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**III JUNIOR WORLD PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS
and
XII WORLD CUP OF CHAMPIONS IN STYLE & ACCURACY
KALUGA-GRABTSEVO – RUSSIA
22 – 28 June 2004**

Report of Chief Judge

General. This was a highly successful competition. The standard reached was extremely high – several jumps off were required to determine the medal winners

Rules. Prior to the start of the competition, an error was noticed in the rules which according to the Chairman, Members and Advisors of the IPC Style and Accuracy Committee present at the competition, was not the intent. No minimum number had been specified for the final of the Accuracy Event – just 50% of the semi-final. This would result in only the three medal contenders jumping the final round. A request was made to the Jury to increase this to a minimum of five, but the request was rejected – the Rules had been published and we should therefore abide by them.

Equipment. The POISK equipment used for the Accuracy event had not been used for a First Category Event before. It functioned flawlessly and is the subject of a separate report. It is recommended to the IPC that this equipment is accepted as an alternative to that produced by G. Weckbecker for future competitions

Judges. No nominations were made at the IPC meeting for judges for this competition. All the panel of judges were invited by the Chief Judge. One invited judge, Antti Kausalainen from Finland had to withdraw one week before the competition. Our Russian hosts very kindly suggested and supplied a replacement and one other judge. The Panel were;

Roger Flinn	Chief Judge
Victor Lapitski	Assistant to the Chief Judge
Vladimir Anisimov	RUS Event Judge Accuracy
Mariusz Puchala	POL Event Judge Style
Tiina Kuusenmaki	FIN
Reijo Aittomaki	FIN
Bob King	GBR
Vlado Dergnovich	SLO
Vassily Volkov	KAZ
Natalia Baburina	RUS
Valentina Tarasova	RUS
Bernadeta Vasina	RUS

All judges performed their work in an exemplary manner. The style judging revealed a very high consistency between the judges, guaranteeing a good and fair evaluation of the competitors.

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Problems. There were few problems. The only one that occurred was the admission of the Chief Judge to hospital with a recurrence of the paralysis which has affected him for the last year or two. The possibility of evacuation to Moscow and of missing the remainder of the competition, soon effected a cure, and he returned within 24hrs. The initial checking of the equipment and operation of the system could not be made when either the FAI Controller or the Chief Judge arrived and had to wait until shortly before the competition started. Other problems were, as is common at these competitions, those of communication. The appointed Meet Director and his Assistant were sometimes hesitant in disseminating information. An acting Meet Director, Vladimir Gazetov, did the majority of the daily organisation. His decision to stop the competition when only some jumps off remained caused some heated moments. When it was explained that there had been a fatal air crash – an aircraft coming for the closing ceremony, all argument melted away.

Acknowledgements.

- To our hosts in Russia for organising the competition
- To Victor Lapitski for quietly ‘beavered’ away in the background
- To my Event Judges who as expected did a perfect job
- To Vlado Dergnovich who valiantly filled in for me in my absence
- To Natalia Baburina who saw that my first night in hospital was trouble-free
- To the remaining judges on the panel for their reliability
- To the FAI Controller, John Hitchen, and to Larry Bagley, Liam McNulty and ‘EXI’ Hoenle for their continued support.
- To Tania Kaledina, and the other lady interpreters for being so charming.

Roger Flinn, July 2004