

# **Jury Report on the 2016 World Championship For F4C & H Scale Models Held in Ploiesti, Romania 20 – 27 August 2016**

## **General**

The 24th World Championship for F4C & H R/C Scale classes had only 11 countries entered and only one of them from overseas, namely Australia who had a full team in the C class and one competitor in the H class. We are deeply thankful and respectful to the Australian team since they made this a real World Championship, else it would have only been a European Championship with the title World on it.

We had 22 entries in F4C and 21 showed up to the Championship, in the F4H class we had 25 entries and 24 that was present at the Championship. The entry was an all-time low for scale and we do need to do some serious work in the Subcommittee to get a better turnout at the 2018 in Switzerland.

Due to causes unknown to the jury, some of the people that had promised to work during the Championship, had given last minutes' excuse for not being able to attend. This left us with only a few unexperienced men. We the jury felt that we had to do the best we could in this situation and we educated these people to do their different jobs and after a little trouble at the start, everything went well and they did a very good job once they learned how the system worked. These guys should be commended for their effort and quick learning and they were all working very good at the different positions.

## **Pre-Contest Information**

On recommendation from the, at the time, Scale Subcommittee Chairman, the organisers were using the Facebook as the homepage for the Championship. Even as the Facebook is much easier to manage than a proper webpage, it has the disadvantage of not having a searchable structure. All the relevant information was there and it was regularly updated, but one had to scroll a lot to keep oneself updated. For the future we do recommend to use a proper website and by all means use the Facebook as a supplement that will allow questions and answer in a more informal way than what is on the website.

## **Accommodation and catering**

Accommodation was central in the town of Ploiesti on a very good hotel serving breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunch at the field in the Air Cadets Mess. All meals were good and well prepared. Transportation of Judges and Jury was by means of private cars in the morning and evening, this worked well. The competitors staying at hotel in town supplied their own transportation by means of rental cars. The Camping alternative was on the Airfield and quite a few numbers of Competitors elected to stay there. The campers had access to showers and toilet facilities in the main building. There was a small cafeteria on the field with reasonable opening hours, serving beverages and some food.

## **Judges and Jury**

For once all the appointed Judges could attend and we also had a reserve judge present, so no problem in this department. The feeling is that we need to get the requirement of a reserve judge present at the championship into the rules. Also the Jurors as appointed by the CIAM was present and all worked throughout the Championship.

## **Flying Site**

The runway had the normal full-size asphalt and was approx. 50 meters wide allowing slight skewed take-offs and landings due to prevailing crosswind during most of the competition. All in all the facilities were excellent and well suited to a Scale Championship.

## **Opening Ceremony**

This was held at the front of the main hangar with the teams gathered around a square, the President of the Romanian Modelling Federation was present during the opening ceremony and made a short speech welcoming the competitors to Romania and then the Jury President thanked the Romanian Federation for

their effort in hosting this Championship and then declared the Championship for opened, the FAI Hymn was played and the FAI Flag was raised, and the National Anthem of Romania was played. The ceremony was short and effective and appreciated by all.

### **Model Processing**

Registration and checking of models and certificates took place on Saturday and Sunday, all models were checked on the scales and noise-checking equipment were available for use by anyone who wanted to check his model's noise level. (The official check on noise is made just on models that sound noisy in the air). All the models were then checked for weight after the first round, and random checks were made on all models weighting more than 14,5 Kg in the first round, during the next two rounds. None were found to be overweight, one had a controlled weight on 15,00 Kg i.e. just on the mark.

### **Competition**

Since the total number of competitors C & H combined, was no more than what used to be in one class earlier, we only needed one flightline and the flight judges judged both classes. In fact, as the number of models in the beginning coming from the static judging was low and slow, the flight judges decided to mix the classes and let those finished static fly, regardless of being from C or H and this worked very well for the first two rounds. Round three was flown in separate classes, first C and then H as this has to be in ascending order after static and two flights results.

### **Protests**

There were no protests during the Championship.

### **Closing ceremony**

This also took place in front of the hangar on the field. The winners were awarded their FAI medals, official FAI Trophies and Trophies from the National Modelling association. The Competition was declared closed by the FAI Jury President and the FAI anthem was played and the FAI Flag was lowered. Then the national anthem of Romania was played and the FAI Flag handed from the organisers back to the FAI represented by the Jury President

This ended a good Contest even if the start was a bit of trouble to get things moving correctly. All in all, the Romanian modellers that worked this Championship should be very proud of their effort as we got a good working championship handled very efficiently.

As a request from several teams about a little memento from having taken part in a World Championship, the organisers, with support from the jury, decided to make some more copies of the FAI diploma so as to give one to each competitor not placing in the top with the text "**Participating in F4C (H)**" and this was highly appreciated by all. Looking back, this should be made as a rule for all classes and does only make a minor expense for the organisers, if they have to pay for the extra diplomas.

### **Summary**

This was in the opinion of the Jury, a World Scale Championship that started out with a minimum of helpers that was not familiar with the requirement of a scale competition. This was mainly due to the loss of those helpers that knew scale and had promised to help, but for different reasons did not show up to do their job. We the jury found it necessary to step in and help inform and educate those helpers that was there to do the work. This turned out to be a good solution and the guys really did a very good job once they understood what to do. A couple of Team Managers also stepped in and helped getting things organised. The organisers worked by the rules all the time. We the jury wants to say thank you for the hard work done by a few dedicated workers and helpers, for after a hard start with some trouble we got a good organised Championship and the competitors (and the jury) were satisfied with the Championship and the results.

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