

Ivan Tuček Floating Trophy

Overview

Ivan Tuček was born on 20th of November 1942 in Prague, Czechoslovakia and tragically died on 25th of August 1999 in Friesach, Austria. Ivan was one of the most successful Czechoslovakian aerobatic pilot who dedicated whole life to flying.

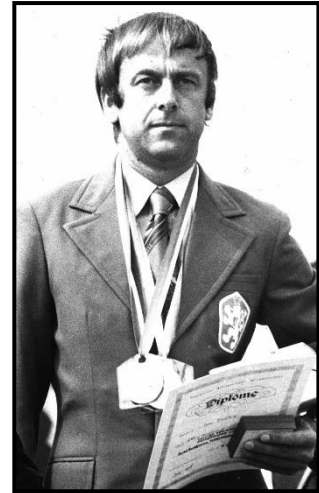
Ivan Tuček Floating Trophy has been introduced at 10th FAI European Advanced Aerobatic Championship 2017 in Chotěboř, Czech Republic. Trophy has been donated to FAI/CIVA by Mr. Daniel Tuček (son of Ivan Tuček), Aeroclub of Czech Republic and Aeroclub of Chotěboř.

Ivan Tuček Floating Trophy is awarded to overall individual champion at European Advanced Aerobatic Championship. Every Champion will receive small version of the Trophy to keep. Floating trophy is then awarded at next event with engraved new champion name and year of the championship.



Historical background

Ivan was interested in flying since an early age, he flew first time in 1957 as a passenger and right after he started the glider pilot training. His flying origins started in Hradec Kralove. Ivan's shiny aerobatic career started in 1967 at the Czechoslovak national championship where he was a member of winning team. He was national champion for three times in years 1973, 1975 and 1977. As a first Czechoslovak pilot he participated at the 5th World Aerobatics Championship in Magdeburg in 1968, where he was at 13th place.



His first outstanding international success came in 1972 by winning a competition of soviet block held in Nitra. In 1976 was Czechoslovak Aerobatic Team already equipped with famous Zlin Z-50L. With this aircraft, he got bronze at World Aerobatic Championship 1976 in Kiev and then added silver at European Aerobatic Championship 1978 in Châteauroux. In 1978 at home Ivan won a title of World champion at World Championship in Hosín. It was not only celebration of Czechoslovak pilots but also of the Z-50 aircraft. Ivan's dreams finally came true since he was yet only second Czechoslovakian World champion in that time. His aircraft Z-50L with registration OK-IRG is a part of National Technical Museum collection.

When Ivan finished his active career of aerobatics he stayed devoted to flying and aerobatics. He stands behind the training of many new pilots, coaching aerobatic teams and pilots of which the best one was Peter Jirmus the following World aerobatic champion. Ivan tragically died on 25th of August 1999 in Friesach, Austria during training flight due to technical failure of the aircraft.



Proposal to CIVA

To add Ivan Tucek Floating Trophy to list of trophies awarded to winners.

Ivan Tucek Floating Trophy – European Champion in Advanced

This Trophy was introduced in Chotěboř at 10th FAI European Advanced Aerobatic Championship and first holder is Dmitry Samokhvalov, Russia.

Proposal is to leave original of the Trophy at headquarters of Czech national Aeroclub and distribute smaller versions of Trophy to the holders.

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