FAI JURY REPORT ON THE
2025 FAI F1D EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR INDOOR MODEL AIRCRAFT
for seniors and juniors
November 24-27, 2025, Slanic-Prahova (Romania)

ORGANISING NAC: Romanian Modelling Federation

CONTEST CLASSES / NUMBER OF COMPETITORS / NUMBER OF TEAMS

The FAI European Championships for Free Flight Indoor Model Aircraft 2025 – Class F1D for seniors and juniors, 8 countries (FRA, GBR, GER, ISR, LTU, ROU, SUI, UKR) were entered by the final entry deadline, a total of 21 senior competitors, including 2 females and 1 junior competitor.

EVENT PERSONNEL

Contest director and chief timekeeper: *István Kiss* (ROU). Contest secretary: *Silvian Lungu* (ROU). Data processing: *Constantin-Catalin Chelmus* (ROU).

FAI Jury: *Andras Ree* (HUN) as president, *Antonis Papadopoulos* (GRE), and *Szilard Szijjarto* (ROU) as members.

COMMENTS ON THE EVENT

General: The event venue was the salt mine of Slanic-Prahova. Several FAI Cat 1 events took place here, before in the Mihai, since 2015 in the Unirea mine hall: World Championships 1970, 1982, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2014, 2016, 2022 and European Championships 1991, 1997, 2015, 2017, 2023. The organiser succeeded in running these and the 2025 events by the FAI/CIAM standards with the support of the salt mine, local authorities, and some sponsors. It deserves the appreciation of the participants, particularly in view of the low participation.

Pre-contest information: There were three pre-contest bulletins with all the necessary information.

Accommodation, food, and transportation: Accommodations were offered at Hotel Roberto and Teju in Slanic, as well as at other private pensions. Breakfasts and dinners were served at the hotel restaurant; lunch was at the flying site in the salt mine. The food and accommodation were good. Transportation to and from the salt mine was by vans provided by the mine, using the spiral tunnel for a 10-minute ride, as the escalator is still out of service for safety reasons.

Flying site: The flying site is at an unusual location. It is in the non-operating part of the Slanic-Prahova salt mine. The hall, called Unirea, is situated 200 m underground and is now open to tourists. A limited part of this mine level was used for the competition. The site was not divided as usual, because of the low participation, the flying and preparation areas were combined. Tables were provided for the teams along the walls, a separate place for the computerised data processing with a big screen, a separate place for model processing, plus tables and chairs for the jury.

Bottled water and tea were provided at the flying site every day. Clean toilets were available, now a new one as well, close to the flying area with warm and cold water, located at about 60 m walking distance.

The competition area was about 33 x 80 m and 56 m high, which allowed the flying of up to 8 models at the same time. The illumination of this hall is acceptable. Seniors and juniors competed simultaneously without any problem. 6

Weather: The outer weather conditions are nearly insignificant here. The air temperature in the mine hall was around 12°C, which is about constant throughout the year. The humidity varies with the seasons. Winter is the driest, now it was about 50-60%.

Briefing: One technical meeting was held on the evening of the practice day. The secretary of the Romanian Modelling Federation was running the meeting. The junior helper and steering rules were emphasised to be controlled by the timekeepers, and the fast clearing of the flying area after the launches was also pointed out.

Model processing and rubber testing: Model processing was in a fenced corner where an electronic scale and the necessary dimension limits were provided. The model weight measurement happened before the flights, and the rubber weight measurement happened after the flights. The model processing was also allowed to be done after the flights to use the timekeepers more efficiently and to avoid queues at the beginning of the rounds.

Flying: Two rounds were flown on each of the three contest days, with 3 hours of round time and a lunch break in between. Timekeeping was fair and correct using a timekeeper pool, well directed by the chief timekeeper. The pool consisted of 10 timekeeper pairs, local teenagers, plus some experienced persons from the organising country. The contest was well in hand, providing an efficient flying procedure.

Data processing: Data processing was running on a computer located in the corner of the combined area. It was equipped with a printer and a large monitor to follow the standings during the contest.

RESULTS & PRIZES

The three best individuals and the three best teams received FAI medals and diplomas in the senior event; the junior and female competitors received a diploma. The organiser awarded nice cups to all team members of the top three teams, the top three senior individuals and the junior and female competitors. The senior winner was *Horatiu Somesan* (ROU), and the best senior team was *Romania*. There were no junior and female classifications due to the low participation.

The following FAI perpetual trophies were awarded:

- *Challenge Cup* to the best senior competitor: *Horatiu Somesan* (ROU)
- *HunIndoor Cup* for the best senior team: *Romania*
- *Champion of Europe Cup* to the best junior competitor: *not handed out*
- *Transitional Cup* for the best junior team: *not handed out*

It is worth noting that the junior individual trophy is still in bad condition, so it needs refurbishment.

COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

There were no official complaints or protests during this championship.

CEREMONIES

The opening and closing ceremony, and the prize-giving as well, were held in the salt mine at the contest area, all were short and friendly. The closing banquet was at the restaurant of Hotel Roberto. Both ceremonies were held according to the standard FAI procedures.

REMARKS

The Jury acknowledges that the proposals initiated two years ago by the jury are now included in the F1 SC chapter and were applied at the current championship.

CONCLUSION

The event was well in the hands of the CD, Istvan Kiss.

In the opinion of the FAI Jury, this was a successful European Championships carried out in a friendly atmosphere. The organisers are to be commended for the good event.

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