

REPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CONTROL LINE MODELS 2006 – VALLADOLID (SPAIN) 16th – 24th July

Early arrival of teams started on 12th July, mainly overseas teams attended those days the flying site to get used to the site and the weather conditions.

On 14th July, the team from Russia arrived at Apartahotel Universitario (one of the accommodation options offered by the organizers) at 04.00 am asking for accommodation without any previous notice. Unfortunately, there weren't enough places available for the whole team and only 20 team members could be accommodated. This kind of behaviour should be avoided by teams as it gives plenty of trouble to organizers, notice has to be given to organizers before arrival and some kind of warning should be given to teams coming from countries from former USSR who continuously follow this behaviour.

COMPETITION SITES AND ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

The main flying site was Pistas de Vuelo de Terradillos – carretera Renedo km 3. F2A, F2B concrete and F2C competitions were housed there; plus a grass training circle for F2B during competition days. F2B grass circle was housed at Pistas de Atletismo, FMD Valladolid – Carretera Renedo Km 6. F2D was housed at Universidad de Valladolid football ground, as well as two training circles for combat.

Additional training circles for F2B and F2C were offered at Estadio José Zorrilla parking.

The University offered the possibility to use the open swimming-pool to all attendants to the event. It was greatly appreciated by contestants, supporters and judges.

We have to thank the regional government (Junta de Castilla y León) for the maintenance of the permanent facilities and the FMD and Universidad de Valladolid for the facilities used on this particular event

ENTRANTS

There were 33 countries which entered the competition.

There were 23 people other than competitors appointed as TM or TM assistant.

F2A had 32 competitors.

F2B had 84 competitors.

F2C had 45 teams (90) competitors.

F2D had 62 competitors.

F2D mechanics were registered and assigned a back number to check that they only acted for one country. 38 mechanics were registered for the competition.

This adds to a total number of **329 contestants** involved in the competition.

We also have to remark that some countries like GBR or USA entered a wide number of supporters to the competition.

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

All officials are well known aeromodellers actively involved in competition and all of them hold a valid FAI licence.

Contest Director: Yolanda García was appointed as Contest Director

• EVENT DIRECTORS	
F2A	JOAO LOUREIRO DA SOUSA
F2B	ANGEL ARROYO MANRIQUE
F2C	MANUEL MARTÍNEZ SIOTA
F2D	MARTIN MENDOZA
	ESTHER ROURA

• CIRCLE MARSHALLS	
F2A	SUSANA GARCÍA DE FUENTES
F2B	ANGEL ARROYO MANRIQUE
	JOSE ROJAS GARLITO
F2C	NACHO IGLESIAS BOTRÁN
F2D	ROB OLIJVE

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition schedule was published on Monday 17th and it was followed as far as possible :

Sunday 16 July	ARRIVAL			
Monday 17 July	REGISTRATION 09.00 - 17.00 hs			
	Team Manager's Meeting 18.00 hs			
	Teams' assemble 19.30 hs			
	OPENING CEREMONY 20.00 HS – FLYING FIELD			
Tuesday 18 July	F2A	F2B	F2C	F2D
	Processing	Processing	Processing	Processing
	Official training	Official training		Official training
	TMS' & JUDGES & FAI MEETING: 11.00 – 13.00 hs			
Wednesday 19 July	Flight 1	Flight 1 & 2	Official training	Round 1
Thursday 20 July	Training	Flight 1 & 2	Qualifying 1	Round 2
Friday 21 July	Flight 2	Flight 3 & 4	Qualifying 2	Rounds 3 & 4
Saturday 22 July	Training	Flight 3 & 4	Qualifying 3	Rounds 5 & 6
Sunday 23 July	TOUR	TOUR	TOUR	TOUR
	Flight 3	Fly-off 1 & 2		
Monday 24 July		Fly-off 3	Semis & Final	Rounds 7/8 & 9
	AWARDS CEREMONY 18.00 HS – FLYING FIELD			
	BANQUET 20.30 HS – HOTEL SAN CRISTOBAL			

On Wednesday 19th July, Flight 1 for **F2A** was put off until Thursday 20th by the FAI Jury seeing that the Transitsce system was not working properly. On subsequent days, the system reported some errors; Göran's reports that the system does not perform flawlessly on hot sunny conditions.

At the TMs' meeting, it was agreed to fly the qualifying heats for **F2C** on the afternoon and early evening; which gave poor registers as weather conditions were too hot for the engines.

F2B competition was flown simultaneously on both circles being judged by three (3) judges each. Four (4) qualifying rounds were flown. For the three (3) fly-off flights all six (6) judges performed on the concrete circle on the main facilities.

F2D offered a very smooth competition after the judges issued a very complete set of rules to enforce safety regulations. It seemed that all the competitors knew that any breach of the rules will end up in disqualification. On Wednesday 19th the competition was stopped for more than half an hour due to a hail storm on the early evening.

The present **F2B** schedule (rather appreciated by pilots) makes it difficult to host the four events simultaneously; it has to be considered for subsequent World Championships, as it makes the event too long for the other categories adding unnecessary extra days to **F2A**, **F2C** and **F2D** competitors.

OPENING CEREMONY

It took place on Monday 17th at the flying site, local and regional authorities were present and all team performed beautifully on a nice parade and different musical performances were offered. A very interesting combat flight with 6 pilots from Aerosafa surprised all attendants. It was shortened by the threat of a storm.

TOUR

The visit to Valladolid city on an open bus and the following trip on the boat on the river was followed by a lunch on a typical tavern in town.

Unfortunately, F2A and F2B fliers couldn't enjoy the tour.

PROTESTS

There were nine (9) protest brought to the FAI Jury, three (3) on F2C and six (6) on F2D. The protest fee was €35 as published on bulletins before the start of the competition. The FAI rejected six (6) protest, the money of such fees (€210) is included on the letter posted by ordinary mail to FAI together with the originals of this report and the results.

RESULTS

On a daily basis, results were published on the different boards on site and copies were handed out to TMs.

Similarly, the web page was updated when the rounds were complete according to the SC, Section 4, Volume F2.

Before F2B fly-offs, a tabulation mistake was pointed out by Mr Yokoyama (JPN); after rechecking from tabulators and FAI Jury, the affected USA TM was informed that one of his pilots was left out from the fly-offs.

Before the awards ceremony, results were made public after checking by FAI Jury. Copies were distributed to TMs at the banquet, as well as 25th in the morning.

Further adjustment of the results was made on following days to correct some minor mistakes; final version was published on the web page on 02/08/2006. A hard copy is also included on the mail letter to FAI and a file attached to the message sent with this report.

Though at the TMs' meeting it was stated that there was no World Championship for Juniors on F2C, a complain was made after the awards ceremony by Mr Perret (FRA) as medals were not awarded on the flying field for F2C juniors and he thought a present offered by the organizers at the banquet was not enough.

FINAL ASESMENT

Despite the hot weather, most pilots enjoyed the competition. Non-European pilots coming for the first time were admired of the permanent site that Aerosafa can enjoy, European pilots commented on the refurbishment made since 2001.

I would like to remark that F2D had a new computer programme designed that provided competitors with results immediately after the round – the system was highly appreciated by pilots. Similarly, computer programmes were designed for F2C and F2B, but the aerobatics programme still has the disadvantage of the manual data input which can lead to operator mistakes.

I have not mentioned the names of the nearly 100 volunteers who suffered long hours under the hot sun to make the different events a success, but I cannot forget them as the competition wouldn't have been possible without them. Being well trained people, they made the different events a success.

I would like to thank the effort made by judges and FAI Jury to help a smooth running of the competition and their interest in attending the different meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolanda García
Contest Director