

AGENDA ITEM 19.3

Citations for the Leon Biancotto Diploma

Jiří Duras

Mr. Jiří DURAS, as the aerobatic instructor educated more than 80 aerobatic pilots, many of them are the members of Czech Aerobatic National Team (Mr. Miroslav ČERVENKA, Mr. Marek HYKA, Mr. Martin VECKO, Mr. Petr KOPFSTEIN). As the pilot he flew 5.300 flying hours including 2000 flying hours in aerobatic. Mr. Jiří DURAS is very efficient organiser. During last 20 years he organised 19 times the famous international aerobatic competition – Karlsbad Cup and several National Aerobatic Championships. Mr. Jiří DURAS is very experienced International Aerobatic Judge and lector at seminars for aerobatic judges. Mr. Jiří DURAS is nominated for his whole life work for Czech and World aerobatic flying.

Pavol Kavka

Pavol Kavka, CIVA Delegate of Slovakia for 26 years, began his life in aviation at a young age. His first parachute jump occurred at 17 years, he earned a glider license at 18 and a PPL at 24. His first aerobatic contest was when he was 25 and he ultimately competed in Advanced. He turned his attention to judging when at 28 and judged his first international competition at 30 years of age.

Since then, he has continuously participated as an FAI International Judge, Chief Judge, or Contest Director in the intervening years. This year, he has served as Contest Director of the WAAC in Hungary and Chief Judge of the FAI World Yak-52 Aerobatic Championships in Russia. In recent years, he was Chief Judge of the 2008 EGAC, 2009 EAAC, 2009 Yak-52 Championships, and the Contest Director of the 2011 WAGAC/WGAC and 2011 EAAC. No other person in CIVA has served as both Contest Director and Chief Judge at so many FAI Aerobatic Championships.

Mr. Kavka, 56 years old, is fluent in three languages and conversant in two others, has 3,000 flying hours including 300 in aerobatics and has flown a wide variety of powered and glider aircraft. He is a recipient of the FAI Air Sports Medal. His strong spirit, energy, dedication to aerobatics, and his love of the aerobatic community and air sports has resulted in many successful Championships through the years and made him a deserving candidate for the Leon Biancotto Diploma.