

Report by the FAI Jury on the World Championship for Free Flight models F1E – Free Flight Slope Soaring Gliders in Turda, Romania, 1st to 4th of August 2023

Overview: The 2023 World Championship F1E was organised by the Romanian Model Federation in cooperation with the Romanian Aeroclub supported by the City of Turda and the military. The flying site on the Bogata hills is unique and offers two different hillsides by just walking 100 meters on the top of the hill to get from one side to the other, superb conditions for the F1E class. Participation was by 9 countries and a total of 53 competitors with 37 seniors and 16 juniors, 9 females in senior and 5 in junior categories, and a total of 14 females. Strange that the World Champs have fewer entries than the last year's European.

The World Cups: The Championship was preceded by the Popa Cringu World Cup with 66 participants a slight increase from last year's 62 of whom 13 were juniors and 8 females and after the Championship, by the Turda Cup with 51 competitors same as last year, broken down to 19 juniors and 6 females.

Pre-Contest information: Two bulletins were issued in good time and all relevant information was available. **Bulletin 3 was sent out late, just before the Championship and contained the last information.** All additional information and the opening ceremony were done at the big tent on the hilltop and worked very well.

Accommodation & Catering: Most people stayed in Turda in different hotels, but some competitors elected to camp at the competition site on the hilltop and made a small campsite up there. The selected hotels had a good standard and served breakfast and dinner, while lunch was catered meals served at the contest site, well prepared and plentiful.

Model Processing and Official Practice: The organisers processed all models according to the rules. As to practice on the field, this was allowed until 10 minutes before each round started and allowed the competitors to make their final adjustments before the flight.

Weather condition: Mostly good weather, but with a few light rain showers, unusually the wind direction did not change during the whole championship, so the contest stayed on one side of the hill the whole time. This showed this site's idealistic position for the F1E competition allowing the competitors the best possible conditions all the time.

The event's organisation: The Championship was conducted in a friendly, firm way and no problems arose during the Championship. The timekeepers were always kept busy during the rounds, and everyone was satisfied with their behaviour. The secretary did the tabulation at the site, and each round's results were promptly presented on the scoreboard, **but due to limited personnel, we did not get the normalized scores updated during the rounds. We had a discussion that concluded that next time we do need a generator and a printer on-site, to be better able to supply updated and correct scores during the Championship.**

Opening and closing of the Championship: The opening ceremony was done at the hilltop in the large tent with some short speeches and the FAI Jury President declared the Championship open, the FAI Hymn was played, and the FAI Flag was displayed. The Awards and Closing ceremony took place in the main hotel outdoors with a barbeque-style dinner and all winners got their medals, diplomas and trophies. One country was dominant in taking care

of the top placings, and we all learned to know the Polish national Anthem The FAI Jury President then declared the Championship closed, The FAI Anthem was played, and the FAI Flag was taken down. It's a very nice ending to a good Championship.

Conclusion: In the opinion of the FAI Jury this was a well-run Championship, and the organisers can be proud of their effort, we like to thank the organisers for their service.

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