

CIAM SC Education Report 2015

I. Technical Meeting

As usual, a Technical Meeting took place during the 2015 Plenary Meeting in Lausanne. It had been attended by Mike Colling (Great Britain), Per Findahl (Sweden), Wout Heijne (Netherlands), Srdjan Pelagic (Serbia), Andras Ree (Hungary) and Gerhard Wöbbeking (Germany, Chairman). During the presentation of educational indoor models, several delegates joined the meeting.

II. Long-term Project "Sharky"

The project presented at the TM ended up with a success. Two months later, three girls and three boys travelled to the indoor competition in the south which had been aimed at. They performed very well in their Junior class, winning the first five places. These success instigated a new competition which now is supported by generous donations of the regional industry. It will take place in 2016, several schools within the town of Stade are about to attend. This time, the Technical Adviser will not teach the pupils but their teachers, copying the successful procedure with Fantra-gliders in the Netherlands (SC member Wout Heijne as the advisor) for an indoor event.

III. Juniors at Championships - F1P or an Electric Class?

During the year 2015, two members of the SC were present at two international championships with full Junior Teams, the FAI EuCH F1ABP for Juniors and the FAI EuCh for Space Models (Per Findahl and GW). The F1ABP Championships - dedicated to Juniors only - proved to be constantly supported by 15 national teams. Nevertheless, the power class F1P didn't fulfil the expectations as there were 13 competitors, representing five countries. Team Managers don't see prospects for the ICE-class but predict a better future if going electric (F1Q or F1S). These models are easier to adjust and to handle, can be flown everywhere (no noise) and will not be given away when the owners got older than 18.

Space Modelling offers a lot of classes well suited to juniors of all age, and several of these classes are flown at international championships. Unfortunately, there are restrictions in some western countries making it difficult using normal model flying fields with rockets. So, six NAC only sent Junior Teams to the EuCh in the Ukraine.

IV. Programs to be Published via CIAM Flyer

There are a lot of educational programs being worth a broader exposure to the interested public. Therefore the SC was invited by editor Emil Giezendanner to inform via CIAM Flyer. The Flyer is dedicated anyhow to introduce into the aeromodelling world.

In 2015 two of six CIAM Flyers had been edited basing on educational experiences within the SC:

- Catapult Gliders as a brilliant class to start a flying career: Simple, cheap and quick models to build with flying spectacular (CIAM Flyer 1-2015)
- F1E Gliders are very good to introduce into an FAI Championship class (CIAM Flyer 5-2015).

Other SC originated CIAM Flyers are to come.

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