

# FAI JURY REPORT ON THE 2019 FAI F1D EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR INDOOR MODEL AIRCRAFT for seniors and juniors

DATE: June 3-8, 2019 LOCATION: Tachov-Svetce (Czech Republic)

ORGANIZER: Association of Modellers of Czech Republic in cooperation with local authorities  
of town Tachov and Plasy

## CONTEST EVENTS / NUMBER OF COMPETITORS / NUMBER OF TEAMS

FAI European Championships for Free Flight Indoor Model Aircraft 2019 – Class F1D for seniors and juniors was participated by a total of 14 countries, 34 senior competitors from 13 countries (CZE, GBR, GER, FIN, FRA, HUN, ISR, LTU, POL, RUS, SVK, SWI, UKR) and 12 juniors from four countries (LTU, ROU, RUS, UKR). The participation was more than 20% higher than two years ago.

## EVENT PERSONNEL

Contest Director: *Ivo Kornatovsky* (CZE), chief timekeeper: *Pavel Bejcek* (CZE)

FAI JURY: *Andras Ree* (HUN) as president, *George Arghir* (ROU) and *Ivan Horejsi* (CZE) as members.

## COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

There were no official protests or complaints during this championship.

## COMMENTS ON THE EVENT

**General:** The event was organized in the hall of the historical horse-riding school at Tachov-Svetce. It was the first Cat1 event in this hall. The organizer succeeded to run the events according to the FAI/CIAM standards regarding the financial restrictions, with support by local authorities and a few sponsors. Therefore, it deserves appreciation of all contributors.

**Pre-contest information:** There were three pre-contest bulletins published with all necessary information. These were available also on the event website. Instructions for timekeepers were distributed in English and Czech languages at the technical meeting.

**Accommodation, food and transportation:** Participants were accommodated in different hotels offered by the organizers and at other privately booked places. Breakfasts were available at the places of accommodation, lunches and dinners were organized for the officials, timekeepers and the jury. There was a cafe close to the hall where cold meals, sweets and beverages were available.

**Flying site:** Flying site is the hall of a historical horse-riding school positioned in Svetce village right beside Tachov town. The floor area sizes of the hall are 20x40 m. The height is 14.16 m, measured by a laser equipment according to FAI measuring procedure, so it belongs to the height category 2. The temperature in the hall was 17-21°C, the humidity 68-76 %. The air condition was rather steady, except on day two having more turbulences, caused by the strong wind outside.

Tables and chairs were provided for the competitors in the preparation area, which was the corridor around the hall. This way it was avoided to have too many persons in the hall. The box at the balcony, originally provided for noble guests visiting the riding school, was provided for the FAI jury to be separated if needed, but there was no reason to use it.

Up to 5 models were allowed flying at the same time. Seniors and juniors competed simultaneously without any problem. Timekeeping was without problems or complaints as well.

**Weather:** The outer weather conditions were changing, warm (27°C) and sunny on day one, a bit cooler (24°C) and windy on day two, and much cooler (17°C) and mainly cloudy on day three.

**Model and rubber processing:** Model processing was made in a separated corner of the hall where one electronic scale and the necessary dimension limits were provided. The same scale was used for measuring the model and rubber weight which was not very practical and made the processing slower. In the first round the queue of competitors waiting for the processing of models before the flight resulted, that the timekeepers were occupied for so long time that competitors were asked to serve as

timekeepers to finish the round. Therefore, from round two, only the FAI ID number was checked by the timekeepers before the flight, the rest of processing happened after the flight together with the rubber by one official delegated for this task only. This way the occupation of the timekeepers was rather shorter, so the further rounds were going smoothly.

**Flying:** Two rounds were flown on each of the three contest days with 5 hours round time and one hour lunch break in between. The Contest Director kept the contest well in hand providing efficient flying procedure. Timekeeping was fair and correct. A pool of 6 timekeeper pairs was used for timing for the purpose to control the number of models flying simultaneously. The number of re-flights caused by mid-air collisions of models were by rounds 4, 2, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 2 more during re-flights in round 6.

**Briefing:** One rather smooth and short technical meeting was held in the evening of the second practice day. Some short questions were answered and/or negotiated only.

**Data processing:** Data processing was running on a computer located in a separated room, close to the hall. It was equipped with a printer and a monitor to follow the standings during the contest. This system was running by a skilled operator. The results were sent to the website of the event as well, regularly updated.

### CEREMONIES & PRIZES

The opening ceremony was held in the hall, it was short and friendly followed by a buffet dinner on site. The closing and prize giving ceremony were also held in the hall and were followed by the closing banquet, in the form of buffet lunch.

The three best individuals and three best teams received FAI medals and diplomas in both senior and junior classifications. The organizer awarded cups to all team members of the best three teams and the best three individuals also. The senior winner (after 2017 again) was *Ivan Treger* (SVK), the best senior team was *Ukraine*. The best competitor in junior classification was *Vladyslav Dziubak* (UKR) and the best junior team was also *Ukraine*. The following FAI perpetual trophies were awarded.

- *Challenge Cup* to the best senior competitor: *Ivan Treger* (SVK).
- *Champion of Europe London 2003* to the best junior competitor: *Vladyslav Dziubak* (UKR).
- *HunIndoor Cup* to the best senior team: *Ukraine*,
- *Transitional Cup* to the best junior team: *Ukraine*.

The condition of trophies in general was good, but the junior trophies were rather oxidized.

### REMARKS

The organizers showed up great enthusiasm and ensured a good event, contrary to the concerns regarding the rather small sizes of the hall. Those preliminary expectations to have too many collisions resulting repeated flights, may lead to chaos, didn't fulfilled. The first round has shown the real basis of such expectations, but the later applied model procedure solved the problem from round two.

The participation was also expected to be low, because of the mentioned many possible collisions, but this was also not fulfilled.

Our special thanks are going, first of all, to *Ivo Kornatovsky* as chief organizer/contest director and also to *Pavel Bejcek* as chief timekeeper and all the timekeepers for their good work.

After several years of using the FAI license database, it is still a problem for the NACs, what FAI ID means. More than half of the given numbers on the entry forms were not the FAI ID numbers, resulting additional workload on the organizers to clear this problem with the NACs.

It is worst mentioning that un-sportive behaviour was experienced from some team members of a country, that resulted warning ("yellow card"), given by the contest director, to stop this habit.

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George ARGHIR (ROU)  
Member

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