

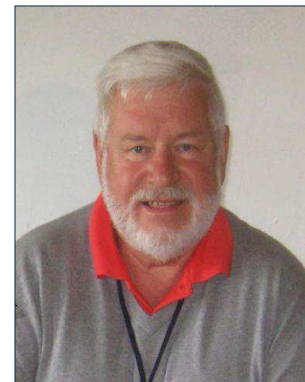
AGENDA ITEM 13.1

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

18th European Aerobatic Championships Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovak Republic

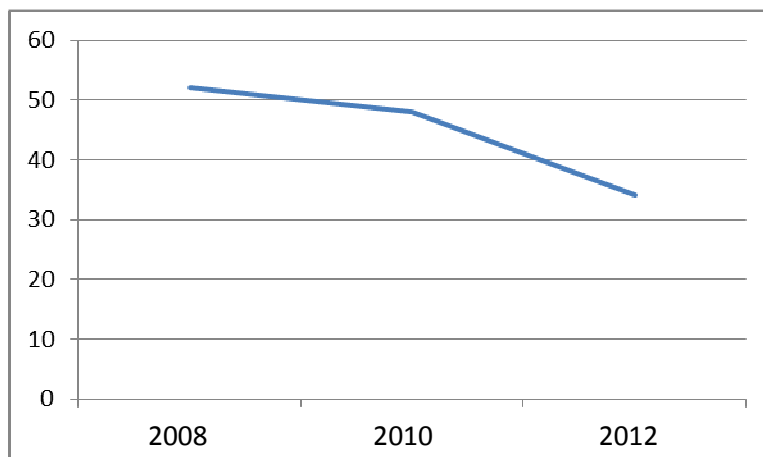
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Introduction

Last year European Advanced Championships was held in Dubnica nad Váhom and was much appreciated by pilots, team members and officials. This year the Aeroklub of Dubnica was running both World Glider and European Unlimited in power, a fantastic achievement from a small club. For the European Unlimited the number of pilots starting this year in the Q-flight was only 34 pilots and of them 3 H/C, 2010 in Touzim, CZ 48/5 and 2008 in Hradec Králové 52/7. This is an alarming development going on.



Together with the difficulties this year to get sponsorship due to the Olympic Games in London didn't make it easier for the EAC 2012 organiser.

Pre contest preparations

I had the possibility to visit the world Glider Championships some weeks before at the same airfield, Dubnica nad Váhom. The same layout was in operation and everybody was satisfied and I could see that all worked fine.

The contest organisation supported CIVA and paid for all ten judging teams. They also provided free transfer for all CIVA officials from Bratislava or Vienna Airport and back. The amount of CIVA Travel Allowance paid out could then be reduced.

One of the warm-up pilots had medical complication from an earlier accident just prior to the contest and was not able to fly. Due to this we only had one type of aircraft and one warm-up pilot. In the future to avoid a similar situation, the contest organisation, CIVA and participating teams should try harder to find a solution.

The Chief Judge Nick Buckenham and CJ-team was early on site to prepare and run a judges meeting with all selected judges and assistants. For the future this meeting could possibly be done online at the convenience of the participants and save money for all.

Contest

With a low number of pilots flying in EAC 2012, the Q-flight and free didn't take long time to fly. The preparation for the free unknown was a challenge for all as Olan was not updated. Thanks to Alan Cassidy who redraw all proposals in his Aresti software and together with the contest organisation we were prepared in time for Programme 2 and 3.

Many pilots were interested to fly Programme 4, the maximum number according to the rules, 23 pilots were flying in Programme 4.

Protest

We had one protest during EAC 2012. A pilot was after a vertical dive supposed to pull to climbing 45° line but instead draw a horizontal line. The pilot rather quickly detected the error and pulled to that 45° climbing line. At the same time a majority of judges gave the figure a HZ and was confirmed by the CJ. The Chief Judge also applied an insertion penalty and the pilot filed a protest. The Jury found according to the rules that no figure was added and unanimously removed the penalty.

Summary

I would like to take the opportunity and congratulate the 2012 European Aerobatic Champion Mikhail Mamistov from Russia. He is also for the moment the present World Aerobatic Champion from the EAC 2011 in Italy. He is a true Aerobatic hero!

I would also like to congratulate the winning French Team with François Le Vot, Olivier Masurel and Nicolas Ivanoff.

Together with my Jury Members Alan Cassidy and Bob Chomono we have had a great time in Dubnica nad Váhom with so many fantastic friends. I would like to thank them for their valuable support and contribution in the EAC 2012 Jury work.

To organise a continental Championships in Unlimited is financially very demanding. I'm also worried that there will not be so many possible organisers for the future. How can we boost the number of entries and the interest to fly unlimited continental Championships in the future? We need to work on this together!

Due to low number of participants and the compulsory cut in Programme 3 we had a day of. This year we had a new judging team with Mike Forney and DJ Molny from USA. They were very surprised to find that even with all pilots gathered together and probably among to best judging teams in the world on site, we didn't fly, we had a day of. To my opinion we are there to fly and could there be a possibility to avoid that situation in the future? We have to find it!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LG Arvidsson'.

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