25th FAI WORLD PRECISION FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP

France - Albi (LFCI)
August 2022 20-27th

Competition Director’s Report
Philippe MULLER
The FFA, Fédération Française Aéronautique, chaired by Mr Jean-Luc Charron has the delegation from the Aeroclub de France and from the french sport ministry for the organization of national and international championships.

So the FFA, hosted the 25th FAI World Precision Flying Championship at Albi Airfield in France 20th to 27th August 2022.

50 pilots coming from 11 countries participated at this first world championship after the covid crisis. Because of the epidemic, this event was only postponed one year from the original date.

All informations and documents was posted as you go from the beginning of the year 2022 on the official website. The preliminary entries gave up to 55 inscriptions very close to the number of pilots who finally participated.

All pilots, team-managers, judges and other officials were accommodated in three Ibis hotels with different levels of comfort chosen at registration. The hotels was about 5 km from the airfield.

The weather during the unofficial practice week was a bit capricious.
The reception for the official training was set up from Monday 15th. The first team had arrived the previous week. Finally although the weather disturbed a little arrivals and training, pilots were able to train in sufficient conditions. Meals could be taken on the airfield, thanks to the presence of a restaurant. All the rooms dedicated to the championship were available during this preparatory week.

On Saturday, the general briefing took place in the early afternoon on the airfield and the opening ceremony in the town of Albi in the late afternoon.
Mr Hans Schwebel from South Africa, GAC FAI President of honour, officially opened the 25th WPFC. It was followed by a cocktail dinner and a evening sound and light show in the Musée Toulouse Lautrec. Special thank to Albi municipality for this.

Transport between hotels and the airfield was arranged for each day by bus.
During the week of the championship, the airfield was reported as a temporary regulated area. The official landing practice take place Sunday afternoon with a briefing before lunch. It allowed the testing and adjustment of the departure.

The landing tests went well with a cloudy weather and a low to medium wind. The german measurement system was used. A great thank to the german team for the very good implementation. We had four ipad with 120 fps on each side for video control. Several video controls were required before a final judgment.
All navigation days were successfully completed. We had planned a beginning at 9h30 and finally it was 10h Tuesday and Wednesday to avoid residual low clouds. Thursday, a little earlier at 8h45 due to thunderstorms forecast for the afternoon. All the pilots were in quarantine before departure.

The navigations was perfectly prepared by Bertrand De Greff. So the debriefings went well. We had planned a logger uploading station with Christian Cote Colisson. Then two observation correction positions provided by Bertrand and an other international judge. Then the pilot retrieved his track and timing on the computer station with Thomas Weise and Joël Tremblet. The observation corrections and secret point positions were displayed on the the wall and allowed an immediate possible clarification with the Chief Judge Andrzej Osowski. A complain was written if the pilot was not satisfied. Chief Judge respond immediately. So the individual results was available at the exit of the debriefing room. This allowed to have little claim and one protest was filed and lost for low altitude fly.

All the management did a fantastic job and I thank very warmly:
the Jury members : Hans Schwebel, President, Manfred Kunschitz, Krzysztof Lenartowicz,
the International chief judge : Andrzej Osowski,
the route planer: Bertrand de Greef,
all the international judges: Ursula Schwebel, Christina Smiddy, Häkan Carlsson, Jacques Carriquiriberry, Jiri Dodal, Allen Hansen, Philippe Odéon, Ladislaw Szabo, Anton Tonninger,
the canevas poser: Renaud du Gardin,
the computer team : Thomas Weise, Joël Tremblet, Christian Cote-Colisson,
the TRA coordinator: François Lagarde,
the FFA event coordinators: Loïc Logeais, Bapriste Robinet, Rémi Betton,
All the FFA team and president Jean-Luc Charron, local judges, helpers, local aeroclub members.
A historic guided tour of Albi was proposed on the reserve day followed by a restful lunch at the Airfield.

The closing ceremony was held on the roof top of the Albi new theater in a warm atmosphere. FAI GAC President Mr. Hans Schwebel, officially closed the 25th World Precision Flying Championship.

The total amount of sanction fees for each pilot was calculated by the president of the international jury. This amount was deducted from the deposit refund.

Mandelieu La Napoule, 12th February 2023

Philippe MULLER