

## **Agenda Item 8.3a**

### **Report of International Jury President of the 19th FAI European Aerobatic Championships**

**August 23th - 30th 2014**

**Matkópuszta, Hungary**

**LG ARVIDSSON**



#### **SUMMARY**

2014 we had more pilots than in the last four European Aerobatic Championships, the financial base is back on a more acceptable level. Matkópuszta LHMP, Hungary a new airport for CIVA international aerobatic championships have been tested positive. Together with the organiser, the Hungarian Aerobatic Club and Hungarian Aeronautical Association who during the last couple of years Championships has proven to be very efficient.

#### **LOCATION**

Matkó Airport is located about 90 km southeast from Budapest. The airfield is easy to find not far from the main highway from Budapest. Not far from the airfield is the city Kecskemét witch offers several cultural and recreational opportunities of high quality and also the home base of the Hungarian Airforce.

#### **PREPARATION**

Before the Championships I had regular contact with Tamás ABRANYI, President of the Hungarian Aerobatic Club and the Hungarian CIVA Delegate. Together we could discuss and find solutions on upcoming problems. Shortly before the Championships I visited Matkópuszta together with the Contest Director Pavol KAVKA.

#### **ORGANISATION**

In the contest office there were many people with experience from earlier Championships. Tamás ABRANYI had organised a good team to run the contest.

With the CIVA selected officials, the Chief Judge Nick BUCKENHAM was doing an excellent job guiding the judging teams through the European Unlimited flying. The CD Pavol KAVKA was running the briefings and kept the contest together.

With my Jury members I had very good cooperation, Alan CASSIDY was in charge of the free Unknown and that they were swiftly published without errors. Jürgen Leukefeld had always some good inputs in our rules interpretation moments. I wish to thank them for all their work.

## PILOTS

With 39 starting pilots in Programme 1, the down going trend of pilots was broken. CIVA is also pleased to have the Spanish Team back and competing. There were many excellent flights to watch and a congratulation to the overall top pilots, European Champion Castor Fantoba, Spain, Silver medal to François Le Vot from France and Bronze medal to Mikhail



Mamistov from Russia.

The happy man in the middle is the European Champion 2014 Castor Fantoba, to the right the overall Silver medal winner François Le Vot, and to the left overall Bronze medal winner Mikhail Mamistov

For EAC 2014 detailed results see [http://civa-results.com/2014/EAC\\_2014/indexpage.htm](http://civa-results.com/2014/EAC_2014/indexpage.htm)

## CEREMONIES

The opening ceremony was held in the city centre Kecskemét at the Freedom Square. After official speeches and opening of the Championships there was a short cultural programme with folk music and dancers. At the end of Ceremony, a Gripen military fighter from the nearby military airport in Kecskemét passed the square to close the opening ceremony. Then the Mayor of Kecskemét City invited us all for refreshments at the City Hall.

The closing ceremony, was run at the airfield with a dinner afterwards. The awarding was done by Officials together with local representatives, this was a good example for the future.



The Flagman of EAC 2014 is a good example of the young generation working very hard for all days with a big smile.

## CONCLUSION

Matkópuszta airfield together with the Hungarian Aerobatic Club is good combination for a future aerobatic Championship.

Jury President EAC 2014

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