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Monthly Press Release



April was an excellent month for Kitesports

2016 - Youth Freestyle World Cup

IFKO had a massive participation, success and support in St. Pierre La Mer, France for the 2016 Youth Freestyle World Cup. Coming from almost 20 countries, the 80 young athletes enjoyed good Tramontane windy conditions everyday allowing them to showcase their skills, promote their careers and to give feedback to sponsors as they competed for the official World Champion Title of “**2016 - Youth Freestyle World Cup**”.

Results for the Girls:

Pauline Valesa - France (16-19)

Mikaili Sol – Brazil (9-15)

Results for the Boys:

Louka Pitot – Mauritius (16-19)

Roberto Racca Rodrigues – Mexico (14-15)

Arthur Lhez – France (9-13)

IFKO and its members, FFVL and SNK had a very successful start to 2016 KiteSports competition, showing the world the good organisation and advantage of our International Federation and paving the way to the sustainable and solid growth of our sport.

IFKO invited to SportAccord Convention Membership Session

Kitesports were, for the first time ever, present and represented in the SportAccord Convention held in the Swiss Tech Convention Center in the Olympic Capital of Lausanne.

IFKO received this invitation for the building of the Sport towards its official recognition and organization as a new autonomous Sport. IFKO also received a significant demonstration of support for this major step towards official recognition of KiteSports by several peers and stakeholders.

IFKO is the international Governing Body of Kitesports and is authorized and responsible to organize or promote World Championships with co-organizers for its 17 registered disciplines. IFKO has the right and the responsibility to work toward the self-governance of the Sport.

Most of the Kite national associations were created in 2002 and could not become Class Associations inside Sailing Federations in 2012 because the Sport was too young (10-15 years).

By participating and supporting IFKO sanctioned events you will be promoting the future of KiteSports for all involved. We hope to see many of you in the 1st stage of the **2016 KiteFoil World Championship** to be held in Montpellier, France next week.

Windy best regards,
IFKO