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# Jury Report

of the FAI jury members at the  
F3D World Championship

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## **Contest information**

Three bulletins were distributed to NACs in due time and were displayed on the championship website containing all the necessary information needed before the event.

One technical meeting was organized for the team managers, officials and the jury before the event, giving the necessary detailed information concerning the contest process and timing system. For the request of the CIAM president Antonis Papadopoulos, the jury asked the teams to take special care on the sportsmanship and fair behaviour. The jury also asked the teams that in case of a problem use first the possibility of making a complaint instead of running immediately to file a protest.

## **Entry**

The final entry was a total of 50 from 19 countries, including 6 juniors from 6 countries and one lady competitor. The organisers checked the registration of the FAI licences well in time, and sent warnings to those three competitors who were not yet registered. The affected NACs registered the missing competitors.

## **Accommodation and food**

Accommodation was organized using different hotel and camping options within about 15-20 minutes drive to the flying field. In the hotels we had the breakfast, warm lunch and dinner was served on the field with a bottle of water. The accommodation and the breakfast at the Hotel Clarion, where the jury stayed was fairly good. There was no complaint concerning any other accommodations.

## **Flying site**

The flying field was the local airport used for sport and small plane activity, at about 5-6 km away from the Olomouc city centre. The GPS coordinates of the airport was given, but 2-3 clearly visible signposts would have been helpful to avoid some "iterations" when someone first time approached the flying site.

A huge tent was prepared for the preparation of all the teams, a big one for contest management, administration and model processing, and some small ones for timing, fuelling and for the pylon judges. The tarmac runway was suitable for the contest course.

## **Competition**

The weather conditions were rather changing during the event. The second round had to be interrupted three times because of rain and strong wind and was not possible to finish it by the end of the day. After a short team managers meeting and a written claim the round was continued on the next morning and the second round heats from the previous day were re-flown. Five more rounds were flown on the second day by extending the race about one hour at the end of the day.

Fifteen rounds were planned, but because of the lost race hours on the first day, at a short team manager's meeting before the seventh round on the third day morning, it was agreed to fly fourteen rounds using the three contest day and the forenoon of the reserve day.

Already in the first round a new world record was flown by *Gino Del Ponte* (USA, 55.40) and two days later, in round twelve, another one by *Randy Bridge* (USA, 55.32). Both models were processed immediately after the record flights and the preliminary world record claims were sent to the FAI office by the jury president. A certificate on the timing system, the processed model data and a copy of the timing card – concerning both world records – was given to the US team manager to be used in the record dossier for homologation.

The individual winner was *Randy Bridge* (USA), the team champion was the Czech team. The junior winner was *Emil Broberg* (SWE) who has placed second in the overall standings. The flying standard was high, besides the two world records two further competitor had flight below the old world record (56.28), *Gary Freeman* (USA, 55.57) and *Carlo Pereira* (56.23, ITA).

Random model processing was made during the event as required (over 20% of the participants, at least one competitor per country), plus the models right after the two world records (engine capacity and surface areas as well) and the medal winners at the end of last round.

The championship was managed and directed by *Jiri Klein senior* (CZE), the Contest Director was *Jiri Klein junior* (CZE), both were doing very good job. Pylon racing is a tradition in the Klein family, as the chief organiser of the 1997 F3D WCh in Sumperk (CZE) was the father/grandfather of the currently acting Kleins.

The main starter was *Jan Zelenka*, for shorter periods *Tomas Ciniburk* did the job, as the event was running without lunch breaks. Both starters were doing good job.

The electronic timing and scoring system was a local one, designed by *Jiri Klein senior*, the software was written and the timing staff led by *Frantisek Gazarek*. One refinement was made on pylon 1 signalling after a claim. The system was not using all the currently available technologies, but it fulfilled all the requirements and was working properly and trustworthily. On the other hand the human errors in signalling and timing can't be avoided by any of the present systems. The resulted number of re-flights was at the usual level.

### **Protests**

There were four formal protests filed during the championship, one was withdrawn during the hearing of the protester, three were rejected.

One written complaint was treated by the jury and the request was accepted. There were some verbal complaints as well caused by the lack of correct knowledge of rules and some others, all were resolved by the contest director and the jury, also verbally.

One protest arrived fully on a pen-drive including three pages written text and photos plus a video taken by the head camera of a caller of the protesting team. The protest form contained only the basic data of the protest and a one sentence reference to the content of the pen-drive. The jury needed to call a well experienced person to investigate the video frame by frame. Another protest from the same team also was submitted with a video on a pen-drive. These protests arises a new approach of protests, how to handle the available new technologies.

The jury experienced unacceptable behaviour of the same protesting team manager during the handling of two protests. He had such arguments during the hearings: a) in case the video is not clear for the jury, maybe the expert, who helped the jury, manipulated the video; b) why the jury has shown the video to anyone else, it was intended to be seen only by the jury; c) he supposed the jury will not accept the protest, and in this case the whole world will be informed about and will see the video on the Facebook. (This protest finally was intended to be withdrawn on the next morning when the jury decision was already known and displayed.)

### **Jury**

The FAI jury was formed by *Tomas Bartovsky* from Czech Republic, *Hans-Joachim Schaller* from Germany and *Andras Ree* from Hungary as president.

### **Ceremonies**

The opening ceremony was organized on the flying field. After the short greeting by the chief organizer, local and NAC officials greeted the public, then the jury president had a short speech and officially opened the championship. The Czech and FAI anthems were played.

The prize giving ceremony was organized in two parts. The so called flower ceremony was on the field, the prize giving together with the banquet in Hotel Clarion.

After the touching words of the chief organizer, *Tomas Bartovsky* (substituting the jury president who has got injury in his left ankle and could not participate at the prize giving ceremony and banquet) expressed the thanks of the FAI and the F3D community to the organizers for the championship, confirmed by a loud outburst of applause, then he officially closed the championship. Finally the Czech and FAI anthem was played.

### **Others**

The registration and model processing was running on an unusual way, because there was no prepared time table for the teams. They were asked to come at the proper time for the team during the day of official training and model processing, but not at the last minutes before closing. Surprisingly, the system worked quite well.

On the third contest day WADA representatives attended the event and took doping test samples from four randomly selected competitors, all from different countries.

For twelve competitors having the best twelve round times an unofficial "super final" was organised after the last round. Two preliminary rounds and a final heat were flown. During the preliminaries *Julio Quevedo* had a better time (54.80) than the second world record, but this time can't be homologated. The winner in the final was *Gino Del Ponte*.

### **Trophies**

The jury checked the condition of the F3D senior individual perpetual Sopwith trophy which was in order.

The newly donated Emil Broberg trophy for the junior winner was first time awarded at the ceremony. Team trophies do not exist in this class.

### **Conclusions**

The 2015 F3B World Championship was a very successful event. The championship was managed and run very well. Any raising need was handled by the organizers as soon as it was possible.

Thanks to the day and night hard working organisers, timekeepers, helpers, family members, local ones and from abroad as well. Thanks to them for the work and efforts made for the pylon racing aeromodelling community.

On behalf of the FAI Jury

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andras Ree', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andras Ree  
President