



REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CIAM F3 R/C AEROBATIC SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 2008

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The year under review was filled with activity on all fronts.

An unscheduled technical meeting took place in March 2008, since there were proposals to the F3P and F3M rules. These rule changes were mostly accepted, and will be implemented in January 2009. Subsequent to the meeting and proposals that were accepted, there was unnecessary pressure on the sub-committee to implement changes that were not approved.

The European championship in this class took place in August and was a most enjoyable and successful event. The expert organisation and execution will leave lasting memories. Unfortunately one team manager with selfish motives tried to sow anarchy by instigating a revolt against the judging corps. This disruptive behaviour will in future attract disqualification. At the conclusion of the event, it was very clear that the judges had performed admirably. The Combined Asian Oceanic championship in Chinese Taipei was reasonably good although inexperience by the organisers caused a few problems. The number of participants in both events was higher than for previous events.

Many local, national, regional, and international R/C Aerobatic competitions were held on six continents. This included indoor aerobatics (F3P), large scale aerobatics (F3M) and some of the airports promotion classes (F6 Artistic Aerobatics and Aeromusicals). There was a high level of activity for competitors to qualify for the 2009 World Air Games, and 2008 saw the first ever F3A Aerobatic World Cup under the curatorship of Pierre Pignot. In general, there is an increased level of activity worldwide.

My sincere thanks to the members of the F3A sub-committee, and also to those aerobatic administrators who are ordinarily included in the circulation list. Thanks also to the members of the CIAM Bureau and fellow sub-committee chairpersons, for the constructive dialogue throughout this past year. Special thanks to the CIAM technical secretary for her support with matters concerning the Sporting Code.

My thanks also go to all the NACs, participants, officials, administrators, sponsors, and members of the trade who support R/C Aerobatic competitions and the work of the sub-committee. This is my last term as sub-committee chairman, and I wish for the sub-committee to show the same support to the incoming chairman.

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