



Report on the

**23nd World Championships for Juniors and Seniors in the Class F1D Indoor,
2 - 7 October 2006 in the Salt Mines of Slanic Prahova, Romania**

	F1D Juniors	F1D Seniors
Number of competitors	12	31
Number of teams	4	12
Number of rounds	6	6
World Champions	Justin YOUNG USA	Larry CAILLIAU USA
Individual second	Ethan AARON USA	Aurel POPA ROM
Individual third	Zoltan SOMODI ROM	Lutz SCHRAMM GER
1st teams	USA	ROM
2nd teams	ROM	USA
3rd teams	POL	HUN

The FAI Indoor World Championships have been organised ones more very perfectly in the Salt Mines of Slanic Prahova by the Romanian Modelling Association. Constant temperature and ambient humidity as well as only minimal air currents make this an ideal venue for the Indoor World Championships in the Class F1D. The maximum height of the "hall" is 71m, providing enough room for beautiful and interesting flights. The entire contest site of the World Championships is approx. 130m below ground and is easily reached via two lifts. The venue is L-shaped and one side of the "L" contained the competitors' preparation room, the restaurant, toilets and a training area. The other side was reserved for the competition itself and access was only allowed for the respective competitor with his helper and the timekeepers.

The organisers demonstrated their considerable experience in holding large international aeromodelling events. The whole programme took place exactly according to plan and the schedule was followed to the minute. Within a short time after each flight results were displayed on the results board. Models' measurements and weights were checked in a simple yet very practical manner. We had no protests.

Accommodation was provided in a hotel, approx. 15 minutes walk from the salt mines. An excellent breakfast and evening meal were served in the hotel. Each team had its own reserved table, identified by a small national flag. The hotel also provided excellent hot meals inside the salt mines – including white table cloths at 130m under ground!

The opening and closing ceremonies were short, uncomplicated and formally adequate.

Finally, I would like to thank the Romanian Modelling Association for the excellent and perfect organisation and the very attractive and fair sport.

E. Giezendanner

FAI Jury:

Emil Ch. Giezendanner, Switzerland (president)

Andrzej Rachwal, Poland (member)

Marius Conu, Romania (member)