

LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL AWARDS, WITH CITATIONS

On the occasion of the 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAI SPACEMODELLING, organisations and individuals who contributed significantly to the development of this airsport activity during a long period of time, shall be awarded with special awards – „50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAI SPACEMODELLING 1962 – 2012 CIAM Diploma“.

Award ceremony shall take place on Friday, 20th April, 2012 at 16.30 at:

Hotel Movenpick, Avenue de Rhodanie 4, 1006 Lausanne (Switzerland)

together with the award of World Cup prizes.

For services rendered to the FAI, CIAM, and the spacemodelling community, the recipients listed below constitute the cornerstones of the 'spacemodelling building', constructed during the first 50 years of its existence.

ORGANISATIONS:

National Association of Rocketry (NAR) - USA – the organisation which established spacemodelling and adopted the first competition rules that were guidelines for all similar activities in the world. It was also the organiser of two World SM Championships in 1980 and 1992,

Zvaz Modelarov Slovenska (ZMOS)- Slovakia – the organiser of the first ever FAI official SM international event „Dubnický Maj“ in 1966 and the organizer of World SM Championships in 1974 and 2000 and EuSMCh in 1995 and 2007.

Vazduhoplovni savez Srbije (VSS) – Serbia – the organiser of the first ever World SM Championships in 1972 and two more World SM Championships in 1987 and 2010 and European SM Championships in 2003 and 2009,

Federatia Romana de Modelism – (FRMD)– Romania – the organiser of WSMCh 1998 and five European SM Chs in 2011, 2005, 1993, 1988 and 1981 – the organisation that conducted the greatest number of the FAI SM Championships..

Federation of Spacemodelling Sport of Russia (FRMS) – the organiser of the greatest ever World SM Championships in Baikonur in 2006 with participation of 25 countries and for setting up new standards in organisation of such events („tents town“, opening and closing ceremonies at the city stadium in front of more than 10000 spectators, numerous spectators at the flying field).

Aeroklub Polski - Poland – the organiser of the first ever Junior World Spacemodelling Championships in 1994 and three World SM Championships in 1983, 1994 and 2004. Also known for continuous development of SM activity.

Real Federacion Aeronautica Espanola – the organiser of the first ever European SM Championships in 1994 and World SM Championships in 2008 and for constant promotion and development of SM in west European countries.

Association of Light Aviation of the Republic of Kazakhstan – the organiser of the first ever Open Asian SM Championships in 2007 and for continuous organization of the Korkyt Ata SM World Cup for years the only SM World Cup in an Asian country.

ARK „Vladimir Komarov“ Ljubljana – Slovenia – the organiser of the „Ljubljana Cup“, the oldest continuously organized SM international event, organised for 34 years, which is for almost 20 years the final event in the SM World Cup series and which gathers sportsmen from 10 to 12 countries every year – a miniature „European Championships“. Several world records were established in this event. It was also the executive organiser of the World SM Championships in 1996.

INDIVIDUALS:

Alexander „Sandy“ Pimenoff – Finland – CIAM President (1968-2007) and CIAM and CASI President of Honour, heartily supported all spacemodelling activities. He contributed significantly to development of spacemodelling from a simple technical sport activity to a developed and widely spread airsport in the world. Thanks to Sandy spacemodelling became a part of the 1st World Air Games in 1997 and it is constantly progressing through World and Continental Championships and World Cup series as pillars of this airsport favourite in all generations of athletes.

John „Max“ Bishop – Switzerland – retired FAI Secretary General, who served at this position 17 years (1994 to 2010) and who during all his service at the FAI (with his staff) supported and helped spacemodelling with enthusiasm in conducting all spacemodelling programs and plans. Thanks to his help, understanding and support spacemodelling succeeded to resolve many problems and to achieve desired level of development as an airsport.

George Harry Stine – USA – (posthumously) – known as the „Father of Spacemodelling“, a man who established spacemodelling and introduced it into the FAI in 1962 and who served as the first CIAM Space Models Subcommittee Chairman – 1962 – 1972 – 11 years. His book „Handbook of Model Rocketry“ (1965) is still the „Bible“ of SM.

Otakar Saffek – Czech Republic – the second CIAM SM SC Chairman – 1973 – 1978 and 1996 – 7 years, one of the best spacemodellers of „sixties“ in the world.

Col. Howard R. Kuhn – USA – (posthumously) the third CIAM SM SC Chairman – 1979 – 1995 – 17 years, a man who made spacemodelling popular all over the world.

Ing. Srdjan D. Pelagic – Serbia – the fourth CIAM SM SC Chairman – 1997 till now - 15 years, a man who launched the „Sapphire“ SM Development Program in 1997 and who continuously encouraged organisation of SM contests at all levels all over the world and who contributed SM WCups to become the most effective tool for popularization of SM.

Ing. Marian Jorik – Slovakia – Space Models World Cup coordinator (1993 – 2007) – 15 years and organiser of European SM Championships 1995 and WSMCh 2000. During his service SM World Cup competitions increased from one to five classes. He provided challenge trophies for all classes and made this kind of competition very popular and attractive.

Vernon and Gleda Estes – USA – founders and owners of „Estes Industries“ made possible mass production of space models engines in 1958 and by keeping this production for decades contributed very much to spreading of spacemodelling all over the world.

Prof. Ioan N. Radu – Romania – the first ever spacemodelling World Champion in 1972, one of the best promoters of spacemodelling and author of „World Space Modelling“ – the first comprehensive history of spacemodelling. He also publishes „Astronautica“ a magazine on spacemodelling, rocketry and astronautics.

Gradimir B. Rancin – Serbia – the general manager of the first ever World SM Championships in Vrsac (former Yugoslavia, now Serbia) in 1972 and a man who contributed very much to modernization of the spacemodelling rules adopted in 1970 and approaching of these rules to CIAM principles of competition.

Mihail Zanciu – Romania – former Secretary General of Romanian Modelling Federation who was the chief organiser of FAI SM Championships in Romania – World SM Championships in 1998 and European SM Championships in 2005, 1993, 1988 and 1981, a man who was No 1 for organisation of the greatest number of FAI SM Championships.