13th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championship
Strejnic, Romania
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Report of Contest Director

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Background

The Preparation of the Competition took about one year involving a lot of Romanian Aeroclub employees and members. A new briefing room that could host around 100 people was especially built for this event.

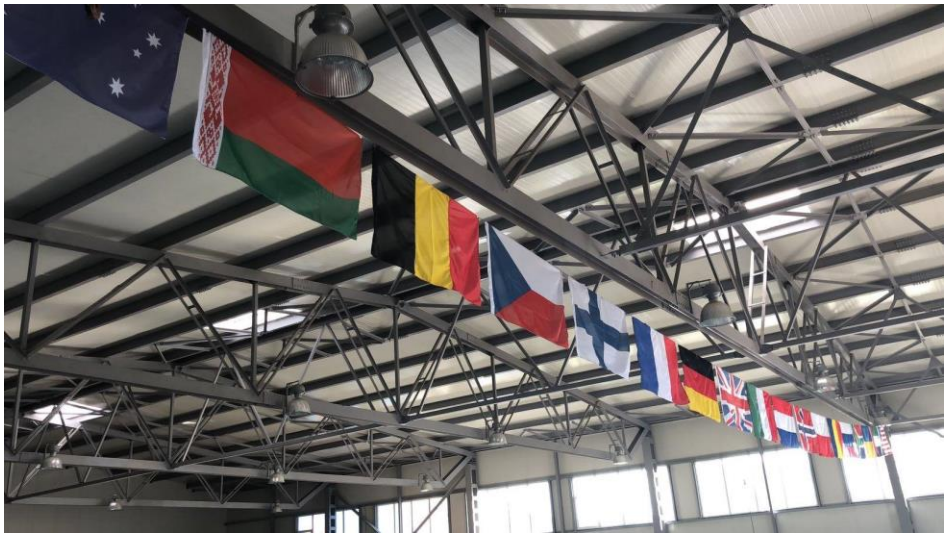
When we bid for WAAC 2018 we took into consideration all Romanian Aeroclub airfields and decided that Strejnic airfield is the best solution for the contest being close enough to Bucharest and Otopeni International Airport, but at the same time far enough from commercial traffic, guaranteeing that no other traffic will interfere with box flights.

Official Training

We had 5 days of official training before the contest, with flights starting at 0800LT each day and ending at 2000LT, except last day when had to finish by 1700LT so that we could accommodate the Official Briefing.

Competition

We consider this competition to be a great success and hope that all the contestants were satisfied with the WAAC2018 experience.



We had the pleasure to host 56 competitors from 18 countries, and all programmes were flown with only two persons not flying the last programme (3rd Free Unknown) due technical problems with their airplane.

During the competition there was only one official wind from 075° which determined to place the judges in the exact same place each day – the southern position.

For safety considerations, during the contest there was at most one airplane in the air at any times; once an airplane landed another one took off and there were no violations of this rule.

Conclusion

We hope that the success of organizing this event will be a good testimonial for future event bids.

Next time we will try to get unbreakable ice-cream refrigerators and bee-free tents.