

CIAM Scholarship Report 2013

1. Election of the Winner 2013

By November 15, 2012, eight candidates sent in their applications for the third 2000 € scholarship.

- Tomasz Frak (Poland, 19) competed at the F3J WCh in 2012.
- Oskar Findahl (Sweden, 18) from is one of the best Junior competition flyers at all, with many wins in F1A, F1B and F3K.
- Marco Mazzucchelli (Italy, 18) was the best Junior competitor at the F3A EuCh (Gold) and won Bronze over all.
- Thomas Rettenbacher (Austria, 13) was 3. in F3C Junior classification at the EuCh in 2012.
- Toni Stanev (Bulgaria, 18) got the award as the best Junior competitor at the Space Modelling WCh in 2012.
- Marten Friis Nielsen (Denmark, 16) won F2D-Bronze of the Junior classification at the WCh 2012.
- Loic Burbaud (France, 20) belongs to the very best F3A pilots in his country with many top places.
- RJ Gritter (USA, 21) is a first class F3P pilot and model designer.

With so many worthy nominees, the panel of CIAM experts was split. Three of six members voted in favour of Loic Burbaud from France and he became the clear winner. The Bureau agreed the decision and the plenary rewarded the scholarship April 19, 2013. Six, not seven experts had their vote, as Per Findahl had to abstain from voting because his son was related.

2. New Ranking System

Because of the growing number of applicants the voting procedure for the CIAM scholarship had to be revised and a proposal of Bob Underwood (USA) was unanimously agreed by the Technical Meeting of the S/C Education. It says that every expert has to rank the applicants from 1 to n and the candidate with the lowest sum of his places wins.

3. Scholarship Diploma

As a high rated prize the Scholarship should be accompanied by a diploma (which has to be awarded to past winners as well). December 2013 the Bureau decided the layout; the diplomas are to be presented at the Plenary Meeting 2014.

Gerhard Wöbbeking
CIAM Delegate Germany