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## **REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY**

**23<sup>RD</sup> FAI WORLD PRECISION FLYING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**FROM THE 29<sup>th</sup> JULY TO THE 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

**AT SPITZERBERG AIRFIELD, AUSTRIA**

### **General**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI WPFC 2017 took place in Spitzerberg, Austria from the 29.07. to the 5. 08 .2017 and were carried out according to the FAI rules and regulations.

63 pilots from 15 countries took part.

### **Competition maps**

Maps in 1:200 000 scale were used.

All maps were correct and used by the pilots.

3 training routes were available for the practising week, prepared by the organizers and 4 routes were prepared for the competition, of which 3 were used.

### **Transportation**

Transportation was very well organized and most teams were given a car by the organizers .Certain teams organized their own transport.

Travelling time was approximately 15 minutes from the main hotel to the airfield.

## **Accommodation and meals**

Two packages were made available by the organizers.

1<sup>st</sup> package 'all inclusive'

2<sup>nd</sup> 'Fly package' (as stipulated at the local rules)

Breakfast and dinner were served at the hotel and lunch at the airfield.

All meals were of a very good standard and quality and a wide selection was provided.

## **Ceremonies**

The opening ceremony took place at the main hotel 'Altes Kloster' in Hainburg, with the standard programme points according to the FAI procedures.

Championship director Manfred Kunschitz introduced the various speakers from the Austrian aero club and guests of honour from the region, who then delivered their speeches.

Mr. Rodney Blois GAC president officially opened the 23<sup>rd</sup> FAI WPFC 2017, with the required FAI flag and anthem.

The closing ceremony was divided into 2 parts.

The trophies were handed out at the gala dinner by various official guests on Friday night.

The medal ceremony was presented to the winners at the airfield on Saturday morning at the 'Airfield Festival', with many spectators present.

The GAC president Rodney Blois then officially closed the championships with the required flag and anthem ceremony.

## **Airfield Facilities/Registration and Information Office**

All necessary facilities were supplied and were very good.

All sign boards and directions were very clear and everything was very well organized and carried out, by excellent staff who were all very helpful and friendly.

All competitor and general information was well displayed at the airfield and at the hotel. Also the country info boxes were on hand and regularly updated.

The Jury had their own car for transport and the necessary venues for meetings and protests were available.

### **Briefings/Communication**

Briefings were held at the airfield and at the hotel. All information was given to the teams (team managers) chief judges and international jury via info boxes, notice board or website. All meetings started on time at 19h00 and results were posted not later than 23h00. On the last competition day, the final results were released at 18h00. Congratulations to the computer centre team and the international chief judge on a job well done!

### **Training/ practice week**

The landing strip was well marked.

3 training routes were available and could be carried out in good weather.

The practise landings were also carried out.

### **Landings**

The German landing system was used and very well managed and carried out by experienced staff. Results were also taken by official judges and 3 independent video cameras on opposite sides of the zero line. The jury was satisfied with the setup of the landing system and markings.

### **Competition**

Day 1- 31.09.2017: Landing competition

All procedures were carried out according to the rules and regulations and the results were handed out at the team managers briefing and published on time via internet. 1 protest was received and after a video check by the jury, was denied.

The 3 competition/navigation flights 1.8 - 3.8 2017 were carried out successfully in good weather conditions and according to the rules and regulations.

For the navigation flights, the Jury received 5 protests of which 2 were accepted and 3 were denied.

### **Judges**

The international chief judge, Ralf Grunwald from Germany, arrived one week before the start of the competition, to check the routes together with the route planer Paul Szameitat also by air. Together with the competition director Manfred Kunschitz from Austria, there was excellent communication and cooperation with the international chief judge, the international Jury, as well as with the chief scorer Thomas Weise and local chief judge Walter Ochsenhoffer and other officials.

A big thank you to all for their hard work and competence. There were sufficient International and national judges available.

### **GAC FAI Medals/Trophies awarded**

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals - for the first three pilots overall

Gold ,Silver and Bronze Medals - for the first three teams

Gold , Silver and Bronze Medals - for the first three pilots in landing

Gold Medal - for the best woman

Gold Medal - for the best low experience pilot

### **Trophies**

City of Nottingham

World Champion

Canada Trophy	Landing Champion
Royal Aero Club of the UK Sword	Navigation Champion
Ottley Trophy	Team Champion
New Zealand Trophy	Landing Team Champion
Air BP-Trophy	Best low experienced pilot
Argentina Trophy	Best Woman Pilot

## **Conclusions**

### **Sanction and Protest fees**

The amount of the sanction fee of E 3150.00 (63 Pilots @ E 50.00) was transferred to the GAC/ FAI account.

The president of the Jury received the amount of E 200.00 as the fees for denied protests. This amount was given to the Austrian Aero Club for transferring to the GAC/ FAI account.

### **Deposit**

The competition was successful and conducted correctly and according to the rules. Therefore the international Jury decided to return the deposit to the organizers.

### **Duties, arising from the Jury Hand Book**

- a) Jury Final Event report Form, signed by all the International Jury members was given to the Completion Director Mr. Manfred Kunschitz after verification of the Championships as valid.
- b) Report of the President of the Jury to the FAI Secretariat after the completion of the Championships.
- c) Report of the President of the Jury to the Air Sport Commission was sent together with enclosures and results to Mr. Rodney Blois after the finish of the Championships.



## Recommendations

The formula for the final navigation scores must be checked and clearly stipulated in the rules and regulations.

## Finally

The event was very well prepared, organized and carried out.


It was very successful and my special thanks go to the international Jury members, Mr. Heinrich Schawalder from Switzerland and Mr. Jacky Carriquiriberry from France for their help.

Also a special thanks to the Aero Club of Austria with Manfred Kunschitz as excellent Championship Director.

To Ralf Grunwald as international chief Judge from Germany, Mr. Paul Szameitat route planner from Austria, local chief Judge Walter Ochsenhofer

And also to Mr. Thomas Weise from Germany, chief of the computer centre, as well as all judges and all the friendly staff members involved.

Lautertal, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hans Schwebel', written in a cursive style.

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