

**JURY REPORT**  
**1994 FAI F3C EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**LESZNO, POLAND**  
**SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1994**

**ORGANIZATION:**

The 1994 FAI F3C European Championship was organized by AEROKLUB POLSKI and AEROKLUB LESZCZYNSKI and took place at the Central Gliding School airport in Leszno. Model processing and official practice was scheduled to take place at the contest site 24 September with the opening ceremony during the latter part of official practice. Elimination rounds 1 through 3 were scheduled to take place 25 through 27 September followed by two fly-off rounds 28 September. 29 September schedule called for a sightseeing tour in the morning followed by the official award ceremony on the flying field and closing banquet. Alternatively, the day was available for competition rounds in case of inclement weather. The preparation for the contest was excellent. All information received prior to the event was adequate and fully covered all aspects of the competition and travel arrangements.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The lodging facilities for the contestants, supporters, judges and jury consisted of the Rydzyna Palace Hotel, the Leszno Airport Motel and camping facilities adjacent to the airfield. Breakfast and dinner were served at the Rydzyna Palace Hotel and lunch was served on the field in one of the hangars. Meal tickets were furnished by the organizers. The facilities and food were of excellent quality.

**FLYING SITE:**

The F3C course was laid out on the grass, in front of the three main hangars on the Leszno Gliding School Airport. The course was oriented east to west with the judges facing north which was ideal for the pilots and judges. The field preparation/condition was outstanding. Contestant's models were accommodated in one of the large hangars and the pilots plus their models were transported to and from the flying site by tractor drawn wagon. The transmitter impound and frequency monitoring equipment was located in the doorway of the nearest hangar. (It was later moved to a large tent within 50 meters of the contest site).

**MODEL PROCESSING:**

Contestant registration and model processing took place 24 September. Each model was checked to assure compliance with FAI~regulations.

**COMPETITION:**

14~countries were represented by a total of 37~contestants. A briefing session for the judges, with demonstration flight, took place in the afternoon 23 September. The first Team Manager's meeting took place later that evening. During the official practice one model was lost. Although the contestant claimed radio interference it could not be substantiated with two independent spectrum analyzers. However, the frequency monitoring equipment and transmitter impound were relocated to a large tent within 50m

of the contest site to reduce the likelihood of undetected interference. The opening ceremonies scheduled during the official practice delayed the practice for one team and the Polish team forfeited their practice time. Elimination Round 1 was flown in slightly breezy conditions with occasional wind gusts to 10 meters/second. The start of Round 2 had to be delayed due to a heavy fog but finally got underway at 11:00 hours. The last flight took place in very marginal light but the round was completed. Round 3 was also delayed due to fog but started at 10:30 hours. Fly-off Rounds 1 and 2 took place 28 September in improved weather conditions. The flying standard observed during the entire contest was very high. An F3C Subcommittee meeting was held after the competition with a record nine out of twelve members present. The main topic of discussion was a new 1997 F3C Program and the meeting was adjourned by stating that a preliminary proposal would be submitted by the 15 November deadline so that work can progress at the 1995 CIAM Plenary Technical Meeting.

#### AWARD CEREMONY AND BANQUET:

The award ceremonies took place at the Leszno Airfield at 16:00 hours 29 September. The Secretary General of FAI, the Mayor of Leszno, other local government officials and contest officials presented the FAI medals, certificates and trophies to the individual winners and winning teams. Additional, sponsored trophies were awarded to the top three individual winners. The closing Banquet took place at the Rydzyna Palace Hotel at 20:00 hours and was enjoyed by all.

#### COMMENTS:

The Leszno Gliding School flying site was the envy of every pilot present. The facility is an ideal site for a future F3C World Championships. It is recommended that, in the future, the opening ceremony be conducted prior to or after official practice. It is also recommended that the frequency monitoring equipment be located as close as possible to the actual flying site to minimize the likelihood of undetected radio interference. Although some excessive differences in the scores for the autorotation maneuver were still in evidence it is the opinion of the FAI Jury that the proper rank ordering of individual pilots and teams was achieved.

#### CONCLUSION:

It is the unanimous opinion of the FAI Jury that the 1994 FAI F3C European Championships was well organized and run in a professional, fair and friendly atmosphere. Aeroklub Polski and all contest officials are to be congratulated for a job very well done.

The FAI Jury:

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