes commission to arrange something.

Summary

Unfortunately we will be losing Misako this year as she is now ineligible having not competed in the last 5 years. I would like to thank Misako for the past 8 years. Misako was a founder member of the commission and helped enormously in setting up this commission. Thank you Misako.

Another commission member who is ineligible as again hasn't competed in the last 5 years is Andrzej. He started with us 4 years ago and has also helped out a lot over that time and is extremely committed to helping out the anglers he represents.

As for Myself, Ingvild and Benjamin we are all going to stand again and I would like to thank Ingvild and Benjamin for all their work over the last 4 years. Hopefully we will continue to work together for the next 4 years.

We would like to thank the Presidium, FIPS and Federations for your continued support.

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