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18th FAI World Rally Flying Championships
3rd to 9th September 2012

Castellon, SPAIN

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

General:

The 18th FAI World Rally Flying Championships took place in Castellon, Spain.

Altogether 49 crews from 16 nations took part in the Championships.

The Competition was run according to the approved FAI Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying, edition 2012.

Competition Maps:

Maps in scale 1:200.000 for competition were available. The maps were good to navigate on. They had all the necessary features, requested by the Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying.

Transportation:

With respect, the competition hotel was around 3 minutes by walk from the airport, no local transport was arranged.

Accommodation and Meals:

All participants were accommodated in Hotel del Golf Playa with 4-star standard accommodation, around 3 minutes by walk from the airport.

Breakfasts and dinners were served in the competition hotel, the lunches at the airfield in the Airfield restaurant. Meals were of very good quality and very acceptable. There existed more kinds of meals. At the airfield restaurant was also possibility to take a drinks and snacks.

Ceremonies:

The Opening ceremony took place at the airfield, before main hangar. The Mayor of town Castellon represented of the region and President of Royal Spanish National Aero Club was present here. Standard Opening ceremony with cultural programme, speeches of the guests and Spain and FAI anthems was finished by reception.

The Closing ceremony took place again at the Castellon Airfield with the same standards, as the Opening Ceremony. Castellon Regional Ministry of Sport was present here.

Mr. Pedro CABANERO from Spain, Honorary President of the FAI General Aviation Commission, officially opened the Championships. Mr. Jean-Pierre DELMAS was present here and he officially closed the Championships.

Airfield Facilities/Registration and Information Office:

All necessary facilities were available and all people of the staff very nice and helpful! There was asphalt runway available. The Registration and Information office made excellent job during the whole time. Small problems with re-fueling existed during first day, but after intervention of the Competition Director, all continued correctly. International Jury had the own room for meetings and handling the protests. Car with driver for International Jury was available, but not used.

Briefings/Communication:

All Briefings were held in a hangar on the airfield. Every National team, Chief Judge and International Jury had own boxes and all given information were placed not only to these boxes, but they were hanged at the Official Information Board placed at the airfield hangar for briefings and on Competition hotel.

Training Practice:

Training routes with photographs were available, weather was good, landing strip good marked.

Competition flights, landings:

No electronic landing system was available. Competition landings at Castellon Airfield were judged by experienced International Judges staff. Three independent video cameras were used, placed on the opposite sides of the zero line. Every from 4 practice and competition stages were finished by two landings ("touch and go" and "fullstop") at Castellon Airfield. International Jury received no protest against the landing. International Jury not performed the Check flights before competition flights. Aircraft for check flights was permanently available.

International Jury constructed all of the prepared stages according to the instruction, given to the competitors in envelopes. Remarks and notes were accepted by Chief Judge and Route Planner and corrected.

Photos fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs A.3.4.5. B.9.6. and B.9.7. of the valid Rules and Regulations for Air Rally.

1st Competition Day:

International Jury received no protest.

2nd Competition Day:

International Jury received 2 protests, both for incorrect sketch of CP 2 in Flight Instruction. Both protests were upheld.

3rd Competition Day:

International Jury received 4 protests. Two for Landing Circuit after TG landing in Castellon, one for Late submission of the Answer Sheet and one for Wrong times given by logger. All four protests were denied.

4th Competition Day:

International Jury received 1 protest against the wrong coordinates of CP 4 - protest was denied.

Judges:

The International Chief Judge – Mr. Andrzej OSOWSKI from Poland – arrived about five days before the start of the competition. He checked all the routes with the route planners, Mr. Juan Ramon ALVAREZ and Mr. Jesus MAS. International Chief Judge made some changes in prepared routes.

The International Jury got all the necessary information, whenever they wanted it and there was a very good and friendly cooperation between the International Jury, the International Chief Judge Mr. Andrzej OSOWSKI, Local Chief Judge and Route Planer, Mr. Juan Ramon ALVAREZ, the Competition Director Mr. Jesus MAS, his deputy Mr. Pedro CABANERO and the other officials. Many thanks to all of them!!! Special thanks to appointed Chief Judge for Landing – Mr. Jacques JACOBS from South Africa and his team of International Judges. The fact, no protest received for altogether 392 competition landings without electronic measuring is indicial for the perfect job of the whole landing judges team.

There were enough International and National Judges available. The results were prepared in time for presentation them to the Team Managers every day evening between 18.00 and 19.00 o'clock, thanks to good job of Computer Centre, leaded by Mr. Maciej BIALEK from Poland. Special thanks to Mr. Art GREENFIELD from USA for his help during whole Championships to anybody.

GAC FAI Trophies awarded:

- World Rally Champions – J. CHERIOUX and D. LEGENTIL – France
- World Air Rally Team Champions – Poland (not awarded – lost)
- AIR BP Trophy – J. CHERIOUX and D. LEGENTIL – France.

Conclusions:

Recommendations

Include to the FAI Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying:

1. **A.2.14.** *Add:* "Any GNSS FR (logger) can be cleaned by organiser after clear approval of the competition crew only."
2. **A.2.15.** *Add:* "Time of handing over the competition answer sheet must be recorded by judge in the Answer Sheet form or envelope and signed by one of the competition crew member."
3. **A.3.2.6.a)** *Add:* "In this case the correct inbound track to the CP (x+1) must be given in Flight Instruction."

Sanction Fee and Protest Fees:

Amount of Sanction Fee was calculated by President of International Jury. According to decision of GAC FAI, the organisers must pay EUR 40,- for every competitor (pilot, navigator). STARTING LIST of the Championships contains of 98 names altogether. It means duty for pay EUR 3.920,-. This amount should be transferred according to the FAI Secretariat instruction on 10th September 2012 by Organisers to the FAI Account.

President of International Jury received amount EUR 500,- as the fees for denied protests. This amount will be presented to the FAI Secretariat during 2012 FAI General Conference in Antalya (Turkey)

Deposit:

Event had been conducted correctly and according to the Rules, so the International Jury decided to return the Deposit to the Organisers, what was made during the Closing ceremony.

Duties, arisen from Jury Hand Book:

- a) During the Pre-Event meeting with Championships Director and checking all matters according to the Check List, International Jury investigated, that one of the FAI Trophies for Rally Flying (Word Air Rally Team Champions Trophy) was not handed over.
- b) Jury Final Event report Forms, signed by all the International Jury Members was given to Competition Director Mr. Jesus MAS immediately after verification of the Championships as valid.

- c) Report of the President of Jury to the FAI Secretary General was sent together with enclosures and results to the FAI Secretariat within one week after the finish of the Championships.
- d) Report by Jury President to the Air Sport Commission was sent together with enclosures and results to Mr. Jean-Pierre DELMAS within one week after the finish of the Championships.

Finally:

Event was organised and prepared very well, all the staff was very friendly and helpful!! Event was successful and I have to give my special thanks to my colleagues, International Jury Members, Mr. Paul SZAMEITAT from Austria and Mr. Krzysztof LENARATOWICZ from Poland, who helped me very much as very experienced persons. My special thanks are going to Mr. Andrzej OSOWSKI from Poland as the International Chief Judge, to Mr. Juan Ramon ALVAREZ from Spain – Route Planner and Local Chief Judge, to Mr. Maciej BIALEK from Poland – Chief Scorer, to all the FAI International Judges and especially to Mr. Jesus MAS and Pedro CABANERO from Spain – Competition Director and Deputy Competition Director and all their enthusiastic staff!!!

Thank you very much!!!

Prague, 30th September 2012

Jiri DODAL
President of the International Jury

