

Report from the Scale Subcommittee 2011

This has been a rather quiet year in Scale. Due to mainly the current economical situation, we lost this year's European Championship in Romania because of too few entries at the entry deadline and the organisers had to cancel. This was and is a shame, since the organisers had already put in a lot of effort to make this Championship a successful one. This cancellation might as a consequence make other NACs reluctant to bid for further European Championships, we do hope this will not be the situation, but time will show, as at present we do not have any bids for the European in 2013.

Else we had a very successful scale symposium at the 2010 World Championship in Poland, but due to unforeseen problems, the report did not get out until this fall. The symposium was held on the two days prior to the Championship and the organisers supplied meeting room and equipment, but all attendees had to pay their own lodging and boarding for those additional days. This way to hold the symposium seems to be the only way to gather judges from all over the world without too much financial burdens and we will try a similar approach at the coming World Championship in Spain.

In addition to this late report from the symposium, it turned out that the FAI Server did not want to distribute the report to the Subcommittee, neither did it distribute my later request to the Subcommittee for response to the questions asked in the first letter. As I in both mails had included addresses to other judges that also was attending the symposium, but not members of the Subcommittee and as I got answers from these people I assumed all was ok.

Finally as the 15th of November got closer, I send out a rather sharp letter to the Subcommittee demanding answers, this time I send it both direct to the personal E-mail addresses of everyone and also through the FAI server to be sure. Not surprising, this time with my insurance of direct E-mail, the E-mail went through the FAI server with no problem. But then the time was getting too short to expect an answer from all the members. Since those that answered quickly, all were in agreement, I felt confident enough to use the answers I got as a base for the Subcommittee proposals. I really do hope that all problems with the FAI server now is history, as I haven't been able to upload the scale sporting code version 2 to the site yet.

We have had some discussions and E-mail exchanges about the F4H rules that now have been used several times in international contests, and we the scale subcommittee feel the class now have matured so much that it really should become an official class and be part of the Scale Championships. We still have some changes proposed to these rules to make them better serve the purpose of the class without favouring the nations F4C B-team, of which we have had indications in our international contests might be a problem making the judges job very hard in a class that should be simple to judge.

The Scale Subcommittee still has 27 members representing all countries that have shown an interest in Scale, we now have members on all continents. Of course not all members are as active as some that leads the discussions, but some are more like recipients of information to keep their country-men and women informed. In the future I would like to divide the current Subcommittee into those that do work and those that just receive information.

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