

FREE FLIGHT JUNIOR AND SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2003 F1E

JURY REPORT

FAI Jury

Ian Kaynes	GBR	CIAM FF Subcommittee Chairman
Ivan Horejsi	CZE	CIAM FF Subcommittee member
Marius Conu	ROM	Alternate delegate

Note: Romania requested that in order to facilitate organisational manpower Marius Conu be substituted for Mikhail Zanciu, the previously announced member of the jury from Romania. This was accepted by the other two members of the jury.

Dates

September 7 to 13

Location

Cluj Napoca, Romania

Information

Two information bulletins were distributed before the championships with full details. No further information was issued at the championship except for a list of competitors.

Participation

36 competitors from 12 nations participated in the senior championships, including the defending world champion.

17 competitors from 6 nations competed in the junior championships

Accommodation

The majority of competitors used the official accommodation in the Hotel Napoca in Cluj Napoca, the quality of which was adequate. The meals were good, and particularly notable was that a three course lunch was served at tables and chairs on the flying site.

Flying site

The championships were flown on the Bogota Hill, a new site slightly further from Cluj than that used for previous championships. The 50km journey from the hotel to the flying site took approximately one hour. The topography was excellent with slopes available in almost all wind directions. The only defect was the long dirt track from the road to the launch site. This could have been a problem if there had been rain, but this did not happen during the championship. A World Cup event, the Turda Cup, after the championship was held on a wet day and the old flying site was used because of the better access road.

Weather

The weather for the practice days and the competition day was excellent. During the first three rounds the wind was very light and variable in direction. Launch position was changed after round one but for most of these rounds the breeze was often along or down the slope. After the lunch

break a steady wind developed and the last two rounds were flown from a launch position facing directly into this wind.

Competition

The variable conditions gave a very good test of competitors' flying abilities in a range of weather. 8 seniors and no juniors reached the flyoff. This was held near the bottom of the slope in a difficult position but the winner produced an excellent flight of over five minutes.

Timekeeping

This was undertaken by experienced Romanian modellers and no problem was reported. The conditions allowed all the flights to be seen without visibility problems.

Opening and Closing Ceremony

The opening ceremony was held outside the hotel in Cluj Napoca. The banquet and prizegiving were held in the Hotel Napoca. The presentations were marred by the fact that some competitors from Czech Republic had left for home before the ceremony. This left spaces on the podium for the second place senior, and the second and third place junior, and senior team was not complete for the team award. This is a regrettable lack of respect for the other prize winners, particularly the Junior champion who was alone on the podium for his award.

Protests

There were no protests.

Observations

Russia had submitted an entry with the request to pay on arrival. The team did not arrive and this cost the organisers for items booked in advance for the team. The CIAM should insist on the need to pay all fees in advance and ban teams which have not paid by the specified date before the championship.

Conclusion

The Romanian Modelling Federation are thanked for organising a successful and pleasant championship.