

21st FAI World Rally Flying Championships
5th to 11th August 2018

Dubica nad Váhom, SLOVAKIA

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

General:

The 21st FAI World Rally Flying Championships took place in Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovakia, at the Airfield Slávnica, according to the FAI Rules and Regulations for Air Rally.

Altogether 49 crews from 15 FAI member countries took part here + Romania delegation as the non competing observers.

The Competition run according to the approved FAI Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying, Edition 2018.

Competition Maps:

Maps in scale 1:200.000 were available, produced especially for the Championships. The maps were good to navigate on.

Transportation:

Transportation was well organised. The travelling time from places of the accommodation to the airfield was approximately 20 minutes.

Accommodation and Meals:

Participants were accommodated mostly in Hotel Elisabeth in Trečín (about 20 kms from Airfield). Hotel Elisabeth have 4-star standard accommodation. Some teams selected own accommodation in the neighbourhood.

Breakfasts and dinners were served in the competitions hotel with large scale of excellent quality meals and drinks, the lunches at the airfield in the airfield restaurant. Meals were of very good quality and very acceptable. There existed more kinds of meals.

Ceremonies:

Opening Ceremony took place at Hotel Elisabeth with standard programme points according to FAI procedures for Opening Ceremony. Before ceremony was organised here the General opening briefing.

Closing ceremony took place at Airport Slávnica and continued by dinner party here.

Standard Opening and Closing ceremony with speeches of the guests (President and vice-president of Slovak National Aero Club and GAC FAI President) and Slovak and FAI anthems were played.

Mr. Rodney BLOIS from United Kingdom, President of the FAI General Aviation Commission, was present here as the competitor and he officially opened and closed the Championships.

Airfield Facilities/Registration and Information Office:

All necessary facilities were available and all people of the staff very nice and helpful! There was grass runway available. The Registration and Information office made excellent job during the whole time. International Jury had the own room with frig with enough cold drinks for meetings and handling the protests and own car for transport.

Briefings/Communication:

All Briefings were held in a big room on the airfield. Every National team, Chief Judge and International Jury had own boxes and all given information were placed not only to these boxes, but they were hanged at the Official Information Board placed nearby briefing room and at the hotel Elisabeth..

Training Practice:

Training routes with photographs were available, weather was good, but very hot, landing strip good marked.

Competition flights, landings:

German landing system was available with experienced staff in Slávnica airfield as the official device for landings and to help to judges. Official results were taken by judges and two independent video cameras were used, placed on the opposite sides of the zero line. International Jury not performed the Check flights before competition flights.

International Jury checked all of the prepared stages according to the instruction, given to the competitors in envelopes. Remarks and notes were mostly accepted by Chief Judge and Route Planner and corrected.

1st Competition Day:

5 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge, International Jury received no protest.

2nd Competition Day:

9 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge, International Jury received no protest.

3rd Competition Day:

10 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge, International Jury received no protest. Third competition day was cancelled by Competition Director due to unequal conditions for all crews.

4th Competition Day:

3 complaints were solved by Competition Director and Chief Judge, International Jury received no protest.

Judges:

The International Chief Judge – Mr. Ralf GRÜNWALD from Germany – arrived about four days before the start of the competition. He checked all the routes with the route planner, Mr. Štefan POHANKA. The International Jury got all the necessary information, whenever they wanted it and there was a very good and friendly cooperation between the International Jury, the International Chief Judge, the Competition Director Mr. Ján CHUDÝ, his deputy Ms. Katarína POHANKOVÁ, Mr. Martin HRIVNA – Chief Scorer and the other officials. Many thanks to all of them!!!

There were enough International and National Judges available. The results were prepared in time for presentation them to the Team Managers every day evening at 20.00 o'clock, thanks to excellent job of all judges and Computer Centre, leaded by Mr. Martin HRIVNA from Czech Republic, who used his modified programme for results.

GAC FAI Trophies awarded:

- 2018 FAI World Air Rally Champions – Petr JONÁŠ and Marek VELÁT – Czech Republic
- 2018 FAI World Air Rally Team Champions – Poland – **TROPHY WAS LOST IN PAST!!!**
- 2018 AIR BP TROPHY for best navigation and observation - Petr JONÁŠ and Marek VELÁT – Czech Republic - **TROPHY WAS LOST IN PAST!!!**

Next awards according to FAI Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying, 2018 Edition

- 2018 FAI World Air Rally Landing Championship – Marcus CIESIELSKI and Astrid CIESIELSKI – Germany
- 2018 FAI World Air Rally “Low time category” Championship - Petr JONÁŠ and Marek VELÁT – Czech Republic

Conclusions:

Sanction Fee and Protest Fees:

Amount of Sanction Fee was calculated by President of International Jury. According to decision of GAC FAI, the organisers paid EUR 50,- for every competitor (pilot, navigator). With reference to the fact, altogether 49 crews participated, it means duty for pay EUR 4.900,-. This amount was paid to the GAC FAI account during the Championships.

With respect the fact, no protest was submitted during the event, President of International Jury received no amount as the fees for denied protests.

Deposit:

Event had been conducted correctly and according to the Rules, so the International Jury decided to return the Deposit to the Organisers.

Duties, arisen from Jury Hand Book:

- a) Jury Final Event report Form, signed by all the International Jury Members was given to Competition Director Mr. Ján CHUDÝ immediately after verification of the Championships as valid.
- b) Report of the President of Jury to the FAI Secretary General was sent together with enclosures and results to the FAI Secretariat within 8 days after the finish of the Championships by e-mail.
- c) Report by Jury President to the Air Sport Commission was sent together with enclosures and results to Mr. Rodney BLOIS within 8 days after the finish of the Championships by e-mail.

Reccommendations:

Members of the International Jury of the event (in alphabetical order) Mr. Pedro CABANERO, Mr. Jiri DODAL and Mr. Vagn JENSEN are giving the next recommendations to the GAC FAI Plenary and Sub-commission for Air Rally:

1. Rules and regulations

- a) A 3.1.1 – Change second sentence – “If all 4 flights are flown and valid, the first one, **which do not consists of all four parts, according to A 3.1.2,** will be disregarded when calculating the competition results. **If all 4 flights will consists of all four parts, will be disregarded first from all 4 flights**”.
- b) A 3.5.10 i) Change as follows: **“An aircraft is considered as landed, when all wheels contact the ground after all previous bounces. Any abnormalities after any bounce (see points ‘a’ to ‘h’ above) must be considered as abnormal landing.”**

- c) After A 7.11 add A 7.12: ***“The World or continental Low Time Crew Team Champion will be team, consist of two best Low Time Crews with least total. In case less than three Low Time Crew teams will participate, no Low Time Crew Team Champion will be declared.”***
- d) B 14.4 d) Change as follows: “The last presentation should be the overall three winning teams (Countries) ***and three winning Low Time Teams (if any)***, with team managers also receiving FAI medals and diplomas.”
- e) D 3 – after second article add: ***“If no international judge is sent, the entry fee for the missing judge must be paid.”***

2. Trophies

- a) During pre-event meeting with Event Director Mr. Ján Chudý on 4th August 2018 we found out, no FAI Trophy according to FAI Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying, paragraph B 14.5 a) – World Rally Champions, b) – World Air Rally Team Champions and B 14.6 AIR BP TROPY are not available.
- b) I immediately contacted by e-mail both Aero Club de France and FFA, but without any response.
- c) Team manager of French team Mr. Eric SAPHY informed me, representative of France will come on 8th August 2018 together with trophies.
- d) French International Judge Mr. Jacky CARRIQUIRIBERRY confirmed visit of French representative at the same time, but informed me, French winners received during closing ceremony at the last (20th) FAI WRFC 2016 in Portugal the World Rally Champions Trophy (B 14.5 a) only (not the others) and showed me photos from Portugal, where I can see mentioned trophy only in hands of French winners.

It means, World Air Rally Team Trophy and Air BP Trophy **were lost**.

Jury Recommendation:

From level of GAC FAI Plenary or GAC FAI S/C for Air Rally name investigator, who will try to find the lost trophies

Finally:

Event was organised and prepared very well, all the staff was very friendly and helpful!! Championship was successful and I have to give my special thanks to International Jury Members, Mr. Pedro CABANERO from Spain and Mr. Vagn JENSEN from Denmark, who helped me very much as very experienced persons.

My special thanks are going to Mr. Ralf GRÜNWALD from Germany, who served as the International Chief Judge.

My big thanks must to go to Mr. Ján CHUDÝ – Competition Director, Ms. Katarína POHANKOVÁ – Deputy Competition Director, Mr. Štefan POHANKA - Route Planner and all their enthusiastic staff!!!

Prague, 1st September 2018

Jiri DODAL
President of the International Jury

