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Report of the RC Soaring Subcommittee Activities
from April to November 2015

The RC Soaring Subcommittee has fifteen members. All matters were discussed by e-mail. One item which had to be solved was the team classification, which is missing in all four RC soaring classes. The final wording was submitted as proposal for the 2017 CIAM Plenary Meeting.

F3J

The F3J World Championships 2016 at Vipava (SLO) was a successful event. The problem with very small differences in the results of best pilots still continues. The best ten pilots were squeezed within 2.5 seconds. An effective rule modification which could extend the differences between results and reduce the influence of timekeeper's ability on the final ranking wasn't found yet.

F3F

The F3F World Championship 2016 at Hanstholm (DEN) was another very successful event. The organisers were lucky with excellent weather conditions, having suitable wind and no rain throughout the whole week. For the next World Championship 2018 it is not easy to find an organiser, because the UK bid was withdrawn just before the CIAM Plenary Meeting 2016 and the informative bid of Romania could hardly be accepted because in this class not any international competition was organised in the bidder's country so far.

F3B

Ralf Decker (GER) tried to find an improvement of the rules for task Duration of this class. At present the Duration task is important but not deciding part of the competitions. He made some test flights with a data logger containing an altimeter and also organised a survey asking which rule change should be accepted. He sent a questionnaire with eight options to 152 pilots in 17 countries and to the RC Soaring Subcommittee members. About 50% of addressee responded. In total 33 respondents (31%) voted for using the data logger and 21 (20%) voted for shortening the tow line length.

World Cups

World Cup series of competitions were organised in all four RC soaring classes. In the F3B class there were 12 competitions, in the F3J class 11 competitions, in the F3K class 19 competitions and in the F3F class 15 competitions (2 of them cancelled for no wind).

Last competition in F3K class was flown in Brazil on 15th November 2016 and last competition in F3F class was flown in Hong Kong from 10th to 12th November 2016.

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