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460 competitors of all ages in 9 classes: results of the 2023 FAI S World Championships for Space Models

Austin, Texas, USA, 8 July 2023 – The 2023 FAI S World Championships for Space Models has concluded with great success in Austin, Texas, USA. From 1st to 7th of July, over 450 dedicated space modelers competed in nine different classes, demonstrating spectacular skills, talent and dedication to their sport.

A total of **290 senior and 170 junior competitors from 17 nations** competed, and the contest was a friendly mix of all ages and genders. The many female competitors performed exceptionally well and organisers were delighted by the number of youngsters involved.

There were outstanding performances from **Antonio MAZZARACCHIO (ITA)** who won his 7th World Champion title. **Michal ZITŇAN (SVK)** gained his 5th title, while **Chris FLANIGAN (USA)** won his 4th champion title.

Team USA performed especially well amongst the seniors, with golds in four categories. Other team winners were Latvia, Slovakia, Spain, People's Republic of China and Poland.

People's Republic of China gained four champion titles for the junior team, with Ukraine winning two, and Spain, Romania and Great Britain each receiving a gold.

FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) President and Jury Member Antonis Papadopoulos commented:

“These FAI Space Models World Championships were very well organised. CIAM would like to thank the hosts from the National Association of Rocketry (NAR), for their tremendous effort to prepare and run the event, and of course their hospitality. Congratulations to all the winners and all those who participated.”

Notes for editors

The winners of each class can be viewed on the official competition web site and photos from all the teams and awards from the web site of the official photographer Jim Wilkerson are available online.

- Event results: <https://2023-wchsm.navigator.org/results>
- Event website <https://www.nar.org/site/wsmc-2023>
- Pictures in high resolution (free for editorial purpose):
https://www.flickr.com/photos/airsports_fai/sets/72177720309505167/
- Awards images <https://tinyurl.com/WSMC-2023-Awards>
- Team images <https://tinyurl.com/WSMC-2023-Team-Photos>

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic activities and Space records.

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