



# ASIANIA

## PARACHUTE FEDERATION

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### MISSION STATEMENT:

**ASIANIA exists to pursue its aims and ideals towards promoting, developing and increasing standards in international competition, skills, technical knowledge, training, safety, friendships and better relations in the sport of parachuting and skydiving between the member countries and to provide a supportive role in promoting the values and benefits of FAI membership.**

### BACKGROUND:

**ASIANIA** (Asiania Parachute Federation) is a voluntary, non profit sporting organisation that was established in 1994 at a special meeting at Chengdu, China, during the World Style and Accuracy Championships by a group of experienced parachutists and leaders eager to pursue the development and establishment of greater quality championship and competitions in the ASIANIA (Asian and Australasian) areas.

The aim of this meeting was to form an organization that would provide support to Asian and Australasian (Australia and New Zealand) countries; especially towards promoting and developing more quality competitions in the lesser developed areas. Countries that attended this meeting were Australia, China, China Taipei, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea and Thailand.

In April 1995, the inaugural general meeting for ASIANIA was held in Thailand, with Madam OH Lan Fang (Japan) elected as President, Mr Jai Cheng Xian (China), Vice President and Mrs. Faye Cox (Australia) Secretary General.

The number of countries has increased over the years, with many countries becoming involved - Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Korea DPR, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan.

ASIANIA Annual General Meetings are normally held every year in conjunction with ASIANIA Championships.

The current ASIANIA Executive Committee is:

President	Mubarak Swailim Al-Swilim (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
1st Vice President	Mrs. Li Rongrong (China)
Vice President	Mohammed Yousuf Abdul Rahman (United Arab Emirates)
Vice President	Azizan Bin Abd Aziz (Malaysia)
Vice President	Mohammed Mal Alla (Bahrain)
Vice President	Yussry Al-Shamma' (Egypt)
Secretary General	Mrs. Faye Cox (Australia)
Arab Liaison Officer	Mohammed Mal Alla (Bahrain)

ASIANIA has always promoted FAI IPC involvement within its membership; however Asiania members were originally not required to belong to the FAI.

It eventually became evident that it would be better for ASIANIA to be more officially representative in its promotion of the FAI, and the idea of becoming an FAI Internationale Affiliate member was proposed.

Meetings with the representatives at the 2003 FAI IPC Annual Conference in Fortalesa, Brazil, resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document being drawn up to assist Asiania to continue to pursue its goals and to comply with requirements of the FAI IPC. ASIANIA has since been working towards fulfilling the conditions of the MOU.

The most difficult requirement for ASIANIA was to ensure that all ASIANIA member countries became members of the FAI, at least as a Temporary Member by the end of the year 2005.

ASIANIA provided a lot of encouragement and support towards preparing documentation, information and assistance wherever required to promote Asiania countries to join the FAI. At this point in time ASIANIA's membership has 27 countries, with four countries currently without FAI status. It is anticipated that Syria and Qatar will soon be within the FAI membership, while Iraq and Brunei will require more time.

**SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAI IPC** – *please check [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org) for more details.*

The FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale) is the world governing body for air sports and aeronautical world records..

The IPC (International Parachuting Commission) is the FAI sports commission responsible for parachuting. It oversees and provides opportunities to parachutists all over the world to compete the ultimate and highest level of competition and for the premier recognition to be rated internationally and worldwide amongst their peers.

The IPC also provides training courses and opportunities to develop the official areas of judging, safety, technical equipment, rules and regulations.

The Annual FAI IPC Conference and Plenary Meeting, is held at different locations all around the world each year. Countries are invited to send delegates to participate at this five day conference which includes workshops on all aspects of the sport during the first three days.

The Annual Plenary Meeting is conducted on the last two days when approvals for changes etc. are carried out, along with the election of the FAI IPC Executive Bureau, Technical Directors and Committees.

Prestigious awards are made at this conference for various achievements within the sport of parachuting.

The FAI conducts meetings each year at various world locations, inviting FAI delegates for each country, to carry out similar work with representing every commission involved in sport aviation to be a part of directing the progress and future of sport aviation. Bids are generally hotly contested by countries to host both of these most prestigious meetings.

**The more countries representing from within the Asiania sector, the more opportunities there are for conducting major sporting events and meetings in our Asiania member countries.**

## **DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE FAI IPC ASIANIA MOU WAS SIGNED IN 2003:**

### **FAI MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Malaysia became a new FAI active member.
- DPR Korea, Jordan and UAE have reinstated their FAI memberships.
- Bahrain, Mongolia and Oman have become FAI Temporary members.
- Work continues to encourage and assist Brunei, Iraq, Syria and Qatar to achieve FAI status.

## **ASIANIA and FAI INTERNATIONALE AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

In October 2005, ASIANIA President Lee Jong Hoon presented ASIANIA'S application for FAI Internationale Affiliate membership to the FAI General Conference - this application was successful and was a great achievement for ASIANIA

### **ASIANIA member countries as at 30 September 2009:**

- FAI Active Member Countries:  
Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, , Egypt, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan , Kazakhstan, Korea, Korea DPR, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan.
- FAI Temporary Member Countries: Bahrain, Mongolia, Oman
- Non FAI Member (suspended) Countries: Brunei, Iraq, Qatar, Syria
- As at the beginning of 2008 countries could no longer be accepted as ASIANIA members unless they were also members of the FAI and they remain under suspension until the requirement is met.

To encourage these suspended countries to be involved, exposed and encouraged towards membership, they are allowed to compete at Asiania Championships and related events in an unofficial status.

They are not eligible to be officially recognized to achieve placing or record status for outstanding performances. This has had an effect of promoting the desire to obtain FAI membership and to participate at future world events.

ASIANIA will continue to actively promote the FAI, its aims and ideals, the benefits of membership etc. Awareness and respect for the advantages provided in the many areas of the sport by the FAI and IPC have always been promoted.

ASIANIA considers that it provides a service to the FAI within the Asiania areas, in particular the less developed Asian countries.

## **OTHER ASIANIA ACTIVITIES:**

### **FAI JUDGE TRAINING COURSES:**

- FAI IPC support has allowed the conduct of approved FAI judge training courses in Malaysia, Jeddah and Indonesia.
- More than 40 members from Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Thailand, have participated in these courses, which have provided the opportunity to:

- achieve FAI level judge qualifications in Accuracy, CF and FS to revalidate FAI ratings in Accuracy, FS and CF
- produce national judges in Accuracy, FS and CF
- These courses provide the opportunity to improve the quality of judging in these areas, therefore supporting improved interest and awareness of competitor skills and requirements.
- These courses also provide an added incentive towards gaining FAI membership to enable the validation of the Judge ratings.

### **COACHING:**

- Coaching by experienced FS/CF teams and camerapersons has also been available at ASIANIA Championships and ASIANIA supported events providing coaching for teams that need assistance with their skills and techniques etc.
- ASIANIA has achieved results in assisting many of its member countries to upgrade their skill levels and operations to 'Air to Air' status. Many of these countries would very likely have remained using "Ground to Air" for judging and jumping operations without the enduring patience, promotion, and encouragement by ASIANIA.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- ASIANIA communications and support is provided by publishing general notices, the ASIANIA Calendar of Events, ASIANIA Address List, and ASIANIA website.

### **COMPETITIONS:**

- EMAX VIDEO COMPETITION - ASIANIA conducts an annual Video Competition to encourage greater participation and practice in competition jumping. The 5th Video Competition was conducted in 2008 and judged at the 12<sup>th</sup> Asiania Championships in Fujairah, UAE.
- Teams send their video entries by email or fax (EMAX) to be judged by an official FAI judge's panel organized by the ASIANIA Competition committee.
- Formation Skydiving has been the current competition. In 2009, the disciplines of 2 Way Sequential and 4 Way CF Rotations have been included as a trial.
- All judges are encouraged to participate and send their personal judgments of their team's competition jumps, receiving constructive critiques by the official judging panel.

ASIANIA provides support with organization and approved personnel to countries that wish to conduct International Championships or courses.

Every year Asiana supports international events within Asiana countries. Apart from Asiana Championships notable events in the last few years were the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Indonesian International Accuracy Championships, held at Manado, North Sulawesi; the 200 Years Police International Open Championship at Langkawai, Malaysia; 1<sup>st</sup> Merdeka Cup International Open at Malacca, Malaysia; 1<sup>st</sup> Fujairah International Open at Fujairah, UAE. Arab and 1st Egyptian International Open Championship near Cairo.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Jeddah International Championships for Skydiving is one competition that has become a regular, successful and respected event. The 6<sup>th</sup> Jeddah Championship was held in 2008 and the 7<sup>th</sup> is planned for February 2010 in conjunction with a third Asiana FAI Judge Training Course..

Usually two Asiana FAI Judge Training Courses are conducted annually and have been well attended and very successful at Jeddah, Malaysia and Indonesia venues over the years. 2009 has been a quiet year for activities with the world financial status having some effects. Jeddah will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> Asiana FAI Judge Training Course in February 2009. A second course is planned for the latter part of the year.

## **ASIANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

ASIANIA Championships were originally planned to be conducted every two years, with an Asiana Cup being conducted in the other year. At the Asiana Annual General Meeting in 1996 it was decided that it would be more promotional to conduct Asiana Championships every year.

- 1995 1st Asiana Championships -t Anyang, China.
- 1996 1st ASIANIA CUP – Prachuab Khiri Khan, Thailand in conjunction with the Thai Open International Championships.
- 1997 2nd Asiana Championships - Hangzhou., China
- 1998 Asiana Championships not conducted due general international economic crisis.
- 1999 3rd Asiana Championships - Nanjing, China.
- 2000 4th Asiana Championships - Wagga Wagga, Australia.
- 2001 5th Asiana Championships - Zhou Shan, China.
- 2002 6th Asiana Championships - Kuantan, Malaysia.
- 2003 7th Asiana Championships - Kuantan, Malaysia..
- 2004 8th Asiana Championships - Urumqi, China.
- 2005 9th Asiana Championships - Umm Al Qwain, UAE
- 2006 10th Asiana Championships - Chengdu, China
- 2007 11th Asiana Championships - Port Dickson, Malaysia
- 2008 12th Asiana Championships – Fujairah, UAE

- Many countries have improved their jump performance standards by competing and winning medals at ASIANIA events, sometimes resulting in increased funding to attend ASIANIA, International and World events.
- Asiana Championships have always included an International Open section in each event for invited official and non official Asiana teams and other FAI member countries,. Quite often the host country will promote this event under its own selected name.
- 96 competitors participated at the 1<sup>st</sup> Asiana Championships in 1995 and at the 12th Asiana Parachuting Championships and 1<sup>st</sup> Fujairah International Open held at Fujairah, UAE in 2008, there was a record attendance with more than 300 participants,

## **ASIANIA COMPETITION RECORDS:**

**ASIANIA Competition records** were established in 1995 from results obtained by Asiana countries competing at Asiana Championships and Cups.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Anyang China) 1995,
- 1<sup>st</sup> Asiana Parachuting Cup (Prachuab Khiri Khan Thailand) 1996,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Hangzhou China) 1997,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Nanjing China) 1999,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Wagga Wagga, Australia) 2000,
- 5<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Zhou Shan, China) 2001
- 6<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Kuantan, Malaysia) 2002
- 7<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Kuantan, Malaysia) 2003
- 8<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Urumqi, China) 2004
- 9<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Umm Al Qwain, UAE) 2005
- 10<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Chengdu, China) 2006
- 11<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting Championships (Port Dickson, Malaysia) 2007
- 12<sup>th</sup> Asiana Parachuting championships (Al Fujairah, UAE) 2008

## **ASIANIA Records are updated every year.**

Some records have been superseded over the years with the introduction of new rules and equipment etc. but they are still available on the Asiana website Competition section.

**The current ASIANIA Records are as follows:**

**ACCURACY EVENT ( 2 cm disc )**

**Team Accuracy:** (5 team members)

Best Team Score on One Jump (4 Scores to count)

Men	China	0.00, (0.03)	12th Asiana Champs 2008
Women	China	0.00, (.0.00, 0.01)	12th Asiana Champs 2008

**Individual Accuracy:**

Greatest Number of Consecutive DCs (0.00cms)

Men	Wang Jianming	China	4 DCs. (0.02)	12 <sup>TH</sup> Asiana Champs 2008
Women	Zhang Yangmei	China	3 DCs, (0.01)	12 <sup>TH</sup> Asiana Champs 2008

**STYLE:** Fastest Time Score for One jump

Men	He Jihuai	China	6.15 secs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Asiana Champs 1997
Women	Cao Yan	China	6.81 secs	5 <sup>th</sup> Asiana Champs 2001

**4 WAY FORMATION SKYDIVING:** (Air to Air Video, 35 Seconds working time)

Greatest Number of Formations Score for One Jump in Competition

Singapore	29 pts	12 <sup>th</sup> Asiana Championships 2008
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**4 WAY CANOPY FORMATIONS:** (Air to Air Video, 90 secs working time)

Greatest Number of Rotations Score for One jump in Competition

Egypt	18 points	12th Asiana Championships 2008
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**2 WAY CANOPY FORMATION SEQUENTIAL:** inaugural event record 2008  
(Air to Air Video, 60 secs working time)

Greatest Number of Formations Score for One jump in Competition

Egypt	11 pts	12th Asiana Championships 2008
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**RESULTS:**

Results from previous Asiana Championships are available upon request.