

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIAM SPACE MODELS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITY FOR 2009

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CIAM Space Models Subcommittee (SM SC) was composed of 21 members in 2009, all from different countries from four continents. A dilemma should a SC have only several technical experts or greater number of members from different countries was resolved several year ago. SM SC concluded that most of technical problems are being solved successfully, but transfer of space modeling practice require competent, qualified and motivated liaison persons in many countries to collect local people and start organizing competitions. Therefore one person from a country if nominated by his NAC is selected for SM SC. This method gave very satisfactory results.

SM SC convene regularly once a year at World or European Championships and in case if larger number of SC members attend some World Cup events there are sometimes interim meetings. There were two important meetings in 2009 during the 12th European SM Championships held in Irig (Serbia):

a) Round Table discussion covered a wide area of technical and organizational problems. At this event participated about 20 sportsmen and team managers from 12 countries. They considered mainly topics on boost gliders and electronic altitude measurements.

b) Space Models SC meeting was open to SM SC members, outstanding sportsmen and all team managers. The Agenda contained: 1) Offers for next WSMCh 2012 and EuSMChs. 2) Eight classes in SM Champs again, 3) Directions of SM technical development and the mainstream 4) Minakov Project and rules Changes 2010. Mr L. Jurek from Slovakia and Mr T. Dragov from Bulgaria gave very informative presentations of their bids for 19thWSMCh 2012 to be submitted to CIAM Plenary meeting. In next item Mr G. Woebeking, the 2nd CIAM VP, gave a very interesting presentation on how he sees SM with respect to general CIAM policy and gave several very interesting remarks and proposals. After that there was a long and productive discussion on the rules changes specially focused on electronic altitude measurement in future Championships. As a special contribution to this discussion Marian Krause (ROU) demonstrated in the flying field flight of an altitude model with an electronic altimeter produced in Germany. After that he had a presentation on this device and its computer program.

The most important sports, technical and organization activities were:

- 1) 12th European SM Championships in Serbia participated by 14 senior and 11 junior teams was very successful.
- 2) SM World Cup approaches its 20th anniversary and attracts more and more sportsmen. There were 20 events at three continents this year with participation of sportsmen from 24 countries. The greatest achievement was reestablishment of World Cup events in Bulgaria, Great Britain and the USA and rejoining of Canadian sportsmen to competitions.
- 3) Open International –non World Cup events were organized in non-World Cup classes as back-up events of several World Cups to encourage space modelers to contribute to versatility of this sport.
- 4) In several countries like Poland and Romania most of efforts were oriented to application of electronic altimeter in altitude classes of space models and they supported organization of national championships and other events.
- 5) SM SC established a special Software group to develop different application software. This helped to have this year current World Cup placing lists just after each contest that contributed very much to dynamics of competition and increased interest of sportsmen in this kind of contests.

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