

F4 Scale Sub-committee Report for 2017

The Sub-committee was enlarged to 23 members for 2017 to include technical experts from countries which are not participating internationally in scale at this point in time. Members are in contact with one another via e-mail. However, not all members are equally active and feedback was not always as good as expected.

Although 2017 was not a F4 Technical Meeting year at the Plenary Meeting, we are thankful that we could get the urgent clarification regarding the use of gyros accepted at the meeting. Further improvements of the provisional F4K rules could also be made.

The working groups were active during the year. Despite health issues and family bereavements eleven proposals for the 2018 CIAM Plenary Meeting were prepared. Most of them are an attempt to clear up anomalies and make the scale classes a more attractive proposition for prospective participants. A guideline for the production of Scale Documentation for models will be published on the FAI website this year.

Continuous productive interaction with the Swiss organisers for the 2018 F4C&H World Championships is bearing fruit and everything is on track at this point in time. They are also hosting the first International F4K Championships for Scale Helicopters at the Meiringen venue at the same time. They have also opted to have a real time scoring system similar to that at the 2015 F3A World Championships as well as to utilise five flight judges per panel for both F4C and H, which gives us an opportunity to 'blood' a good number of new judges for the future.

For the same reasons cited for 2017, no European Championships for F4 is envisaged for 2019.

Being called upon at the end of 2015 to play the role of the little Dutch boy who stopped the leak in the dyke with his thumb to save his town, I have always seen my tenure as S-C Chairman as an interim situation, and I am standing down in April for a younger and hopefully more innovative successor to take Scale to new heights.

I thank our President, my fellow Bureau Members, the FAI Staff and my fellow Scale Modellers for their kind assistance and patience with me as well as their undeserved support.

Johan Ehlers

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