

# **Jury Report**

## **2017 FAI F3K World Championships for Model Gliders**

### **Lviv, Ukraine**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

These FAI World Championships for Hand Launched Gliders were organised by the Ukrainian Federation of Aeromodelling.

#### **Venue**

The competition took place on a meadow, north of Lviv, near the village Hriada. The surface of the Launch and Landing Area (80 x 120) was a short cut grass. On two sides (north and east) the shade shelters for teams were set up.

The obstacle free surrounding areas were large enough, but still a few model gliders landed more than 300 meters from the landing field behind a fence of barbed wire.

#### **Participation**

The Championships were entered by 87 senior competitors from 32 countries and 23 junior competitors from 11 countries.

At the start of the Championship also three competitors from Russia were included. Their entry forms and entry fee were sent by the Russian Aeromodelling Federation. On the fifth day of competition the organiser received a statement from the President of Russian Airsports Federation that the Russian pilots are not representing Russia and must not participate. Therefore the organiser deleted the three Russian pilots from the result list.

#### **Organisation**

Generally the World Championships were well organised. Contest Director was Mr. Volodymyr Gavrillo.

The total number of timekeepers (32) allowed smooth running of the competition flying. Their work was well organised by the Timekeepers Manager Mr. Oleksii Matusevych. The timekeepers made a good job though standing in the full sun at high temperatures was sometimes exhausting for them.

The computing of results and a lot of organisation work was made by Valentina Butseroha.

For practicing of timekeepers and pilots a two day international open competition "Vladimir's Cup" was held before the championships.

The organisers used an automatic timing program for controlling the preparation, flight testing and working time and landing window.

The good organisation and the favourable weather allowed completion of 20 qualifying rounds and 6 fly-off rounds for seniors and 19 qualifying rounds and 6 fly-off rounds for juniors, all within the expected number of days.

#### **Accommodation and catering**

Some competitors and helpers used the nearby assigned camping area. Others stayed at hotel Warshawa in Lviv - Malekhiv, at hotel Panska Gora in Lviv - Sokilnyky (26 km apart from the competition site) or at hostel in Velikyj Luben (40 km apart from the competition site).

Breakfast, lunch and dinner for the staff and interested people were served in a catering tent. . The meal was good and in sufficient amount. In the same tent it was possible to buy refreshments.

The organiser also installed 6 sources of free cooled water for pilots and helpers in various places of the depot area. For timekeepers and other staff a coffee machine near the computer centre was installed.

## **Weather**

The weather was very favourable throughout the championships. There was no rain at daytime. The wind often changed its direction and some days approached the limit set for this class. At fly-off day the wind speed was above 6 m/s, which caused that the results were more distributed.

## **Flying Performance**

The performance of most pilots was excellent. The organizer included all tasks from the list into the flight schedule. Analysis after the event shows that some of the tasks didn't contribute to the division of competitors by performance. It concerns the tasks F (3 out of 6), D (increasing time by 15 s) and A (last flight). On the other hand the tasks H (1, 2, 3 and 4 minutes target flights), G (5 longest flights), K (increasing time by 15 s) and I (3 longest flights) helped in general to better separation of pilots. At fly-off the tasks E (poker), B (next to last and last flight) and I (3 longest flights) served the better separation.

## **Safety**

The organiser declared all shelters around the start and landing area as safety zones. There was no serious safety problem during the World Championships. One timekeeper was hit within the start and landing area by the model glider which was uncontrollable after the launch. The timekeeper was taken to the hospital but no injury was found.

## **Processing**

For all model gliders entering the championships the nose radius, the wingspan and the correct markings were checked. No problems appeared during the processing. The organisers supplied stickers for marking the processed parts of model gliders.

## **Opening and closing ceremony**

The opening ceremony took place at the main square of Lviv. For this event there was a covered stage prepared and the whole ceremony was broadcast by local TV. The pair of anchors presented all teams. Speeches were held by the Contest Director, the governor of Lviv Region and Jury President. The Ukrainian and FAI Anthems were played and the FAI flag was raised.

The closing ceremony with awarding of medals and diplomas took place on Saturday afternoon in the garden of hotel Warshawa. All FAI medals and diplomas were presented, as well as both FAI trophies. The closing banquet took place in the hall of the same hotel.

## **Protests**

One protest was submitted in connection with a penalty applied for the hitting of timekeeper by a model glider launched by a German competitor. The jury decided that the contact happened when the model glider was flying, not during the launch. Therefore the penalty applied by the CD was found not to be correct. The protest was upheld.


## **Technical Meeting**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 a Technical meeting was held with free entrance for all participants. 30 people took part. The discussions centred on the items prepared by the Working Group under the leadership of Erik Dahl Christensen. The Minutes of the Technical Meeting are attached to this Report.

## **Conclusion**

In the opinion of the FAI Jury, these were a very successful World Championships carried out in a friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

Lviv 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017

  
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