

2011 F3C RC HELICOPTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

FAI JURY REPORT

ORGANIZATION: The 14th FAI F3C R/C Helicopter World Championship was organized by the Federazione Italiana Aero Modellismo (FIAM) with major support from Gruppo Aeromodellistico Trentino and members of several other clubs. Competition information was provided in Bulletins 0, 1, 2 and 3 and on the FIAM web site. The competition took place from 18. to 28. August, 2011 with 69 competitors from 25 countries registered.

ACCOMMODATION: The competition officials and some competitors stayed at hotel Majestic in Brescia. The FAI Judges and Jury stayed at hotel Sullivan in Calcinato. The remaining competitors stayed at several hotels located in the Brescia area. Breakfasts were available at the hotels each day. Lunch was served at restaurant "Casa Bianca" located adjacent to flying field "A". Dinners were served at the various hotels.

FLYING SITES: Flying site "A" was located adjacent to restaurant "Casa Bianca" and was the main site. Flying site "B" was located on a farm behind and to the east of site "A". Both fields faced slightly to the northeast and required a starting time of 09:00 hours to keep the sun out of the 120 degree window. Several tents were erected to shield the officials from the very hot sun. Canopies were used to shelter the FAI judges. Lawn chairs were supplied to the judges. There were four adequate practice flying fields located within easy driving distance from the championship site.

MODEL PROCESSING: Competitor registration and model processing took place in a tent located on site "A". Each model was checked for FAI sticker, proper markings and compliance with F3C rules. All competitors used 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum radios so transmitter processing consisted only of verification.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE: Official practice took place on Saturday 20. August between 09:00 and 17:00 hours.

OPENING CEREMONY: The opening ceremony took place on site "A" on Saturday 20. August at 17:30 hours. Each participating nation carried its flag. The President of FIAM and the Mayor of Calcinato welcomed everyone to the 14th F3C World Championship. The competition was officially opened by the President of the FAI Jury. A team manager's meeting was held later in the evening.

COMPETITION: Two schedule "P" judges' calibration flights were flown prior to the first preliminary round on Sunday 21. August. The preliminary rounds started at 09:00 and ended at approximately 17:30 hours each day from 21. to 24. August. Two schedule "F" calibration flights were flown for the judges before the two fly-off rounds on Friday 26. August. The third and final fly-off round was flown on Saturday 27. August. The starting time for the fly-off rounds was moved to 10:00 hours to minimize the effect of the morning sun.

AWARD CEREMONY: The award ceremony took place on flying site "A" at 17:30 hours on Saturday 27 August. FAI medals and certificates were presented to the team and individual winners by members of the FAI Jury, F3C Subcommittee chairman, Mayor of Calcinato and other officials. This event marked the first occurrence of a junior championship with six competitors and declaration of a Junior F3C World Champion.

BANQUET: The closing banquet took place in the "Casa Bianca" restaurant. The FAI judges and members of the FAI Jury received souvenir certificates. Members of the FAI Jury also received a souvenir wood carving of a helicopter flying over the Dolomite mountain range. The competition was officially closed by the president of the FAI Jury.

COMMENTS: The organizer did an excellent job of providing drinks and shelter to the competition officials at each flying site. The lunchtime meals at "Casa Bianca" were the best we

have ever had at a WC. The breakfasts and dinners at the hotels were also first rate. The event received media coverage from local newspapers, television stations and professional videographers. An excellent competition newsletter (in color) was published every day and kept everyone informed. An F3C/F3N subcommittee meeting was held with twelve members present. The weather during the entire event was excellent although quite hot. The competition web site manager did an excellent job of covering the event in real time. The only disappointment was the marginal air conditioning and lack of internet access in the rooms at the hotel where the FAI judges stayed.

SUMMARY: We thank the Federazione Italiana Aero Modellismo (FIAM) and the entire competition staff coming from distant parts of Italy for running the 14th F3C World Championship in a fair and friendly atmosphere. We also thank the FAI Judges for their hard work under the very hot sun.

FAI Jury: Horace Hagen (USA) President
 Bob Skinner (RSA)
 Massimo Semoli (SUI)