

**FAI JURY REPORT ON THE  
2024 FAI F5J EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR ELECTRIC POWERED  
THERMAL DURATION GLIDERS  
Seniors and Juniors**

DATE: August 25-31, 2024 - LOCATION: Deva, Romania  
Event ID 16548

**ORGANISER**

Romanian Modelling Federation, Romanian Aeroclub, Territorial Airport Deva

**PARTICIPATION**

The 2024 FAI F5J European Championships for Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders, seniors and juniors, were attended by a total of 23 countries, with 63 senior competitors from 23 countries (CRO, SVK, ESP, GER, ITA, FRA, CZE, NED, UKR, POL, SLO, AUT, LAT, BUL, GRE, ROU, HUN, GBR, DEN, SUI, POR, EST, TUR), and 16 juniors from 7 countries (GER, FRA, CZE, ROU, GRE, ITA, POL), including 4 senior and 1 junior female from 4 countries (BUL, CZE, FRA, GER).

**EVENT PERSONNEL**

President of Organising Committee: Silard SIJARTO)

Event Director: Istvan KISS (ROU)

Contest Director: Sotir LAZARKOV (BUL)

FAI Jury: Andras REE (HUN) as president, Antonis PAPADOPOULOS (GRE) and Corneliu MANGALEA (ROU) as members.

**COMMENTS ON THE EVENT**

**Pre-contest information:** Three bulletins were published on the official web page of the organiser with all the necessary information, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were rather late (see also the "Conclusions").

**Flying site:** The event was organised at the territorial sports airport near Deva, which provided some essential parts of the necessary infrastructure for the event. Thirteen launching/landing spots were made available for the competition. The line for putting up pilots' shades and tents was drawn about 25 meters from the end of the corridor. The contest director, the contest administration and the place for the jury were situated close to the end of the corridor. The organizer provided for the teams electricity, and protective team tents were available only **on** request and additional payment.

**Weather:** The first-day weather was ideal, with very low wind from the East, and sunshine, but rather hot up to 35°C. The forenoon of the second day was not flyable due to rain and wind. At noon the event continued having low wind and changing sky – cloudy/sunny, 27°C. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> days, only the afternoon was available for the event **because** of airport scheduled activities. The third day was smooth, with low wind, mainly sunny, 27°C. **On the fourth day flying was possible from 11, it started in low wind conditions, which later increased to 7 m/s average and 10 m/s gusts, mainly sunny, 29°C. The fifth day was similar, with a bit lower wind (4 m/s to 7 m/s, 31°C). On the sixth day, only the forenoon was used for flying in ideal, sunny, very low-wind conditions, 28°C.**

**Model processing:** Model processing happened in one of the hangars using three staff and sets of templates for checking. It was conducted smoothly.

**Flying:** In general, the flying was arranged so that two rounds of seniors (each with five groups) and two rounds of juniors (in two groups) were flown alternatively through four contest days, starting daily alternately with the seniors and juniors. On the fifth day, the qualification rounds were completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> round, followed by two final rounds of 14 senior and two final rounds of 6 junior pilots. On the forenoon of the sixth day, the last two final rounds were flown for both the seniors and juniors.

**Data processing:** Data input to the computer was made in the CD tent. The results were published by printed sheets on the official information board near the CD tent at the end of the rounds. After the flight of each group, the results were uploaded to the freely accessible “Glider Score” website.

## **COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

There were no official protests or complaints filed during this championship.

## **ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION**

The jury, the main officials and some teams were accommodated in the Hotel Sarmis in the city centre of Deva. Others were camping on the field or used individual accommodation possibilities. The staff and jury had their lunches on the airfield and participants also could order. The local transportation of the jury was solved by itself.

## **CEREMONIES & PRIZES**

The opening ceremony was held on the concrete surface beside the main building of the airport. It was short and simple. On behalf of the Romanian Modelling Federation, Corneliu Mangalea greeted the participating countries one by one, then the Romanian anthem was played while the Romanian flag was raised. Then the CIAM president, Antonis Papadopoulos had greeting words, and the jury President declared the Championship open. After that, the FAI anthem was played, and the FAI flag was raised. Finally, a lady competitor and the contest director talked off the oath on abiding **by** the rules and doing fair racing.

The prize-giving and closing ceremony was at the same place as the opening. The three best individuals and the three best teams received FAI medals and diplomas in the senior and junior categories, the best three lady competitors got diplomas only. The senior winner was Primož RIZNER (SLO), and the best senior team was France. The junior winner was Romain GALLET (FRA), and the best junior team was France. The best senior female was Jana STERBOVA (CZE), and the one junior female Anna SCHÜTZ (GER) was placed 7<sup>th</sup>.

The closing ceremony was followed immediately by the prize giving. Short speeches were given by the officials, as in the opening ceremony, and the jury president declared the championships closed. The FAI anthem was played, and the FAI flag was lowered and handed over to the next organizer, France.

## **SAFETY NOTICE**

During the event, there was no safety issue to be mentioned.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The event was well in the hands of the CD, Sotir Lazarkov.

In the opinion of the FAI Jury, we had a successful European Championship in a friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for the efforts, they made within the hard internal conditions caused by personal and other changes in the federation. Special thanks must go to Corneliu Mangalea and István Kiss, who made, together with others, this event happen.

*Andras REE*  
FAI Jury President

*Antonis PAPADOPOULOS*  
FAI Jury Member

*Corneliu MANGALEA*  
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