

AGENDA ITEM 6.2

REPORT OF THE CONTEST DIRECTOR

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CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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Three bulletins were published well in advance and contained all data for every participant in EGAC. Perfect marking, lots of signs showed all the directions for the participants and the spectators as well, plenty of posters in the villages and cities and billboards by the main roads showed them and led them to the airport. The road in front of the airport was full of cars. That was the beginning of the event.



The Registration was prepared just behind the entrance to the airport in the first main building. Accommodation was at the airport and in the country, too.

The Opening Ceremony was very well prepared in the city of Moravska Trebova and its Mayor hosted the Officials and the Team Managers in the town hall.

Meals during each day were served in the tent which was used for Briefings as well. A constant menu, there were three choices for main meals and one roasted.

Official web pages were renewed every day with new information to describe the situation. Some articles from these pages follow:

July 13th -- lots had flown yesterday before next clouds came. Today is the start of competition flights expected after 3:00 pm if the weather conditions is good, briefing at 3:00 pm has been shifted to 5:00pm because of surprisingly bad weather, today's competition programme has been canceled.

July 14th -- Morning's briefing has been shifted (of course because of bad weather) to 10:00am, when it is decided about today's competition plans. Even though the briefing was several times shifted, now it seems that in the afternoon will the competition programme finally continue, before 8:00pm the first pilot took off for his competition flight, but because of the dusk only several pilots has flown.

July 15th -- Ten pilots had flown in yesterday evening, but this morning new clouds came and so was the programme shifted. Next briefing will be at 11:00am.

July 16th -- Because of the strong wind yesterday it wasn't possible to fly. We hope that the situation will change...



For the EGAC 04 in Czech Republic, a unique system was especially created which markedly accelerated processing and presentation of the results, making it more attractive for media. The summary of that new system was also presented last year by Mr. Martin Vecko (CZE) to the CIVA Delegates on a Silja ship.

The aim of the new on-line system and the main benefit is:

- attractive for spectators and very useful for competitors, too.
- better presentation of the results of the Championships.
- the possibility to insert an advertisement during presentation of the results.

The most difficult task during the EGAC was holding. Remembrance of an unsatisfactory end of the Championships in Pasewalk, Germany kept the Organizers always on the alert. Weather played with us very sensitively and changed conditions so often that we could see almost each phenomena from a meteorological encyclopedia. We accepted each vagrancy. Finally we used up every suitable chance for flying. Twice only for "box test flight" and nothing more. From that we can clearly see a progressive and significant change of the weather conditions in Europe in the summer season. Examples of the bad weather days and comments are visible from the websites listed above.

Six times World Champion **Jerzy Makula** won third title of European Champion and didn't let anybody hesitate. He was the most successful pilot of the 7th EGAC. He flew during the whole Championships in the amenity and won two of three Programmes. Only in the Free Programme the ex-World Champion (2001) Alexander Panfierov (RUS) and overall second in these Championships was better. Bronze medal went to current World and European Champion, Ferenc Tóth (HUN).

Excellent performance of the Russian team brought them gold in teams (Panfierov 2., Kaminsky 4., Barabanov 5.); second place team was Poland (Makula 1., Brzakalik 7., Makula JR. 10.); and in third, Hungary (Tóth 3., Szilagyi 8., Katona 14.)

Start field had three women of the 53 pilots of 10 countries of Europe. Total number of the points for performance of the first ten excellent pilots were so tight that 40 points from the bronze meant 6th place for Premysel Vavra, the best from hosting country.

Between pilots there was a pretty wide range in age, the youngest contestant Vlcek (23) of the Czech Republic and first time in Championships and older pilots like Katona of Hungary (69), a participant of the nearly all Championships.

Results

1.	Jerzy Makula	5987,6984 p.
2.	Alexander Panfierov	5968,9842 p.
3.	Ferenc Tóth	5874,4764 p.
1.	Russia	17633,7885 p.
2.	Poland	17490,5198 p.
3.	Hungary	17208,9922 p.

The organizers together with helpers, about 90 people, did their best.



EGAC 2004 was one of the exemplary, well prepared event from both a public and sportive point of view with great enthusiastic access of all people involved. But this could not cancel two general failures.

First of them was the HHMD absence. All of us know for a long time before when and where all of the Championships are to be held. A couple of days then hours before the beginning the situation was uncertain. An alternate device was used.

The second sham was when the Organizers had no chance only to feel ashamed for CIVA was a fatal software error. There were no results for the Closing Ceremony.

The Prime Minister of the Czech Republic during his speech in front of the crowds of people said also that all of the participants are the winners. That professional, diplomatic and tactful statement cannot change anything. Something went wrong. CIVA software cannot be delivered two days before the Championships. It was an irresponsible act.

To serve as a Contest Director was a pleasure for me. I thank all unnamed who helped me to bring that event to a successful close, mainly Czech youth. Thank you, CIVA Delegates for your trust.

Full results for EGAC 2004 can be found at the following:

<http://www.lsc.cz/egac2004/results>