



COMPETITION REPORT

AIRSPORT : Aeromodelling

EVENT: 2018 FAI F3F World Championship for Model Gliders

CIAM COMPETITION CLASS: F3F

DATES: October 7 – 13, 2018

PLACE (VENUE): Germany, Kap Arkona, Rugen Island

ORGANIZER: German Aeroclub (DAeC) – Aeromodelling Division

EVENT DIRECTOR: Eric SCHUFMANN (Germany)

CONTEST DIRECTOR: Armin HORTZITZ (Germany)

JURY : Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (President – CIAM President – Greece))
Ralf DECKER (Member – Germany)
Jakub BURY (Member - Poland)

INFORMATION BULLETINS: Two Information Bulletins were circulated by the organizer, containing all the necessary details for the event. Also a web site was on line by the organizer from the very beginning providing information not only for the competitors but also for the spectators and the media.

REGISTRATION and TECHNICAL PROCESS: The registration took place during Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, 2018, in a building in the city center very close to the hotels most of the participants were staying, which has plenty of room. The technical processing took place, in the same area. During the Technical Processing of the models, all the competitors provided the required model certificates. The models of the competitors were processed by the organizer, and special stickers were affixed on the models as a proof of being processed.

Finally 21 countries were registered with 60 Seniors participants and 3 Juniors.

COMPETITION AREA STATUS: In F3F class which is highly affected by wind and weather conditions, one slope is not enough. The organizers provided 4 slopes alternatives and all of them were available for use any time. The arrangements for every slope were according to the rules and nothing against was declared by the participants to the Contest Director or the Jury.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Weather conditions were good during the event except Wednesday and Saturday where the wind strength was below the limits which prevented scheduled flights to be performed. For this specific class it is highly required to have strong winds. It is completely different from all other CIAM classes. On Tuesday around 13:00 the wind direction on the slope in use by that time changed and was beyond the limits set in the rules, so why the organizers decided to change slope and move to a different one. This change was performed in a very short period of time and this is to highlight the preparation and the readiness of the organizer. In general during this event all possible weather conditions, like strong, moderate and low winds occurred so the competitors have the chance to prove their flying skills on a variety of weather conditions which of course is good.

EVENT ORGANIZATION: The event was well organized. Event Director, Mr. Eric SCHUFMANN, Contest Director Mr. Armin HORTZITZ and all the team have done whatever it was possible to have a well organized event. More than enough volunteers were present throughout the entire event, and nothing was missing.

The timekeepers were well trained and no problem was reported. In addition an automated timing system was in use all the time and plenty of information was provided on line to the participants but also to the public via the internet. The system was also connected with a Wind Measurement system which also was providing information to the Contest Director and the participants. Unfortunately this device was not available the first two days because it was destroyed during the pre-contest event. It was replaced by the organizer.

One Team-managers meeting was organized, before the start of the competition. All the Team Managers attended the meeting.

13 rounds were flown by all the competitors.

During the competition, random model processing was performed.

It is also important to report the Live Streaming which happened for all days during the event and also included a summary every night. A lot of people from all over the world watched the event and this is of course for the benefit of this class. During the broadcasting live scoring was also in use so the spectators had the chance to feel like being at the slope.

INJURIES: No such an incidence was reported.

DOPING CONTROL: No such a control was performed from WADA, FAI, or the Local organizer.

PROTESTS: There were 3 protests submitted. One from the Polish Team and two from the US Team. One protest was upheld and two were denied by the Jury. Jury decisions were published according to the rules.

CEREMONIES: Opening and Closing Ceremonies were well organized. During the opening ceremony, the presentation of the teams was accompanied by a special video prepared by the organizer for each team. The flag of each nation was displayed on the Lighthouse wall where the ceremony took place. Then short speeches by the Event Director, delegates from the local authorities and the Jury President and finally a well prepared buffet was in place for all the participants.

The Award ceremony took place at the nice city of Sellin. The organizers took care and arranged buses and boat trip to and from Sellin, which was very much appreciated by all participants. The winners were presented the FAI medals and diplomas and the appropriate National Anthems were performed. FAI trophies were also presented by that time.

The closing banquet took place later also at the same place and a nice dinner was served.

The FAI protocol was followed with success.

One special evening was organized for all participants, on Wednesday in a nearby restaurant with local foods and music performance.

TROPHIES: Three Trophies are available for this class. "KAP ARKONA" is for the individual winner, a no name trophy for the winning team and the "Antoine de Saint-Exupéry" for the junior winner.

RECCOMENDATION FOR THE F3 SOARING S/C. The Jury would like to recommend to the F3 Soaring S/C to take care for two issues.

1. Reflight option. In case a reflight is necessary and this can't happen on the same day due to weather conditions, the entire group flights are cancelled and this is adding an extra burden to the organizers. Maybe a similar approach as in some other soaring classes will prove to be quite useful for this category.
2. Wind Measurement device position. The provision of the existing rules is not quite clear. What is the definition of the flight line? Is it the slope line or something else? Also it is stated to place the device two meters above the flight line but not how far away from the flight line. Normally a pole is used to carry this device. Two meters above the flight line and on the flight line will be too dangerous for the models and for the device too. That actually what happened in the pre-contest event where a model crashed on this pole and the device was damaged.

COMMENTS: We would like to thank the organizer (Bundeskommision Modellflug im DAeC and the entire competition staff, for running the event in a fair and friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

Jury President – Antonis PAPADOPOULOS

Jury Member - Ralf DECKER

Jury Member - Jakub BURY

Date : October 13, 2018