

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIAM SPACE MODELS SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITY FOR 2013**

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CIAM Space Models Subcommittee (SM SC) was composed of 22 members in 2014, all from different countries from four continents (only Africa is missing). SM SC convene regularly once a year at World or European Championships. In addition to that there was an email correspondence on different spacemodelling issues.

There was one SM SC meeting in the 2014 FAI World Championships for Space Models in Shumen (Bulgaria), held on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2013. The meeting was open to SM SC members, outstanding sportsmen and all team managers. There were 29 participants from 12 countries – 11 of them were SM SC members. The Agenda contained only three items: 1. Comments on 2014 FAI World Championships for Space Models for Seniors and Juniors; 2. Future of Spacemodelling – Second 50 years in the FAI; 3. Future World and Continental Championships for Space Models.

SM SC Meeting concluded: a) WSMCh 2014 in Bulgaria is successfully organized and conducted in spite of some ambiguities in the rules that should be rectified as soon as possible. b) There is a number of issues that require to be redefined or changed and also many new items deserve to be put in the rules. There are two sets of issues: a) organizational and b) technical aspects and specification of the models. It would be necessary to have an interim SM TM prior to the CIAM Plenary Meeting in April 2015 to start resolving these problems. c) The organizer informed SM SC that EuSMCh 2015 and WSMCh 2016 might be relocated to one of the towns in West Ukraine for participants' convenience.

The most important sports, technical and organizational activities in 2012 were:

1) 2014 FAI World Championships for Space Models for Seniors and Juniors held in Kaspichan (Bulgaria) from 22<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 were successful. Participated NAC senior teams from 19 countries from Europe, America and Asian (19 senior teams with 154 competitors and 13 junior teams with 99 competitors). The best overall competitor was a senior Leszek Malmiga (Poland) and the best junior was Katerina Vanikova (Czech Republic). The best overall senior team was Bulgaria and the best overall junior team was Russia. It was introduced a new perpetual trophy to the best multiclass senior team. It was "Pelagic Brothers Trophy" donated by brothers Srdjan (SRB) and Miodrag (SVK) Pelagic and awarded to Bulgaria.

2) SM World Cup was also successful. There were 18 events organized by 13 countries at two continents (Asia and Europe) with participation of sportsmen from 21 countries. Total number of sportsmen was 1029 and number of competition flights 5486. It was noticed a decrease in number of participants of -13,89%, and in number of contests of -17,30%. Reason for that is for West European countries still hesitate to organize the FAI style World Cup contests although in these countries hobby flying and High-Power rocketry in parallel organizations are constantly progressing. Also cancellation of two contests (one in the USA and one in Ukraine) because of organizational problems and small participation deserve special attention. However, most of SM countries consider still existing economic crises responsible for such situations. SM SC is now focusing on organization of SM World Cups in America and Far East.

3) Open International – non World Cup events were organized in non-World Cup classes as back-up events of several World Cups to encourage space modelers to contribute to versatility of this sport. These were S1B(altitude), S3A (parachute duration) and S8D (RC duration rocket-gliders).

4) Future SM SC activities shall be oriented in finding its "main-stream" in 21<sup>st</sup> century. Therefore the SAPHIRE SM Development Program shall gather experts from many countries to approach new technologies to SM and to attract public and media. One of the goals is to re-enter WAG program in next several years. It is necessary to encourage SM people to use more onboard electronic devices. Therefore a cooperation with EDIC shall be established.

5) Need for well educated coaches and competent judges is also present. An international teaching program for all levels of education would be necessary and also some organized refreshment of knowledge of judges in summer camps or in similar conditions.

6) In order to cut expenses some regional contests shall be encouraged especially for juniors.

7) It is necessary to simplify the rules and to decrease physical load and stress in Category 1 events. These events take too much time during the day and in overall duration. It is necessary to make more time for communication of modelers from different countries, which shall contribute to development and improvement of this activity.