

Jury report on the 2007 **F2 Control Line** European Championships for seniors and juniors

Belgrade, Serbia, July 6-14, 2007

Contest Information

Three bulletins were distributed on the internet before the event in time and contained the necessary information.

One technical meeting was organized in the hotel of the officials for team managers, officials, judges and the jury. For all the four categories, the event directors or the head of the panel of judges and the F2D circle marshal explained and cleared some important rule interpretations. The meeting started late because of the late finish of processing.

Entry

The final total entry was 195 competitors from 23 countries (F2D mechanics not included). The junior entry was 28 from 13 countries. A total of six ladies were competing, four of them were juniors. The respective numbers in the four categories were the followings:

F2A – 41 total, 34 seniors from 14 countries and 7 juniors from 7 countries

F2B – 44 total, 36 seniors from 17 countries and 8 juniors from 8 countries

F2C – 30 total, 26 senior teams from 13 countries and 4 junior teams from 4 countries

F2D – 50 total, 41 seniors from 16 countries and 9 juniors from 8 countries.

Accommodation and food

The accommodation was organized in different versions in hotels and camping). The accommodation for the officials was good, but in several room the water flooded the bathroom when the shower was used. We haven't heard about other problems. The breakfast and dinner in the hotels were good, the lunch for the officials at the site was rather simple for the officials, different to the lunch for the competitors.

Flying Site

The flying venue was the airfield of the Serbian Airforce in Batajnica. The F2A, F2B and F2C circles were situated on the 50 m width main runway, the F2D area was about 200 m away from the runway on grassy area. Tents were set up for the teams.

Competition

The weather conditions were changing a lot. Besides good but very hot days, we had wind, rain and short, very strong local winds indicated by the strong thermal activity over the runway on the sunny days. The intermediate reserve day was used for delayed flights and rounds in all categories. At first, the very high temperature after that the changing conditions strongly affected the setting and performance of the engines.

In **F2A** there was a smooth contest (led by Jo Halman) apart from one delayed round, the collapsing of a side of the cage because of the wind and the unstable electric power supply.

For the day of registration an **F2B** judge's seminar was organized and run by Peter German, Massimo Semoli and Keith Renneclé – the first time in this form in this category connected to a championship. The seminar was very well received therefore it was repeated later at an evening when several competitors appeared as well.

The **F2B** flying standard of the top and middle level competitors was again very close. On the other hand, the Jury is of the same opinion as two years ago, some of the judges still tend to use only a rather narrow part of the full available range of points and scores the manoeuvres of a given competitor in an extremely small range (down to 0.2-0.4 points difference). The close scoring makes a kind of random effect on the results. One small hope for the future: there was one 10 points given for an inverted flight manoeuvre. The bigger hope is the judge's seminar, to be continued.

The F2B score calculation was running smooth there was no claim. A copy of the judges' score sheets was given to the competitors immediately after their flights.

The **F2C** contest was rather clean, running well (led by Jean-Paul Perret). There were two protests, both denied. The team race panel of judges did a very good job contrary to the fact the races getting more and more fast therefore the observation is getting more and more harder, over the human capabilities. There was no problem with the timing. Two world records were set: one on 100 laps by the team of Valeriy Kramarenko / Yuriy Chayka from Ukraine (3:00.8 min) and on 200 laps by the team of Pascal Surugue / Georges Surugue from France (6:21.4 min). The FAI jury President sent the preliminary claim for both records from the spot to the FAI office and checked the necessary documentation for the record homologation.

There were only four junior F2C teams, but their flying capability was quite good.

The **F2D** contest in general was smooth in spite of the very tough and sometimes not clean fights, thanks again to the well-trained international group of officials led by the chief combat judge, Ingemar Larsson and to the good cooperation with the local staff. We had four protests, two were upheld and two denied. The juniors did very well in this category.

We had a reasonable number of fly-away (**5**) and fortunately there were no injuries or other problems.

Jury

The FAI Jury consisted of Guido Michiels from Belgium, Srdjan Pelagic from Serbia and as President Andras Ree from Hungary.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony was held in the evening in the historical forest in the heart of Belgrade, including a show of dancing groups and finished with a very impressive professional firework. Besides the local authorities, local inhabitants were also present. The prize giving and closing ceremony was organized on the flying site, the banquet was held in the elegant restaurant of the Serbian NAC in Belgrade downtown. The mood was very good and there was a nice moment when a well known F2 SC member publicly withdrawn his previously strongly expressed doubts concerning the Serbian F2 European Championship.

Others

One evening, between the WCup contest and the E/Ch we had a strong thunderstorm and heavy rain. Prepared tents and other equipment were destroyed or blown away, adding extra burden onto the organizers.

The invited head of processing did not arrived, Jean-Paul Perret jumped in and provided the necessary equipment – besides his event director duty – special thanks to him.

The excursion was cancelled because of the lack of interest.

The detailed report of the F2A and F2B event directors are available in electronic form for request.

Conclusions

The 2007 F2 European Championship was a successful event in all of the four categories. Our thanks are going to the hard working organizers, timekeepers, judges, helpers, family members, local ones and the international staff from abroad as well.

The organizers had to realize the huge difference between internationals and championships, the lack of such experience led to some minor mistakes, but they were ready and able to solve the majority of these shortcomings in cooperation with the international staff.

Thanks to them for the work and efforts made for the control line modelling community.

On behalf of the FAI Jury

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President