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Report of the RC Soaring Subcommittee Activities from April to November 2018

The RC Soaring Subcommittee has eighteen members. All matters were discussed by e-mail. At the 2018 FAI F3J World Championships, a Technical Meeting was held attended by interested participants.

F3J

The F3J World Championships 2018 were organised by the Romanian Modelling Federation at Brasov. The infrastructure on the airfield was rather poor. Still, the Championships were successful. The problem with very small differences between the results of best pilots was not serious this time because of the difficult weather conditions.

At the 2018 CIAM Plenary Meeting, the winch launch was introduced to this class.

F3F

The F3F World Championship 2018 at Rügen (GER) was again a successful event. Some protest at the competition were caused by the weather conditions near limits. The organiser provided an online transfer of videos and detailed results from the slope.

At some other F3F competitions, there were used systems for automatic signalling of crossing the turning planes. Their spreading out is expected in the near future.

F3K

The 2018 FAI F3K European Championships for Hand Launch Gliders (seniors and juniors) were held at Martin (SVK).

A working group for preparation of tasks for flying this class at the World Air Games was active and worked out a schedule and new speed task for this event.

F3B

The FAI F3B European Championship for Model Gliders was not organised this year. Ralf Decker prepared new rules which would allow using electric motors with propellers for launching the models. The rules should be in principal equal to present F3B rules. The aim is increasing the number of participants at F3B events and so improve the financial balance of organisers. The promised automatic system for signalling the base crossing at Distance and Speed tasks in F3B class didn't make any progress.

World Cups

World Cup series of competitions were organised in all four RC soaring classes. The World Cup Coordinators were: Martin Weberschock (GER) for F3B, Erik Schufmann (GER) for F3F, Sotir Lazarkov (BUL) for F3J and Friedmar Richter (GER) for F3K.

In the F3B class, there were 12 competitions (one of them canceled), in the F3F class 18 competitions, in the F3J class 11 competitions and in the F3K class 23 competitions. At the time of writing this report, not all WCup series were finished because the last F3K and F3F events in southern countries run even in November.

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