2016 FPV RACING WORLD CUP REPORT
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The April 2016 CIAM Plenary Meeting adopted introduction of a FPV Racing World Cup (F3U class) effective for 2016.

CALENDAR

10 competitions organised by 8 different countries were considered for the World Cup.

2016 FPV Air Show Le Planet	Pourrieres (France)	13 - 15 May	**FRA-1**
Leiria Drone Race World Cup	Leiria (Portugal)	10 - 11 June	**POR**
2016 International Drone Race	Dubnica nad Váhom (Slovakia)	25 June	**SVK**
2016 FPV Racing Espana Open International	El Escorial (Spain)	2 - 3 July	**ESP**
2016 FPV Air Race - Switzerland	Payerne (Switzerland)	5 - 7 August	**SUI**
2016 Chuncheon Drone Race World Cup	Chuncheon (South Korea)	13 - 14 August	**KOR-1**
2016 Drone Race Experience	Nantes (France)	17 September	**FRA-2**
MC Chaufour Drone Racer World Cup	Gouy lez Pieton (Belgium)	24 - 25 September	**BEL**
FPV Bulgaria Cup	Plovdiv (Bulgaria)	1 - 2 October	**BUL**
2016 Daegu Drone Race World Cup	Osan (South Korea)	11- 12 November	**KOR-2**

Note: MC Chaufour Drone Racer World Cup has been cancelled by Belgium the 23 August due to a very low number of persons who have at that time indicated their intention to participate.

PARTICIPATION

229 participants from 17 countries have been placed for the World Cup (FAI licensed and having completed a flight).

	Senior	Junior	TOTAL
Total number of participants placed for World Cup	211	18	**229**
Number of competitors from:			
Austria (AUT)	1		**1**
Belgium (BEL)	3		**3**
Czech Republic (CZE)	1		**1**
Denmark (DEN)	1		**1**
Spain (ESP)	9		**9**
France (FRA)	92	5	**97**
United Kingdom (GBR)	3	1	**4**
Hungary (HUN)	6		**6**
Korea (KOR)	69	11	**80**
Norway (NED)	2		**2**
Poland (POL)	1		**1**
Portugal (POR)	5		**5**
South Africa (RSA)	1		**1**
Slovenia (SLO)	1		**1**
Switzerland (SUI)	6	1	**7**
Slovakia (SVK)	7		**7**
United States of America (USA)	3		**3**

Number of participants placed in :	
6 events	1
5 events	0
4 events	2
3 events	11
2 events	66
1 event	149

CLASSIFICATION

The total World Cup score for each participant is the sum of their best four contest results (numbers of points). For each participant, one contest result per organising country is considered for the World Cup placing (better number of points for any organising country in which he has scored in two contests).

Two events have not been considered for the World Cup placing:

- 2016 Drone race Experience (FRA-2) hold 17 September in Nantes for which there were participants only from France. F3U rules specifies that in any contest, points for the World Cup will only be allocated if participants who have completed a flight are from at least three different countries.
- FPV Bulgaria Cup (BUL) hold 1st and 2 October in Plovdiv. The organizer has informed that there had been 15 participants from 2 countries but that none of them had a FAI licence except one local junior.

Vincent DELCOMMENE (Belgium) won the World Cup with 114 points, followed by Benoit COUTURIER (France) with 110 points and Maxime BASTIN (Belgium) with 82 points.

The first junior is Je-Hak LEE (Korea) who is placed 11th with 48 points.

In the following sheet for the columns which concern results for the different events are mentioned:

- Abbreviation of the event, for example KOR-1 or SU (see correspondence on the calendar page 5).
- Placing and number of competitors placed, for example 4/85 means fourth place with 85 competitors placed.

	Name		Country	Total	Ev	Pl	Pts	Ev	Pl	Pts	Ev	Pl	Pts	Ev	Pl	Pts	Ev	Pl	Pts
1	DELCOMMENE Vincent		BEL	114 points	KOR-1	4/85	37 points	FRA-1	7/97	34 points	SUI	4/26	23 points	ESP	8/27	20 points			
2	COUTURIER Benoit		FRA	110 points	FRA-1	5/97	36 points	KOR-1	9/85	32 points	ESP	5/27	23 points	SUI	8/26	19 points			
3	BASTIN Maxime		BEL	82 points	FRA-1	2/97	44 points	SUI	3/26	26 points	POR	1/10	12 points						
4	DIDERIKSEN Kent		DEN	78 points	FRA-1	1/97	48 points	ESP	2/27	30 points									
5	LETEVE Julien		FRA	76 points	SUI	1/26	32 points	FRA-1	14/97	27 points	ESP	11/27	17 points						
6	BOSSION Dunkan		FRA	74 points	FRA-1	3/97	41 points	KOR-2	8/46	33 points									
7	LESTAVEL Yann		FRA	69 points	FRA-1	9/97	32 points	SUI	10/26	17 points	ESP	16/27	12 points	KOR-1	33/85	8 points
8	BAYARDIN Christophe		FRA	58 points	FRA-1	10/97	31 points	SUI	7/26	20 points	ESP	21/27	7 points						
9	ROUSSEAU Raphael		FRA	53 points	FRA-1	12/97	29 points	SUI	12/26	15 points	ESP	19/27	9 points						
10	LOMBARD Laurent		FRA	51 points	SUI	2/26	29 points	FRA-1	27/97	14 points	ESP	20/27	8 points						
11	KIM Hyun-Yeon		KOR	48 points	KOR-2	1/46	48 points												
	LEE Je-Hak	Jun	KOR	48 points	KOR-1	1/85	48 points												
	PACHON SALGUERO Daniel		ESP	48 points	FRA-1	17/97	24 points	ESP	15/27	13 points	POR	2/10	11 points						

An Excel file with the complete results can be downloaded on the F3U World Cup page of the CIAM website: http://www.fai.org/world-cups/f3u-fpv-racing

COMMENTS & UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

FAI License - According to FAI general rules, every person who competes in a FAI contest must have a valid FAI Sporting Licence. This requirement which only concerns the FPV pilot (and not his helper) has been clearly reminded to each organiser with encouragement to check prior to the event that each participant is registered in the FAI Sporting Licence Database with a valid licence for the year.

It has been also mentioned to the organiser that, if some competitors were present without a valid FAI licence, it was then important that they do not compete for the World Cup contest. In that situation, it may be organised separate rounds for those competitors with specific results and placing

different from the World Cup ones. It is important to assume that competitors without a FAI licence does not fly with those who have a FAI licence and who compete for the World Cup because in case of an incident race the competitor with a FAI licence may protest arguing that the problem comes from a non-valid competitor.

In different events, it has been noticed after the event that many participants don't get a FAI licence. In that case, those persons have been removed from the results considered for the World Cup placing.

Those infringements to that basic FAI rule may be understood for the first edition considering most of the FPV pilots don't know FAI but this must not occurred next year.

FAI Jury – FAI Jury requirements for a World Cup Open International event are defined in Volume ABR paragraph B.4.3. The three members of the FAI Jury must be from at least two different nations. One or two jury members may be nominated from the participants and, in that case, an alternate jury member must also be nominated for each participant jury member to serve on the FAI Jury when considering any protest involving that participant jury member. No problem has been noticed regarding composition of the FAI Juries.

A form for the FAI Jury Report has been sent to every organiser before the event.

Judges - According to the F3U rules, each FPV pilot in any race must be accompanied by a judge who is standing next to or behind the FPV pilot. It has been considered that it was not necessary to have a CIAM list for FPV Racing judges. So, that is the responsibility of the organizer to choose the judges with the appropriate experience, without reference to a CIAM list and requirement of different nationalities. It has been recommended to have dedicated judges rather that to use competitors who are not in the considered race flying or helping a FPV pilot. No difficulty has been noticed in the different events regarding judges.

Official results - A template for the official results has been sent prior to the event to each organiser. In FPV Racing, many competitors use a pseudo (Facebook, …) which has lead to difficulties on the results for complete identification of the concerned participants.

Unusual organization occurrences - A complaint has been received from Alan Goljevsek (Slovenia) regarding some deviations of the F3U rules at the FPV Racing España Open International (ESP) hold 2 and 3 July decided by the organizer and not justified as necessary local rules. Richard VINUESA who was the contact person for the organization never answers to the request for comments and explanation about this complaint.

Note: No FAI Jury report and no official results have been received for this event from the organizer.