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Jury Report

of the FAI jury members at the
F5B and F5D World Championships

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Contest information

Two bulletins were distributed to NACs in due time and were displayed on the championship website containing all the necessary information needed before the event.

One technical meeting was organized for the team managers, officials and the jury. Besides giving the necessary information and doing the draw for class F5B, a verbal complaint was made against the entry of Vladimir Golikov (RUS) in the class F5B. He was representing Kazakhstan in 2010 in the same class at a first class event which he did not deny, therefore was not eligible to represent another country in 2012. The jury agreed and applied the relevant rule (GS 8.1.3.6.4). The Russian team intended to replace Mr. Golikov just before the first round, but it was not accepted being too late (ABR B.3.3).

Entry

The final entry was a total of 64 from 16 countries. The respective numbers in the two classes were as follows:

F5B – 40 competitors from 15 countries (including one junior competitor)

F5D – 24 competitors from 10 countries.

Accommodation and food

Accommodation was organized using different hotel options within about 15-20 minutes drive to the flying field. In the hotels we had the breakfast and dinner, packed warm lunch was served on the field in the lunch break with a bottle of water. The accommodation and the food at the Motel AquaMax, where the contest officials and the jury stayed was fairly good. There was no complaint concerning any other hotels.

Flying site

The flying field was a huge grass field about 12 km away from Buzau, the home town of the championship. Clearly visible signposts showed the way to the flying site.

Due to the lack of rain since several weeks the earth was hard and cracked. Everybody had to take care, while walking on the field or launching a model aircraft. Each team had a tent in both classes for preparation for the flights. Both flying sites were separated far enough not to disturb flying.

Competition

The weather conditions were generally good, except on the processing day, improving through the four contest days from having light rain and mainly cloudy to sunny and warm. The wind was the strongest on the first day (6 m/s average, gusts up to 8 m/s) and decreased for the last day (1.5 m/s average, gusts up to 3 m/s).

Besides the officials and helpers of the organizer, the judges at the bases, safety lines and pylons were students from the Air Force Academy led by an officer. The whole staff was instructed and trained during the Buzau Cup event just before the championship.

Registration and Model processing took place at the contest site in a tent where the nations got their specific time slot. Limiter checking equipment for both classes was provided by Team Austria and proved to work very accurately. A total of 78 limiters for F5B and 57 for F5D were checked by technical director *Andrei Petre* which took almost the whole day even the equipment was working very fast. Model processing did consist of checking the markings, weight and batteries weight.

The **F5B** event was led by *Emil Giezendanner* (SUI) as Contest Director. The electronic timing and scoring system was brought by the contest director with a backup electronic system brought by me, the full delivered pack weighed 165 kg. The system was well proven and worked very well.

A total of 8 rounds were flown with 1 discarded round only shortly interrupted from rain. The level was very high with a record breaking maximum of 52 laps flown by *Piermario Cavaggioni* (ITA).

Individual winner was once more *Wolf Fickenscher* (GER), whereas the team champion was Italy.

The **F5D** event was led by *Vitikan Silvestru* (ROU) as Contest Director. The electronic timing and scoring system was brought to the contest from Ukraine and was operated by Oleksandr Kovalyov and Sergei Molosov. Generally the system was working well, however further development would be

necessary to log and print out more data on the score sheets. On the other hand the human errors in signalling and timing can't be avoided by the present systems.

Sixteen rounds were flown on four contest days, four on each day. Round one was bothered two times by short rains; therefore short breaks were necessary to protect the electronic system. The procedure for running the contest was working smoothly. The number of re-flights was different after the rounds from 0 to 5. Six rounds were flown without re-flights.

The individual winner was *Ondrej Hacker* (CZE), the team champion was the Czech team. The best result was achieved in the last re-flight at the end of 16th round by *Marcel Schlage* (SUI) having a time of 55.39, which was very close to the current world record (55.09).

Protests

There were five formal protests filed during the championships, two were rejected, two upheld. One common protest from three countries was not treated. The language of the filed protest was questioned because it was written in German not in English.

There were some verbal complaints, caused by the lack of knowledge of rules and some concerning the signalling at the pylons in F5D. All were resolved by the contest director and the jury, also verbally.

Jury

The FAI jury was formed by *Manfred Lex* from Austria, *Andras Ree* from Hungary and *Marius Conu* from Romania.

Ceremonies

The simple opening ceremony was organized on the flying field. After the short greeting by the chief organizer the jury president had a short speech and opened the championship. The Romanian and FAI anthems were played.

The prize giving ceremony was organized together with the banquet, because the planned arrangement to have it on the field was not possible due to rain and cold weather conditions.

After the official individual medals diplomas and trophies were handed over, the callers were also asked to come to the podium and they have got the so called "Callers Diploma" prepared by the organizers.

"Fair Play Diploma" was given to Daniel Kennedy (GBR) and Tony Singleton (AUS) for their fair behaviour asking for re-flight in class F5D, because they didn't accepted their very good flight results in a round, declaring they are not able to fly so fast. The re-flights were given, followed by big applause of everyone being present.

After the touching words of the chief organizer the jury president expressed the thanks of the F5 community to the organizers for the championship, confirmed by a loud outburst of applause, then the championship was officially closed, and the Romanian and FAI anthem was played.

Others

In general, the championship was running well. Any raising need was handled by the organizers as soon it was possible.

The registration and model processing took long time because the limiter checking is rather time consuming. Technical checks were made during the contest in which about 60% of the competitors were involved, at least one competitor per country and the first four competitors from the final classifications. In three cases (two in F5B and one in F5D) the flight had to be cancelled, because the limiter was over or not working.

Trophies

The jury checked the condition of the F5D individual perpetual trophy which was in order. The F5B individual trophy was missing at the ceremony, because the previous winner left it home. He promised to send the trophy to Germany in a week time, where it will be handed over to the new winner. The jury agreed. Team trophies do not exist in these classes.

Conclusions

The 2012 F5 World Championship was a successful event in all of the two classes. Thanks to the day and night hard working organizers timekeepers, helpers, family members, local ones and from abroad as well. Thanks to them for the work and efforts made for the F5 electric aeromodelling community.

FAI is requested to establish a member database to allow checking of license validity cause organizers first visibility of a competitor's license is the day of model processing at contest site and even then verification cannot be accomplished in all cases.

On behalf of the FAI Jury

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Manfred Lex', with a long, sweeping underline.

Manfred Lex
President