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Subcommittee F3 Helicopter Chairman Report 2021

After my reelection as chairman of the F3CN Subcommittee I checked the composition of the subcommittee members. The members from Belgium and the Netherlands were not confirmed as Technical Experts from their NAC, so they resigned. I intended to enlarge the subcommittee by inviting the Technical Experts from France, Greece and Korea. They confirmed the invitation. So, the F3CN subcommittee consists of 20 members. Most of the S/C members are still more involved in F3C than in F3N. In the subcommittee still exists the problem that the willingness of some subcommittee members to participate in discussions is not high and therefore only a small part of the members is concerned with the tasks of the subcommittee.

Due to COVID-19 all category 1 and category 2 FAI model helicopter competitions were cancelled or postponed. This also happened to the 2021 F3CN World Championships which should take place in Romania. However, the organizer and the CIAM Bureau agreed on the postponement of the F3CN World Championships to 2025. The 2023 F3CN World Championships are already awarded to USA.

There were also no World Cups in the classes F3C and F3N in 2021. All organizers, who are from Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, UK, Germany and China postponed the events to 2022.

Regarding the 2022 F3CN European Championships in Italy, which was postponed from 2020, the organisation is running. Everyone hopes that all the planned competitions can take place next year.

The 2021 Plenary Meeting was hold as web-conference. The two F3CN subcommittee proposals included changes for F3N. Both proposals were confirmed by the Plenary. For the first time the F3CN Technical Meeting was also hold as a web meeting in preparation of the Plenary Meeting. The participation was much higher than in the real meetings in Lausanne. The online conference was a great success.

Therefore some members suggested to discuss important issues online within the subcommittee in future.

The main issues the subcommittee members have discussed in 2021 were some clarifications for F3C and F3N rules, the increase of participants at category 1 events and the handling with the women's classification. The increase of participants should be realized by wild cards. The subcommittee members were surprised that this proposal did not get any support from the CIAM Bureau. Without any support it is difficult to realize that proposal. The handling of the women's classification is still under discussion in the CIAM Bureau.

Because of the successful online Technical Meeting the subcommittee organized an online judge training for F3C. Nearly 40 judges and pilots from all over the world participated. The training was recorded and published on the F3CN website. So, it is available for everybody who is interested.

In 2022 we will continue with the successful World Cups in F3C and hopefully we will also find organizers for F3N.

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