

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

Karl Berger

XI. WORLD GLIDER AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
Drakino Airfield, Serpukhov, Russia
20- 30 July 2005



The WGAC 2005 was a successful smooth running championship completed in good weather conditions enabling the completion of all six programmes, based on a good contest organisation leaded by Roland Küng, Assistant Contest Director Yuri Kochergin, Contest Director Pavol Kavka, and supported by local Aero-Clubs, City, Region and Government. The cooperation with the organizer and all contest bodies was very good. Thanks also to Ludwig Fuß and Martina Kalb in the scoring office and the Chief Judge Helmut Stas and the members of the board of judges.

There were no protests.

The figures for the Unknown Compulsory Programmes were selected in a general briefing after the opening briefing on Wednesday, 20th July, in the Morning. One complaint about the safety of an unknown figure was rejected by the International Jury; it was a subject, which was discussed and decided already several times in previous championships, therefore the International Jury decided in the same way and referred this to the Glider Aerobatics Sub-Committee. The sequences then were designed by Madelyne Delcroix, Manfred Echter, and Bela Guraly. Unknown compulsory programme # 1 was published on Wednesday, 20th July, at 21:10 hrs, # 2 on Sunday, 24th July, 21:00 hrs, # 3 together with # 2 on Sunday, 24th July, 21:00 hrs, and # 4 on Monday, 25th July, at 21:00 hrs. All sequences were accepted by the competitors without any complaints. A proposal by the pilots to change the sequencing of figures # 3 and # 8 in Unknown 3 was accepted by the International Jury.

After programme two a discussion about soft zeros and hard zeros arose, which I sent by e-mail to the attention of CIVA President Mike Heuer. The reason being, two formal requests for explanations were received, therefore I asked Mike Heuer for his and the Judging Sub-Committees view in this matter. Thanks to Mike for his immediate response.

The HHMD was repaired and used again in this contest. One week before the contest the five transmitter units were checked in a pressure chamber for their accuracy and were certified. Three of five units at least in Drakino worked properly, two units could not be used because of a transmitter failure to the ground station. Together with these proper working units and the use of a Yak 55 as tow plane the towing frequency was fast and frictionless. Thanks to Heinz Dahl and Manfred Meyer (Technical Commission) for their hard work - and to the lady tow pilot Alla Chekalova.

The following duties were regularly checked and supervised by the International Jury from the beginning of the contest. This included: The aerobatic box, the line judges and the board of judges, the start line, the scoring office, the weather and wind measuring. The briefings were always attended by the jury members. At the 5th programme, the chief judge requested the International Jury to check the performance of the line judges. This was done by the International Jury. The International Jury also checked the protocols of the line judges as well as the work of the line judges and the correctness of the alignment of the aiming devices. There were no faults found and the International Jury approved the results with just small corrections. However, it became apparent that a different system for infringement reports and documentation was used as was advised by the International Jury. The protocol of line judge D for programme 4 was unusable; therefore the remarks on the chief judge's sheet were used correcting any boundary infringements.

Members of the International Jury were: Madelyne Delcroix, FRA; Manfred Echter, GER, Bela Guraly, HUN; Marti Kalko, USA; chairman: Karl Berger, AUT.

The International Jury acted according to FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 - Aerobatics, Appendix 1, starting its work with the opening briefing on Wednesday, 20th July, and finished its work after ending of the protest time on Saturday, 30th July. Already before 20th July the chairman of the International Jury joined some meetings with the organizers for preparation of the contest and contacted Ludwig Fuß in the scoring office, on the chairmans request Manfred Echter hold a seminar with the judges according to CIVA Regulations Part two Appendix 4, and Bela Guraly checked the box, the line judges aiming devices and the markers. I thank all members of the International Jury for very good cooperation and their reliable and competent work.

Remark: About proposals for rules changing and comments to bureaucratic difficulties see the report of the glider aerobatics sub-committee.