

## PRESIDENT ADDRESS

On behalf of the Commonwealth Powerlifting Federation, I welcome all competitors, officials and supporters from each of our CPF affiliated countries. It is fitting, the 4th CPF event is held in England, a country which has been actively involved in the CPF since its conception. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the English Powerlifting Association and its members for their hard work and effort in promoting our 4th CPF Championship.

The CPF will continue to encourage men and women of varying talents to participate in our prestigious championships. We are evolving and in this 2011 event, we offer a choice to our lifters in “equipped” or “unequipped” lifting, both are now established and popular forms of powerlifting and will receive full support and encouragement from the CPF.

Those of you who have taken part in previous events will know; CPF competitions are best performed in an atmosphere of friendship, enjoyment, endeavour and honesty. Equal recognition and encouragement is given to each and every competitor, whether medals have been won or not. We applaud all competitors, officials and helpers, I hope they will leave England in the knowledge they have had an enjoyable experience, given of their best and have proudly represented their country.

This year has been a testing time for the CPF and for several of our founding members. I have to say we were presented with some difficult decisions. On a personal note and as the President of the CPF it would be remiss of me not to make mention by name, several respected officials who have worked tirelessly for the CPF since it began in 2005. They are George Macguiness-Northern Ireland, Alex Richards and Andy Clegg- Scotland, they will be sadly missed at this event, but I am

confident, with patience and good fortune, they will be back in the fold very soon and rightfully participating in our 2013 CPF Championships.

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