

## **CIAM FAI**

### **Report of the RC Soaring Subcommittee Activities from April to November 2019**

The RC Soaring Subcommittee has sixteen members. All matters were discussed by e-mail. At the 2019 FAI F3K World Championships, a Technical Meeting was held attended by interested participants.

#### **F3K**

The 2019 FAI F3K World Championships for Hand Launch Gliders (seniors and juniors) were held at Jakabszalas (HUN). This class is in its full strength.

At the 2019 CIAM FAI Plenary Meeting, two new tasks were added and two other tasks were modified in the F3K task list.

#### **F3B**

The 2020 FAI F3B World Championship for Model Gliders was organised at Jeseník (CZE), at the same place and by the same organiser as two years ago. The participation was a little bit lower than in 2017 ( 49 pilots in 2017, 45 pilots in 2019).

At the CIAM FAI Plenary Meeting, new rules there were adopted, which allow starting with electromotor. The rules should be effective from January 2020. So, the next year will show whether this step is in the right direction, to help the popularity of F3B class.

The automatic system for signalling the base crossing at Distance and Speed tasks in F3B class, announced last year, fell into oblivion.

#### **F3J**

The 2019 F3J European Championships were organised by the Polish Aero Club at Wloclawek. For the first time, there were allowed winches for launching the model gliders. The number of senior participants decreased significantly from the last F3J European Championship (39 pilots in 2017, 25 pilots in 2019). It is a pleasant fact that in the junior category the decrease is not significant (17 pilots in 2017, 16 pilots in 2019).

#### **F3F**

The F3F European Championship didn't find any organiser for this year 2019.

At some other F3F competitions, there were used systems for automatic signalling of crossing the turning planes. At present there are already two different systems. One consists of two simple Sony cameras and ordinary PC at each turning point, the second one uses a compact computer Raspberry pi 3 with inherited camera at each turning point.

#### **World Cups**

World Cup series of competitions were organised in all four RC soaring classes. The World Cup Coordinators were: Martin Weberschock (GER) for F3B, Erik Schufmann (GER) for F3F, Sotir Lazarkov (BUL) for F3J and Friedmar Richter (GER) for F3K.

In the F3B class, there were 11 competitions, in the F3F class 21 competitions, in the F3J class 9 competitions and in the F3K class 23 competitions. At the 2019 Taiwan Open F3F World Cup Competition a fatal accident happened and the competition was interrupted and the results cancelled.

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