

# **REPORT BY THE JURY PRESIDENT TO THE AIR SPORT COMMISSION**

## **EVENT DETAILS**

TITLE/NAME: **2019 FAI EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SPACE MODELS 2019**

DATE: **24-30 August 2019** ORGANISING NAC: **Romanian Modelling Federation**

LOCATION: **Buzău, Romania**

NUMBER OF FLIGHTS:..... **1579 juniors 677 seniors 902**

NUMBER OF TASKS: ..... **16**

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: ..... **210**

## **EVENT PERSONNEL**

EVENT DIRECTOR: .....Ioan Botuşan (ROM)

CONTEST DIRECTOR: .....Ionuţ Brînză (ROM)

RSO SENIORS: .....Denys Prydannikov (UKR)

RSO JUNIORS: .....Ewa Dudziak Przybytek (POL)

CHIEF JUDGE SCALE: .....Stuart Lodge (GBR)

## **FAI JURY**

PRESIDENT: Narve L. JENSEN (NOR)

MEMBER 1: Zoran PELAGIC (SVK)

MEMBER 2: Ion GUZU (ROM)

## **COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS:..... 0

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTESTS ADMITTED: .. 3

NUMBER WITHDRAWN: ..... 0

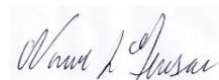
NUMBER UPHeld: ..... 1

NUMBER REJECTED: ..... 2

AMOUNT OF PROTEST FEES RETAINED: ..... € 100,-

DATE & PLACE: Busău 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2019

Signed:

  
Jury President

Detailed Report to the CIAM from the FAI Jury at the European Space Championship 2019.

This was the 17<sup>th</sup> European Championship for Space Models, Seniors and Juniors, hosted on a large field outside of the town of Busău in Romania.

### **Comments on the Event:**

#### Pre-Contest Information:

The Organizers had issued 2 pre-contest information available on the internet and through the FAI web page. Further there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin available a week prior to the competition and on arrival, with the latest information.

18 European nations took part in the Championship and in addition we had a visiting team from the USA in the Senior Competition taking part outside the European Championship, but to learn and observe the site to be used for the World Championship in 2020. Unfortunately, the program used for scoring (CupNavigator) was unable to separate the USA team from the lists, but this will be rectified for future European Championship.

#### Accommodation, Food and Transportation:

All officials and many of the competitors was housed at the Sport B90 Hotel in two-bed rooms with air condition and was of a decent quality, no problems. Breakfast and Dinner to be served at the hotel and lunch at the field. As many had to leave quite early in the morning to get prepared for the competition, before the official breakfast time, the hotel made breakfast packages to bring with you and consume at your own pace. This was a satisfactory solution. Food was served both at the field for lunch and dinner at the hotel was good and servings were of good proportions.

Transportation of the Jury was a mix between the CD's car or the Romanian member of the Jury's car (General Ion GUZU) and worked mostly OK, if neither was available, we had normal taxi service to take us to the field from the static judging at the Town Hall, this covered by the Organisers.

Transportation of the teams was by their own cars or by a rented bus.

#### FLYING FIELD & LAUNCHING SITE:

Flying field was the well-known field used for Space modelling several times before. There was erected two long lines of tents, one tent per every team. There was also a rather large temporary building erected for the canteen, FAI Jury and medical care had originally separate tents, but both elected to stay in the canteen, so the tents were used for model processing instead. There were also available toilets on both lines and a large water tank for refreshing and washing.

Layout of the launching area was classical - two quarter-circles – one for juniors and one for seniors. Launch site for every team was marked with plastic ribbons. There were two chairs for timekeepers, two binoculars, digital stopwatches and a plaque with a launch site number etc. at every launch site.

WEATHER: Weather was sunny, clear and very hot with temperatures ranging from 30°C in the morning to 38°C+ early in the afternoon. Wind speed was variable but caused no major problems. Bottled drinking water and water for refreshment of participants was supplied and helped to endure spending long hours in the rather hot conditions, a couple of supply problems was solved as the demand was greater than the supply in the earlier days.

MODEL PROCESSING AND ENGINE TESTING: Model processing was conducted by experienced personnel in both the hotel in the evening and at the field in the morning to speed up processing at the flying field.

Engine testing was conducted by international crew composed of qualified persons on a high-quality engine tester, used many times in SM championships. Engine testing was done in presence of the TMs of relevant teams. The organizer provided the special boxes for keeping the tested engines safe. One small problem was presenting itself as the temperature never was below 30°C and the rules states 25°C±5° and some readings had to be rechecked. The Space subcommittee are looking into solutions to the problem.

FLYING: Flights were controlled by the Two RSOs one for seniors and one for juniors with their two assistants. Judging of flights was fair and correct by the rules, but for the scale part it became obvious that the rules could need an update. At present the RSO have the total power to disqualify a flight (DQ), while we at the same time have 5 scale judges watching the flight to score the quality and they have no saying if the flight is DQ or not. Coming from another part of scale modelling the jury President feels that for the scale part the judges should have the saying of DQ or not and the RSO should just be the announcer. We the Jury have given the signal to the Subcommittee and they will be working on this for some clarification if needed.

TK was conducted by local youth and some foreign experienced timekeepers. Unfortunately the Jury was not approached about the problem with some of the youth timekeepers that was not up to the task of the job until the last competition day and could not do anything to rectify the problem at this Championship, but the jury will work together with the organizers to make sure that the timekeepers for the 2020 World Championships will be well educated and good at their job.

As have been done at earlier Championships, every competitor in Altitude competition got in addition to results written in his flight card also received printed diagram of the flight and one copy was kept for the organizer's archive.

One Team Managers briefing was held in The Town Hall meeting room at the beginning of the Championships. All other information was posted at the information board during the contests, sometimes a little late. The Jury has given the signal to the organisers to make the information more distributed via using Internet technologies for the 2020 World Championship. Usage of fast Wi-Fi at the field to distribute information to all competitors and a better website could help.

#### STATIC JUDGING IN S5 & S7 SCALE MODELS:

It was the usual rotation of judges in classes S5 & S7 for these Championships in relation to last year's World Championship 2018 (four new out of the five FAI judges were all approved by the CIAM Bureau).

The static judging took place in the city's Town Hall at the big meeting room and space was just big enough and will have to reshuffle the layout a bit for the World Championship and more models, but the room is fine. Data processing of results took longer than expected, also registration of scale models by using new forms took longer. This should be avoided in the future by standardized forms and tables as announced at the Subcommittee meeting.

#### DATA PROCESSING:

Data processing was in one of the tents close to the center of the layout, It was equipped with computers and well-trained crew using the CupNavigator program. In front of the computer center was a scoreboard and two large TV screens. All data were posted there on time and the screens were real time updated and at the same time the results were published on the Internet, a very good feature of the program.

#### CEREMONIES & PRIZES:

Opening Ceremony was held in front of one of the military buildings in town on one of the main streets of the city, which was closed for the duration of the ceremony, attended by regional and local

authorities with parade of all teams and the usual welcoming speeches. The Jury President declared the Championship for open and the FAI Anthem was played as the FAI flag was raised.

The Closing Ceremony was held on a podium with grandstands at the lake in the park adjacent to the Hotel Sport B90. The ceremony got a late start as some misunderstanding as to where this pricegiving was to be due to lack of information. The pricegiving will have to have a tighter schedule for the World Championship as this was a bit slow, but with the help of the Town's Major, who interfered, things got in order.

The ceremony was ended with the Jury President declared the Championship for closed. The FAI Anthem was lost and not played; this must be better organized for the World Championship to avoid such mishaps.

The Closing Banquet was held at the Sport B90 hotel and went on until the small hours of the night. Food was good and plentiful. As usual the organizer's helpers and other official got their memorabilia at the Banquet, a nice guest.

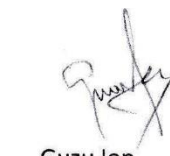
As a first the Space Subcommittee had a new price to give out (the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the ranking started) to the best overall competitors during the previous year in at least two different classes as the best Space Modeler of the year, all based on the Results of Category 1 and 2 Competitions from the previous year – named Space Models International Ranking.

#### Remarks:

We the FAI Jury have spotted several minor areas that need closer attention and there was some lack of both internal and external communication that was rectified and updated in the last minutes. We the Jury have had a meeting with the organizers and are in contact with them to make sure all will be in place for the World Championship 2020 and we are sure that this will turn out to be a very good Championship

  
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