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Chief Judge's Report – the 21st FAI EAC 2018

Jindřichuv Hradec Airfield (LKJH), Czech Republic
1st to 8th September

Chief Judge – Nick Buckenham (GBR)

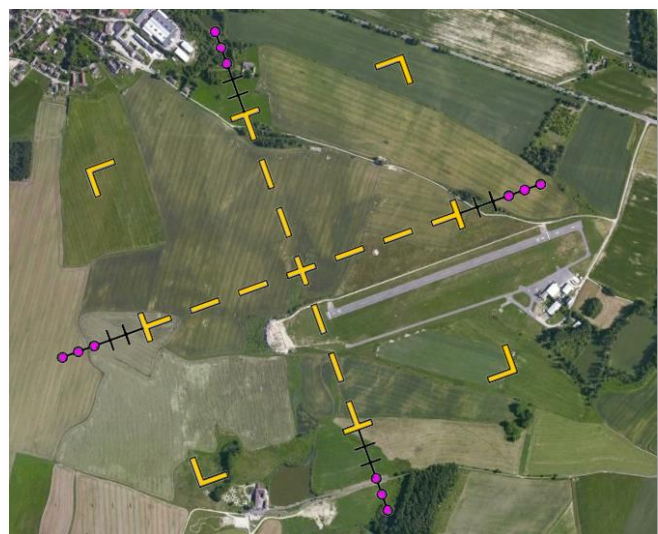
Judges – Gabor Talabos (HUN), Laszlo Liskay (RSA), Mikhail Bezdenezhnykh (RUS), Lyudmyla Zelenina (UKR), Bernard Courtois (FRA), Timo Bartholdi (FIN), Violeta Gedminaite (LIT).



I am very grateful to Bernard Courtois, who agreed to replace the originally appointed French judge Guy Auger. Guy indicated that he was unable to attend at a very late stage, and fortunately Bernard was able to step into this position at short notice.

The airfield at Jindřichuv Hradec was appointed with good offices and other facilities, well controlled by contest director Vladimir Machula and an excellent supporting crew. The judges' room was adequate, though ultimately was unused during the event.

The box was well marked, located over a somewhat hilly area with the hard and grass runways largely within the SE quarter. All four judging positions were available, though only the south location was used during the event to suit the



dominantly E-W local wind. Transit from the club-house to this position was necessarily through the town, and took about 10 minutes. A good supply of seating, sun-shades and refreshments was established each day, with a helpful crew to collect and return the completed judges papers to the scoring office. The video operator recorded every flight to an acceptable standard, and was quickly able to provide the visual evidence required to enable the judges to determine the CHZ status on each requested occasion. The video monitor however required a judiciously cut large cardboard box to provide the shade necessary to see sufficient detail and determine the correct result each time – under a dark tent-top would have been better.

The judges hotel was pleasant, though about 25km / 30 minutes distant from the airfield. Three other hotels were used to accommodate the pilots and support officials.

The entry comprised a total of 34 pilots from 11 European countries plus one from South Africa, who flew Hors Concours with the new Genpro aeroplane from Hungary.

Judging of all programmes by the seven judges was completed without any significant issues, and the sole warm-up pilot Victor Lalloué (FRA) provided an excellent service. We experienced intermittent low cloud and occasional rain on some days, and although the final classic programme – the 3rd Free Unknown – was started late on the final day it could not be completed on the Saturday morning due to the low cloud-base.

The Final Freestyle with 11 pilots was flown with the judges situated immediately in front of the marshalling area and adjacent to the good sized local crowd. For this programme the organisers provided a good supply of smoke-oil and also established a practical system for playing the music tracks provided by some pilots; it was necessary however to use the organisers radio communications system to request that the music be halted so that I could pass safety messages to the competitors, and in fact two pilots flew behind the established dead-line and rapid action was necessary to disqualify them. During this programme the judges were requested to complete and submit their score-sheets immediately after each flight had completed so that the scorer, who sat at the chief judges' desk and quickly entered the marks for each flight into her laptop computer, was able to post a progressive set of results online from the 3rd pilot onwards, which the commentator used to keep the crowd well informed.

Overall this was a well organised event in a very pleasant location, and the leading pilots are to be congratulated on setting an extremely high standard of flying.



Nick Buckenham