

AGENDA ITEM 6.3

REPORT OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

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In XI WGAC there have participated 38 pilots (including 35 men and 3 women), who have flown on three types of gliders:

- 1 SWIFT S-1
- 2 MDM-1 FOX
- 3 SOLO FOX
- 4

There have been representatives of 9 National Aero Clubs participating in the World Aerobatic Championships:

Judges taking part in XI WGAC 2005 were:

1	Stanislav	BAJZIK	CZE
2	Jan	GAWĘCKI	POL
3	R.J.	HAPPS	GBR
4	S.J.	HAU	GRR
5	Alfred	KORMANN	SUI
6	Pal	KOVACS	HUN
7	Peter	LAMBERT	AUT
8	Remy	LOUVEL	FRA
9	Alexej	PIMENOV	RUS

I came to airport Drakino on 19th of July, 2005 in the afternoon. I was informed by the Chairman of the International Jury that training for judges has been already carried out. The training was conducted by Manfred Echter, member of International Jury.

On 20th of July, 2005, after General Briefing at about 14.00 – departure for the judge positions. I carried out test refereeing, and at 15.30 we started flights of Programme 1 (Known). As early as during first flights technical problem occurred regarding one transponder HHMD, marked “C”, and it was necessary to withdraw it from the flights. During this day there were performed 26 competition flights and they lasted till 2045 LT.

21st of July, 2005 – it was typical “battle” with the weather. Trials to perform a few flights in order to finish Programme 1 failed. One tried to perform flights splitting the program but with no positive results. Final decision to stop unequal fight with weather was made at 2005 LT.



22nd of July, 2005 was appropriate day for the flights and we completed Programme 1 at 1305 LT. Strong wind was blowing in the afternoon which exceeded limit acceptable for the competition flights. At last we began Programme 2 at 1625. During this day 23 competitors have performed their flights. End of flights at 2125 LT.

Following day (23rd of July 2005) means further fight between our will to perform some flights and bad weather conditions. We have changed judge positions and take-off direction three times; many times we have waited for a gap in clouds to perform next flight. At last we completed Programme 2 at 1305, and as early as at 15.00 we started Programme 3 (Free). We completed flights of Program No. 3 at 2117 LT and thanks to that we passed critical point of the Championships.

XI WGAC are valid – required minimum of Programmes has been executed.

25th of July, 2005 was day of surprises. We began Programme 4 (Unknown 2). Judge team for today consisted of 8 positions. Judge R.J. HAPPS (GBR) did not go out on the line. This was caused by attacks against him for so called “unobjective” refereeing – in my opinion unreasonable and groundless. I started to suspect kind of unfair game to settle “their own” competitors as well as obscure regulations regarding seconds for going out of the zone. I decided to include International Jury into this matter.

We completed second obligatory program (Unknown 2) at 2025 LT. But the weather is stronger than man and this could be seen during the next day (26th of July, 2005), when only seven pilots managed to perform their flights of Programme 5 (Unknown 3). We worked in full set again. I was very glad when R.J.HAPPS returned to his judge position in 5th program of the Championships. “Briefing Day” – we had briefings at 1400, 1600, 1800. At 1800 LT flights were called off finally, rain was very heavy.

27th of July, 2005 – Rainy day, free time with possibility to visit Moscow.

28th of July, 2005 – continuation of flights in Programme 5 (Unknown 3), end at 1630. After many discussions and law interpretation we started Programme 6 (Unknown 4). It was 2020 and till 2120 six pilot managed to perform their flights.

Further discussion regarding performed flights and interpretation of regulations had place at International Jury meeting and lasted till 2345.

29th of July, 2005 – Competitor no. 7 took off at 0945, flights were performed till 1230, towing aircraft refused to cooperate with the pilot and had to be repaired. Till that moment towing aircraft worked with no faults. The Aircraft has been repaired and since 1600 continuation of flights of Program Unknown 4 was carried out. These flights were completed at 1835 LT.

As summary – during XI WGAC six Programs were performed successfully.

As I mentioned earlier Program No. 4 (Unknown 2) was estimated by eight judges – R.J.HAPPS GRB did not referee. This was caused by unreasonable attacks concerning his method to judge the figures in Programmes: Known and Unknown I, specifically Rolling Turns. These attacks were mainly from French and Russian competitors (in writing), as well as from management of these teams and the other team managers and individual pilots. After so serious claims R.J. HAPPS decided to resign refereeing Programme 4, and he advised me of his decision.

In my opinion R.J. HAPPS is an objective and very experienced judge who as a team with J. JONES gave (as the only one) their judge protocol completely fulfilled with remarks and followed judge principles settled in CIVA Rules.

I was very glad and satisfied when R.J.HAPPS re-entered to work in Program No. 5 of the Championships.

This is inadmissible to allow such methods which are used to discredit the judge (or judges) or any other function persons by competitors, team managements or other persons taking part in competitions or championships.

I suggest to apply with such cases to the disciplinary committee of FAI.