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Athletes' Commission Report

Year Ending 2025

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To the CIPS Presidium/ Federations

## **1. Introduction**

On behalf of the CIPS Athletes' Commission and the international angling community, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the three FIPS Boards and the CIPS Presidium for their continued work and commitment over the past 12 months in organising competitions that allow anglers to compete at the highest international level.

## **2. Composition of the Commission**

Following the Voting Congress held in Slovenia, several changes occurred within the Athletes' Commission.

Missako and Andrzej stepped down from their positions as they were no longer eligible to serve, having not competed during the previous five-year period. In addition, Benjamin left the Commission following his election to the FIPS-Mer Board.

The following athletes were elected to the Athletes' Commission:

#### FIPS-Ed

- Greig Brown – Channel Islands
- Vasil Kostov – Macedonia

#### FIPS-Mouche

- Ingvild Aurdal – Norway
- Tereza Rutova – Czech Republic

#### FIPS-Mer

- Stephane Millez – Switzerland
- Position currently vacant

At present, the Commission remains one representative short for FIPS-Mer.

At the first meeting of the newly formed Commission, Greig Brown was re-elected as President.

### **3. Communication with Athletes**

During the reporting period, the Commission received several communications from athletes. These queries and concerns were forwarded to the respective FIPS through the Commission's formal reports.

The Commission would kindly request the support of the three FIPS and their affiliated national federations in improving communication with athletes. Specifically, we would appreciate if the Athletes' Commission contact details ([athletes@cips-fips.com](mailto:athletes@cips-fips.com)) could be included on federation websites and, where possible, on their social media platforms.

### **4. Commission Activities**

Due to the timing of the electoral cycle, the Commission was operational only during the second half of the year and was therefore unable to attend as many events as initially planned.

However, Athletes' Commission members were present at the following events:

- FIPS-Mouche World Championships – Czech Republic

Ingvild Aurdal attended both as a competitor and as an Athletes' Commission representative.

- FIPS-Mouche Ladies and Junior World Championships – USA

Tereza Rutova attended both as a competitor and as an Athletes' Commission representative.

- FIPS-Mer Big Game World Championships – France

Stephane Millez attended as an Athletes' Commission representative.

Reports and observations from these events were incorporated into the Commission's submissions to the respective FIPS Boards.

## **5. Anti-Doping Awareness**

The Commission notes that many anglers still do not fully understand the implications of anti-doping regulations and the consequences of a failed drug test.

We would therefore encourage national federations to share the anti-doping presentation delivered by the Athletes' Commission during last year's World Championships in order to improve athlete awareness and understanding. We will also ask that it is placed on the CIPS website

## **6. Reports Submitted to FIPS**

As part of its responsibilities, the Athletes' Commission submitted reports to each of the three FIPS during the reporting period. These reports aimed to communicate athlete feedback and observations from international competitions.

The Commission would welcome the opportunity to receive feedback following the FIPS meetings regarding which proposals or observations were accepted, which were not accepted, and the reasons for these decisions. This would enable the Commission to provide clear communication and transparency to the athletes concerned.

While we understand that meeting minutes are distributed to national federations, direct feedback to the Athletes' Commission would be greatly appreciated.

## **7. Social Media and Outreach**

The Athletes' Commission Facebook page has now been active for approximately 2 years and currently has 524 followers.

The Commission intends to expand its communication efforts during the coming year, including interviews with athletes prior to major competitions. These may be shared in the form of short video clips or written interviews. Additional content, including photographs and event information, will also be provided where possible.

## **8. Funding**

The Athletes' Commission has submitted a budget request of €6,000 for the coming year. The intention is to utilise these funds to support Commission attendance at international competitions and to strengthen athlete representation at events.

## **9. Activities Planned for the Coming Year**

The Commission aims to increase its presence at international competitions during the coming year.

Planned attendance as Athletes' Commission representatives includes:

- FIPS-Mouche World Championships – USA
- FIPS-Ed Street Fishing World Championship
- FIPS-Ed Ladies Carp Fishing World Championship
- FIPS-Mer World Championships – To be confirmed

In addition, Commission members will participate as competitors at the following events:

- FIPS-Mouche Ladies and Masters World Championships – Norway
- FIPS-Ed Nations Championship – Portugal

## **10. Conclusion**

The past year presented certain challenges due to the significant changes in Commission membership following the electoral process. However, the Commission is now fully operational and working effectively together.

The Athletes' Commission remains committed to representing the interests and perspectives of anglers and looks forward to continuing this work throughout the current four-year term.

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Greig Brown

President

CIPS Athletes' Commission

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