

CIAM F5 Subcommittee

Annual Report 2014

The reporting year was characterised mainly by two successful activities:

The Electric Flight World Championships in Turnau, AUT, with 46 competitors in the Gliders class (F5B) and 29 competitors in Pylon Racing (F5D), was a complete success for these classes, both of which are highly demanding in terms of technical and flying skills. Apart from the good organisation by the Austrian Aero Club, I would like to mention two problem areas:

1. Checking the limiters has become a very time-consuming task for the organiser. Every competitor wants his limiter to be checked and turns up for the model check with two to three models. This leads to very long waiting times. The subcommittee will have to look for other solutions.
2. In the Pylon Racing class, a majority of models have become very noisy. In many countries and regions it will most likely no longer be possible to obtain official permission for such races. The subcommittee will be unable to avoid imposing limits as soon as possible.

The second success story was the launch of the FAI World Cup for the Thermal Duration Glider class (F5J) with altitude logger and motor timer. With 76 competitors at seven World Cup Events in Europe and Japan, this can really be called a perfect start for this new category. It is to be expected that even more organisers will be added to the FAI World Cup next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all organisers of electric flight events around the world and all helpers for their tremendous efforts.

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