



REPORT OF THE CIAM F3A SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2003

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The F3A sub-committee experienced a relatively quiet year. The rule changes and new schedules which were ratified at the 2002 Plenary meeting take effect on 1 January 2004, which will give the sub-committee some time to spend on other issues. An idea was motivated to split the sub-committee into several working groups, the main aim being to involve more of the sub-committee members, and to give them more responsibility. Areas that are going to be discussed include judging, development, Sporting Code, costs, championship format, etc.

The F3A organisers' guide/contest director's guide is in the process of being written and wider circulation than just the sub-committee should result in a practical manual.

The 2003 world championship in Poland attracted a large entry, and some new development as well. The organisers of this championship are to be commended on an enjoyable and successful event. For the first time an unofficial junior classification was made at a world championship, with eight juniors participating. An interest has been expressed by Russia to host a junior international event, which should further increase the awareness of the need for junior participation. Worldwide it would appear that aerobatic activity is on the increase. With the addition of Artistic Aerobatics and Aero Musicals to the repertoire, there exists a wide variety of competitive activity to satisfy the aeromodelling community so inclined.

National aeromodelling federations are encouraged to arrange aerobatic competitions and judging seminars, and several offers of international events are being considered.

My thanks go to all the administrators, officials, participants, and members of the trade who support the R/C Aerobatics sub-committee.

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