

Report from the Scale Subcommittee 2013.

The Scale subcommittee have at present 22 members and all with an E-mail address. We have some E-mail letters circulating in the Subcommittee regarding the changes we made in the balance of K-factors in static for the class F4H. Since 2013 is not a year with a scale technical meeting we have not discussed any F4C rules for proposals to the Plenary meeting. But on the request from one of the FAI Member Countries we asked for and got permission to hold an extra Scale meeting at the 2013 Plenary meeting finalizing the F4H rules. After quite some discussion on the net we had a relative good turnout at the Scale Technical Meeting despite the rather short notice.

Once more the Romanian Federation gave us a bid to host the European Scale championship for the year 2013, but once again the interest for participating in the European Scale Championship turns out to be so low that the organisers had no other choice than to cancel the Championship. We really feel for the Romanian organisers, having tried twice to host a European Championship and have had to cancel both times.

We have during the last few years had some heavy rumours about a few competitors violating the builder of the model rule and the pilot's declaration form in the classes F4C & G. The Subcommittee Chairman have brought these rumours out into the open so as to allow the accused to defend themselves and to get rid of the rumours going on around the world one way or the other. So far there have been no development on this situation, but at the latest IJMC's Jet Masters, in Switzerland, one pilot was disqualified for unlawful documentation and we will have to scrutinize the documentation very carefully at the next World Championship in France.

The French bid for the World Championship Scale was originally for F4C only as at the time of the bid this was the only scale class that had World Championship class status. But since the F4H class also will have this status as of the 1st of January 2014 this class is now also included in the Championship. Concurrent with the World Championship the French organisers also invite to international competitions in the classes F4G Large Scale and F4J Team Scale.

As to the Team Scale designator F4J, this is a bit awkward as the IJMC uses the same nomination in their Jet class. Even as they are not a member of the FAI, the group is rather important in the modelling community and we would very much like to drop our F4J nomination and change this to F4K

There have not been too many discussions about rules changes during this year, as we all want to let the present rules work for a while, to see if we really need to change any of the rules, not just making changes for the sake of changing.

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