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7th FAI European Rally Flying Championship
6th to 12th September 2009

Castellon, SPAIN

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

General:

The 7th FAI European Rally Flying Championship took place in Castellon, Spain.

Altogether 66 competitors (33 crews) from 9 nations took part in the Championship.

The Competitions were run according to the approved FAI Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying, 2009 edition.

Competition Maps:

Maps in scale 1:200.000 were available and they had all the necessary features, requested by the Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying.

Transportation:

There were no problems with transportation because hotel was located in 5 minutes of walk to the airfield.

Accommodation and Meals:

The breakfasts and dinners were served in the competition hotel, the lunches at the restaurant near the airfield. There was also a bar with drinks and sandwiches available at the hotel and some drinks at the airfield.

Ceremonies:

The Opening ceremony took place at the airfield. The FAI President Mr. Pierre Portmann, the GAC President Mr. Pedro Cabanero and some officials of City Castellon and local Aeroclub were present. Opening ceremony with speeches of the guests and FAI anthems was finished by good dinner in nice restaurant.

The Closing ceremony took place again at the airfield and was very nice prepared, but the plans had to be a little changed because of the evening thunderstorm.
At the end of the day everybody was satisfied because of the good championships.

Airfield Facilities/Registration and Information Office:

There was only one grass runway available. The Registration and Information office was placed at the airfield near the Aeroclub buildings. The competition staff had good enough facilities for their work.

Briefings/Communication:

General Briefing and the Team Managers briefings were held in the competition hotel, and daily briefings were held at the airfield. Every National team had own boxes and there were Official Information Boards on the one of the organisers container at the airfield.

Judges:

The International Chief Judge for Rally Flying – Mr. Andrzej Osowski from Poland had checked all the routes preparations with the Competition Director Mr. Jesus Mas, route planner and computer staff, before the competition started.
Although The Jury had checked all the routes.

There were 8 International and National Judges and 12 helpers available.
The Spanish Video landing system was available with experienced staff and all landings were judged according to Rally Rules & Regulations.

The results were presented to the Team Managers every day evening at 19.00.

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1. Practice:

Training routes with photographs were available, the weather was good and only on September 6 and 7 it was raining, the landing strip was marked.

2. Competition flights and landings (September 8 to 11):

• *The 1st Day – The First Competition Route:*

The Competition Staff had some organisation problems, but everything was corrected.
International Jury had received 1 protest concerning the relation between Local time and Elapsed time used in the flight instruction.
The protest was denied.

• *The 2nd Day - The Second Competition Route:*

International Jury had received no protest.
No problems were observed on the sporting side.

• *The 3rd Day – The Third Competition Route:*

International Jury had received 1 protest concerning the landing test after arrival.
The protest was denied.

• *The 4th Day – The Fourth Competition Route:*

One mistake in a position of CP2 was corrected in the computer scoring system.
No complains and no protest had been received..

• Because four competition flights were flown, the first one from September 8, was cancelled according to the rule A.3.1.1.

Notes:

One crew from Israel could not take part in the competition because of lack of pilots licences validation by Spain Aviation Authority.
Only 32 crews were classified in the Championship.

Conclusions for the Championships:

1. Results:

- In opinion of the International Jury the event has been conducted in accordance with the Sporting Code and the rules for the event.
- All protests have been dealt with and all Jury reports have been displayed.
- The Final results have been verified and are valid.

2. Sanction Fee and Protest Fee:

- The fees for denied protests in amount of **200 €** were handed to Mr. Jiri Dodal for transfer to the FAI Secretary General.
- The Sanction Fee in total amount of **2 640 €** has to be transferred by the Competition Director to the FAI account.

3. Deposit:

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

Finally:

Finally my best congratulations and warmest thanks to the friendly and helpful organization stuff and helpers for their great work. I send my warmest thanks to my very competent colleagues in the Jury, Jiri Dodal and Howard Cox.

Special thanks for the excellent job on every side of the competition to the GAC President Mr. Pedro Cabanero.

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