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## 2012 F3C RC HELICOPTER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS F3C AND F3N.

### FAI JURY REPORT

**ORGANIZATION:** the German Aero club organized the 14th FAI F3C R/C Helicopter European Championship. Competition information was provided in Bulletins 1, 2 and 3 and on the web site. The competition took place from July 28. to August 04, 2012 with 49 competitors in F3C and 23 in F3N. A total of 19 countries were registered.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The competitors stayed at different hotel in the beautiful city of Quedlingburg and different hotels around the flying field. Some stayed at the camping area at the field. The FAI Judges and Jury stayed at separate hotel. The competitors took care of their own lodging and meals. Hot lunch where served at the field every day

**FLYING SITES:** The competitions where held on the airport in Ballenstedt, (in old DDR, SW of Berlin) at a glider airfield with plenty of room for both flight lines. All pilots where able to drive to each flight line and therefore some of the tents provided were not in use.

There were two adequate practice flying fields located within easy driving distance from the championship site. These were some times little crowded but a friendly atmosphere was kept.

**MODEL PROCESSING:** Competitor registration and model processing took place in a hangar at the flying field. Due to the later start of F3N this created no stress for the organizer. Each model was checked for FAI sticker, proper markings and compliance with F3C rules. All competitors used 2.4 GHz Spread Spectrum radios so transmitter processing consisted only of verification.

**OFFICIAL PRACTICE:** Official practice took place on Saturday 29. July. Due to rain showers the official practice was delayed one our. During the official practice the judges organized a judging seminar. 2 Calibration flights for the judges were done late Sunday. A team manager's meeting for F3C was held later in the evening.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** The opening ceremony took place beside the tower on the main airfield for F3C and F3N on Monday. The president of the FAI Jury officially opened the competition.

**COMPETITION F3C:** The preliminary rounds for F3C started at 08:30 and ended at approximately 17:30 hours each day from July 30 to August 2. Two schedule "F" calibration flights were flown for the judges before the two fly-off rounds on Friday August 03. The third and final fly-off round was flown on Saturday August 04. The weather changed from day to day and some of the flights had to be postponed but all pilots managed to fly each day.

**COMPETITION F3N:** The preliminary rounds for F3N started at 09:00 and ended at approximately 16:00 hours each day. Two Fly-of rounds were held at Friday August 03. The third and final fly-off round was flown on Saturday 04. August.

Both classes (F3C and F3N) flew their finals at the main site and this proved to be a perfect arrangement.

**AWARD CEREMONY:** The award ceremony "flower ceremony" took place on flying site at 16:00 hours on Saturday August 04.

**BANQUET:** The closing banquet took place in a theatre in a sport centre. The jury awarded the medals, and the national anthems were played. The FAI hymn was played at the end. The FAI judges and members of the FAI Jury received souvenir. The president of the FAI Jury officially closed the competition.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Preliminary rounds of F3N and all finals were covered live on Internet.

The breakfasts and dinners at the hotels were also first rate. The event received media coverage from local newspapers, An F3C/F3N unofficial subcommittee meeting was held with ten members present. The weather during the entire event was changing and the temperature changed from chilly to quite hot. The competition computer responsibility did an excellent job of covering the event in real time due to new scoring software made by Janez Mesec from Slovenia.

The only disappointment was lack of shelter (tents) on the flying site for F3N and the lack of providing drinks for the spectators/pilots.

The French team in F3C experienced a fire during charging lipos in one of the hotel-rooms with the result of a burned out hotel room. No cause was established.

The president of the jury made an error by disregarding the not counting 4<sup>th</sup> pilot when making the team classification. This decision has been corrected after the championship with the result of a change between the second and third place in F3N.

**SUMMARY:** We thank the Deutscher Aero club E.V. and the entire competition staff coming from different part of Germany for running the 14<sup>th</sup> F3C European Championship

and The 1. F3N European Championship in a fair and friendly atmosphere. We also thank the FAI Judges for their hard work under different weather condition

FAI Jury:      Dag Eckhoff (NOR) President  
                    Gerhard Vöbeking (GER)  
                    Manfred Dittmayer (AUT)