



**2013 F3 RC HELICOPTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
CLASSES F3C AND F3N
Wloclawek, Poland**

FAI JURY REPORT

ORGANIZATION: The Aero club of Wloclawek organized the 15th FAI F3C World Championship and the 1st FAI F3N World Championship. Competition information was provided in Bulletin 1, a late Bulletin 2 and on the web site. The competition took place from 19. to 27. July, 2013 with 69 competitors in F3C and 34 in F3N. A total of 26 countries in F3C and 14 countries in F3N were registered.

ACCOMMODATION: The competitors stayed at various hotels in the city of Wloclawek. Some stayed at the camping area at Kruszyn airfield. Judges and Jury stayed at a separate pension close to the airfield. The competitors took care of their own lodging and meals. Hot lunches were served at the airfield every day. The Judges and Jury were served dinner at the pension. The food was good, but there was no cleaning service for the rooms during the week and there where no telecommunication on the rooms . The Jury and Judges were provided with their own cars and this made transportation much easier for the organizer.

FLYING SITES: The competitions where held on Kruszyn airfield near the city of Wloclawek, an airfield with plenty of room for all three flight lines. All pilots were able to drive to each flight line and therefore some of the tents provided were not used.

There were two adequate practice flying fields located within easy driving distance from the championship site. These were sometimes a little crowded but a friendly atmosphere prevailed.

MODEL PROCESSING: Competitor registration and model processing took place in a hangar at the airfield. Due to the later start of F3N this created no stress for the organizer. Each model was checked for FAI sticker, proper markings and compliance with F3C/F3N rules. All competitors used 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum radios so transmitter processing consisted only of verification. A special list of commercially available 3 axis gyros used in F3C was generated and no violations of the rule concerning gyros were detected.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE: Official F3C practice took place on Saturday 19. July. A team manager's meeting for F3C was held later in the evening. Calibration flights for the

Judges were done early Sunday morning. Official practice for F3N took place on Monday 22. July. A team manager's meeting for F3N was held later in the evening. Calibration flights for the Judges were done early Tuesday morning.

OPENING CEREMONY: The opening ceremony took place in front of the office building on the airfield on Saturday. The president of the FAI Jury officially opened the competition. There was a one-minute silence in memory of the Swiss F3C-pilot Reto Galliker who had a fatal accident 2 weeks earlier.

COMPETITION F3C: The preliminary rounds for F3C started at 08:00 and ended at approximately 16:30 hours each day from 21. to 24. July. Two schedule "F" calibration flights were flown for the Judges before the two fly-off rounds on Friday 26. July. The third and final fly-off rounds were flown on Saturday 27. July. The weather was great all week and did not create any delays. The organizer failed to inform and block other activities on the airfield and insisted that parachuting activities must take place. This created delays and some irritation. However, all rounds were completed before the evening.

COMPETITION F3N: The preliminary rounds for F3N started at 08:00 on Tuesday 23. July and ended at approximately 15:00 hours each day. Two Fly-of rounds were held on Friday 26. July. The third and final fly-off round was flown on Saturday 27. July.

Both classes (F3C and F3N) flew their final rounds at the main site and this proved to be a perfect arrangement.

AWARD CEREMONY: The official award ceremony took place on the flying site at 16:00 hours on Saturday 27. July. The Jury awarded the FAI medals, and the national anthems were played. The FAI hymn was played at the end. The president of the FAI Jury officially closed the competition.

BANQUET: The closing banquet took place at the pension where the Judges and the Jury stayed. The FAI Judges and members of the FAI Jury received souvenirs. The president of the FAI Jury officially closed the competition.

COMMENTS:

The results and flying order were displayed on the competition web site though there were some changes made by the organizer and misunderstandings the first days.

The breakfasts and dinners at the hotels/pension were first rate. The event received media coverage from local newspapers. An F3C/F3N subcommittee meeting was held with 16 members present. The weather during the entire event was good; the temperature changed from chilly to quite hot. The competition computer guru (Wieslaw Krzymien) did an excellent job of covering the event. All the results were compiled with the Microsoft Excel program and this provided the necessary files for judges analysis after the championship.

A disappointment was the place of the flying site for F3N. It was too far from the entrance of the airfield, and some trees had to be cut down before the site could be accepted. The organizer provided the airfare tickets for all the Judges and the Jury members. This created problems for both Jury and Judges and the organizer. The tickets were bought without contacting the travelling persons. This created late arrivals and uncomfortable

flight itineraries. Two Judges in F3N made a withdrawal after the tickets were bought and sent to them with the result of financial losses for the organizers. One Jury member ended up with two tickets and did not get refunded for the extra ticket. The organizer did not know that the extra cost to and from the local airport should be refunded to the Jury and the Judges. After the championships the organizer requested that the Jury and Judges submit their receipts. After 2 months not all transportation costs have been refunded. It is our hope that the organizers understand their financial responsibility.

SUMMARY: We thank the Aero club of Wloclawek and the entire competition staff for running the 15th F3C World Championship and the 1st F3N World Championship in a fair and friendly atmosphere. We also thank the FAI Judges for their hard work during the championship.

FAI Jury: Dag Eckhoff (NOR) President
 Horace Hagen (USA)
 Manfred Dittmayer (AUT)