23rd WPFC Spitzerberg 2017
Competition Director’s Report
to the FAI-GAC Meeting – Paris, 11th Nov. 2017
Four years after the presentation of the preliminary bid in Cordoba, it’s now time to give a report of a successfully held world championship.

We hope to warmly welcome you ... 2017 in AUSTRIA !
The airfield was not absolutely perfect, but offered almost everything.
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Spitzbergen 2017
Hot but luckily without thunderstorms, we were happy having had no trouble to follow the planned schedule.
Extremely high temperature caused some technical problems. Machines as well as humans were at the edge. Thanks to all participants and helpers to survive these unusual met conditions!

dead batteries, melted logger
Thanks to all participants and helpers surviving such unusual met condition using very different ways 😊
The landing day went quiet and smooth. I was happy about disciplined pilots. Even “big brother” Austrian Airline watched us, without disturbing our traffic 😊
Although having not as many options as actually planned, the task setting in limited airspace was worth to be called a real world championship.
There were some complaints during the landing training, which could be discussed to avoid discomfort in future competitions.

Complaints and protests about handling penalties for exceeding the minimum flight altitude in competition also should end up in clearer rules for future scoring.

I know, not everybody was happy about some decisions, but at the end of the day the Chief Judge as well as the Jury tried to do their best.
Congratulations, not only to all the winners, but also to every participating pilot, team manager and supporter! We had fun together 😊 😊 😊
Thank you so much!
My conclusion after being participant for over more than “15” years in competition, while organising just “1” event: Being on ground is much more exhausting than being up in the air fulfilling all tasks!

But, to organise an event, is a great experience, which I really would not miss.

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