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## **CIAM Subcommittee F3 Radio Control Pylon Racing Report 2022**

In 2022 the F3 pylon group had a World Championship to look forwards to, this World Championship was hosted by the AMA at their Muncie flying site.

The World Championship ran like a 'Swiss watch' everything was perfect from an organisational point of view. Regrettably the entries were lower than expected but three countries (Japan, Italy and the UK) which would normally enter full three man teams were not present and Germany who would normally enter a full team only had a single entry. The reasons for these significant missing entries were mostly related to ongoing Covid related issues, so this should not be such an issue going forwards.

The costs of running F3 Pylon Cat. 1 events going forwards will be a big challenge, we do not have any low cost countries that are capable of running Cat. 1 pylon race events, so our events are effectively run in high cost western economies with the budgetary problems which results from that.

F3 Pylon World Cup events will take some time to establish within the pylon race community, this concept has only been introduced within the last two years and acceptance is low. The pylon race competitors are really used to having a World Championship every two years with no continental championships and only recently World Cup events.

In the F3 pylon sub committee we are discussing the way forwards for electric pylon racing, the formula that we inherited from F5 does not seem popular, we should really be seeing entries in F3E that are larger than for the IC F3D but this is not the case, Further discussions are required on this subject to get a good formula for the future.

In 2023 we look forwards to the F3D/E World Championships being held in Holland, the organising team are very competent and everything looks to be in good order for this meeting. We would expect to see a return to higher entry levels that we normally expect at an event hosted in Europe.

I would like to thank the CIAM Bureau for the help and encouragement that they have given me and of course I would also like to thank the F3 Pylon sub committee experts for their support in me as Chairman.

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