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REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

1st FAI WORLD AIR NAVIGATION RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FROM THE 11th SEPTEMBER TO THE 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

AT CASTELLÓN AIRFIELD, SPAIN

General

The 1st FAI WANRC 2017 took place in Castellon, Spain from the 11.09. to the 17.09.2017 and carried out according to the FAI rules and regulations.

In total 32 teams consisting of pilot and navigator from 14 countries took part.

Competition maps

Maps in 1:150 000 scale were used.

All maps were correct and could be used by the pilots.

2 training routes were available for the 3 practising days, prepared by the organizer. Five routes were prepared for the qualification rounds and one route for the final 4 round.

The first two rounds were created with a corridor width of 0.3 NM. The second two rounds with 0.25 NM and the final round with 0.2 NM.

Transportation

Transportation was not necessary as the hotel was in 5 minutes walking distance from the airport away.

Accommodation and meals

All the teams and the organisation were in the same hotel very close to the airport located.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner were served at the hotel.

All meals were of a very good standard and quality and a wide selection was provided.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony took place on the airport of Castellon with the standard programme points according to the FAI procedures. Championship director Jesùs Màs and C.D. Pedro Cabanero introduced the various speakers from the local aero club and guests for honour from the region, who then delivered their speeches.

Mr. Rodney Blois, GAC president officially opened the 1st FAI WANRC 2017, with the required FAI flag and anthem.

The closing ceremony was on Saturday night on the airport Castellon. The medal ceremony was presented to the winners at the airfield followed by a very nice banquet on the lawn of the airfield.

The GAC president Rodney Blois then officially closed the WANRC with the required flag and anthem ceremony.

Airfield Facilities/Registration and information office

All necessary facilities were supplied and were very good.

All sign boards and directions were very clear and everything was very well organized and carried out, by an excellent staff. All were very helpful and friendly.

All competitor and general informations were well displayed at the airfield and on the competition webpage.

A tent was set up and equipped with 3 large monitors. On these monitors all races could be tracked with the ANR LIVE. Likewise, on-line transmission was also carried out on all mobile phones worldwide.

The chief Judge and the Jury had an office on the airfield and the necessary venues for meeting and protest were available.

Briefings/Communication

The briefing were held at the airfield or in the Hotel. All information were given to the teams via notice board and the competition homepage. Debriefing was immediately after the flight with the International chief judge and IT specialist.

The teams found this kind of debriefing very good and very professional. Congratulations to the IT crew and the International chief judge.

Training/practice days

The zero line was well marked.

Two training routes were available and could carried out in good weather.

The practise landings were also carried out.

Landings

The landing results were taken by official judges and 4 independend video cameras on both sides of the landing markings.

Competition

Day 1---12.September: ANR competition 27:09 minutes
Day 2---13.September: ANR competition 29:27 minutes
Day 3---14.September: ANR competition 24:41 minutes
Day 4---15.September: ANR competition 29:53 minutes
Day 5---16.September: ANR competition 24:31 minutes
Day 6---17.September: ANR final 4 and landings

All competition rounds and the landings could be flown in good weather conditions. Except the final four wich had to be shifted from Friday late afternoon to Saturday morning due to adverse weather.

All procedures were carried out according to the rules and regulations and the results were on the Info board and published on time via internet (competition homepage).

For the ANR Navigation flights was no complain and no protest.
For the landings 5 complains and no protest.

Judges

The International chief judge Maurice Ducret from Switzerland arrived 4 days before the start of the competition, to check the IT system and the organization. Together with the competition director Jesus Mas and his deputy Pedro Cabanero, there was excellent communication and cooperation with the International chief judge, the international jury, as well with the route planer Juan Ramon Alvarez and other officials.

A big thank to all for their hard work and competence.
Just a few amount of international and national judges were on place.

GAC FAI Medals/Trophies awarded

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals – for the first three teams overall

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals – for the first three teams in Navigation

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals – for the first three teams in landing

Sanction and Protest fees

The amount of the sanction fee of E 3200.00 (64 Competitors @ E 50.00) will be transferred by the competition director Mr. Jesus Mas to the GAC/FAI account.

There are no protest fees.

Deposit

The competition was successful and conducted correctly and according to the rules. Therefore the international Jury decided to return the deposit to the organizers.

Duties, arising from the Jury Hand Book

- ☐ Jury final event report form was given to the competition director Mr. Jesus Mas after verification of the championships as valid.
- ☐ Report of the Jury to the FAI Secretariat after the completion of the championships.
- ☐ Report of the Jury to the Air Sport Commission was sent together with enclosures and results to Mr. Rodney Blois after the finish of the Championships.

Recommendations

In order to increase the tension for the spectators should be planned again in place of only one ANR route again with 2, 3 or 4 parallel Slalom flights.

ANR LIVE is a must !!

Finally

The event was very well prepared, organized and carried out by the Organizer.

A special thanks to the Organisation director Mr. Jesus Mas and his D.P. Mr. Pedro Cabanero.

To Maurice Ducret as International chief judge from Switzerland who did a great job.

And also to all the judges and all the friendly staff members wich were involved in this unforgettable Event.

Nürens Dorf, 24th September 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Schawalder', written in a cursive style.

Heinrich Schawalder, Jury President.