

F3J European Championships 2007 Trnava (Slovakia)

The 6th F3J World Championships for seniors and juniors were organised by the Model Club Trnava (MCT) under the leadership of the Model Sports Union of Slovakia (ZMoS).

Venue

The Airfield Trnava-Boleraz was in the past a site of many international F3J competitions. The site was very good suited for the competition. The full-size airplane business was stopped during the whole championships. Some exceptional starts and landings of full-size aircraft during the week didn't interfere with the running competition.

Organisation

The burden of the Championships was carried by Mr Fero Bachraty, the president of the Model Club Trnava. The sporting part of the Championships was efficiently and smoothly executed under the leadership of contest director Milan Blažek from the Model Club Holíč. Timekeepers and other members of the staff were members of the Model Club Holíč, Model Club Martin and other model clubs of Slovakia. Most of them having experience from the F3J World Championships 2006 in Martin.

Entry

The Championship was entered by 64 competitors from 22 countries. A large number of helpers and supporters also participated.

Accommodation and catering

Some teams stayed at hotels in Trnava and Boleraz, most participants stayed in tents on the airfield.

The lunch was served in tents on the airfield. Drinks and additional food was possible to obtain in a kiosk. The organiser invited all participants to free lunch on Saturday and Sunday. They served Slovak special food.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony took place at 16:00 hours on Sunday at the flying field. Each participating nation carried its banner. The vice-president of the Self Governing Region Trnava welcomed everyone to Boleraz and to the European Championships. Some other representatives of the District Trnava were also present. The organizer variegated the opening ceremony by a folklore ensemble who performed some Slovak songs and dances.

Processing

All models were processed before the contest. The tow-lines were randomly tested by the organiser during the contest. One pilot was penalized by getting zero for his flight because of longer launch-line.

Weather

The weather was changeable during the week. Dangerous conditions were on Monday where a very strong thunderstorm passed over the airfield. Fortunately the flights were stopped in time. But some tents were damaged and the electronic equipment was not operable till the next day. One member of the staff was wounded (five stitches on his forehead) when he tried to save some competitor's material.

During the rest of the week the weather was acceptable, with only few drops of rain, moderate wind, thermals round the midday and calm in the morning and evening.

Award Ceremony and Banquet

The award ceremony took place in the afternoon of Saturday 25th. August on the airfield. FAI diplomas, FAI medals, valuable cups and additional medals supplied by the organizer were presented. At the ceremony also the vice-president of the Self governing Region Trnava handed the cups.

The banquet took place in the evening at Sporting Hall in the town Trnava. The organizers served excellent food and wine from local vineyards.

Protests

There were no protests submitted.

Conclusion

It is the opinion of the FAI Jury that this were very successful Europeans Championships carried out in a most friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

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Tomas Bartovsky
Jury president