

F3J European Championship 2005 Osijek

The 5th F3J World Championships were organised under the leadership of the Croatian Aeronautical Federation by the Aero Club of Osijek on 17th to 23rd July 2005

Venue

The site of Airport of Osijek was well suited for the competition. For pilots the tasks were sometimes difficult due to crosswind, because the field intended to be used by other wind directions was wet and not suitable for towing. This situation was the consequence of unusually heavy rains few days before the Championships. Nevertheless the competition was running smoothly and the pilots coped with difficult conditions.

Organisation

This was efficiently executed under the expert leadership of contest director Marin Kordic. Officials were experienced and sufficient in numbers. The sound system on the flight line was excellent, the sound system for pit area was sometimes not sufficient..

Entry

The Championship was entered by 57 senior competitors from 19 countries and 28 junior competitors from 12 countries. A large number of supporters also participated.

Accommodation and catering

Most teams stayed camping on the airfield. Unfortunately they suffered from mosquitoes because the said rain induced its mass propagation in puddles. Part of competitors stayed in hotel in Osijek and nearby villages.

Breakfast was served in the hotel and in a small restaurant on the field. It was possible to buy lunch at the field, but the food was not of best quality. On the other hand the organiser prepared three times during the week a free dinner with excellent and delicious local speciality food.

Weather

Weather was suitable most of the time - warm with moderate winds and two rain showers. The wind changed its direction through the week and at some moments it blow perpendicular to the launch direction. At these situations the tasks of pilots were difficult. Advantage of these conditions was a wider distribution of pilots' results, which then clearly showed the best pilot. The difficult weather reigned also at fly-off

Protests

There were no protests submitted.

International Jury

Tomas Bartovsky (CZE), Gerhard Woebbeking (GER) and Bruno Muk (CRO).

Conclusion

It is the opinion of the FAI Jury that these were very successful European Championships carried out in a most friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for an excellent event.

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Tomas Bartovsky
Jury president