

Jury Report on 2024 Indoor Free Flight World Championship F1D for Seniors and Juniors

Organizer

Romanian Modelling Federation in cooperation with the Slanic Saltmine.

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Dates

March 23-26 2024

Location

Slanic Prahova, Romania

Information

Three bulletins were distributed.

Accommodation

Officials and most competitors were accommodated in the Hotel Roberto in Slanic at which breakfasts and dinners were provided. A good packed lunch with hot food was delivered on each flying day in the salt mine.

Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony was held in the Hotel Roberto. It was simple and fast.

Flying site

The well established flying area in the salt mine was used again for these Championships. During the practice day and the first day of competition, the mine was open to tourists, mainly in other areas of the hall, but their presence disturbed the air within the flying part of the hall.

Participation

Participation was lower than the 2022 World Championships which were also held at Slanic. Five of the nations represented in 2022 did not send competitors in 2024.

There were competitors from 8 nations, with 19 senior competitors including one female and 9 junior competitors including two females.

Contest organisation

A team managers' meeting was held after the opening ceremony. Some organisational matters were explained and flying site etiquette was discussed, including not winding motors in the middle of the flying area.

After the practice day, the tables were moved to an area adjacent to the flying site, which initially caused some friction from those countries assigned a less advantageous position but was eventually resolved.

Processing facilities were in one corner of the area and available to competitors and were used to process the models before or after each flight and the rubber motors after the flight.

Times were recorded on a computer immediately after they were returned and a large monitor allowed visibility of the latest scores. After each round, the results were printed for display on the noticeboard. However, there was no online presentation of the results.

Timekeeping

There was an ample supply of young timekeepers who were efficient and accurate. A pool system was operated and only rarely was there a delay in receiving timekeepers. The scorecards had some shortcomings, mentioning balloon steering time which should have been prop stop time, and there was no space to write down the times from both watches before averaging for the flight time.

Protests

There were no protests.

Trophies

The Langley Cup team trophy was sent back from Ukraine in well-oxidized condition with broken handles.

Closing Ceremony and Banquet

These were held in the Hotel Roberto on the evening of the final flying day.

Conclusion

The Jury wish to thank the Romanian Modelling Federation for the organisation of these successful championships.