

Mokre, 2024-10-31

**Dear President,
Dear Delegates**

WAC2024 was successfully held by the Aeroklub of the Zamość Region (AZZ) at Mokre Airport, EPZA, despite organizational challenges and unfavorable conditions, including weather.

The championships featured 36 competitors from 13 countries, with events held under a tight schedule, allowing for the completion of all five planned competitions. A total of 121 participants, including support staff and technical personnel, were engaged daily in the event.

During the organization of the championships, AZZ encountered several issues:

1. **Jury President Alcohol Incident:** Unfortunately, the Jury President, Pierre Varloteaux, engaged in irresponsible behavior, causing a car accident after consuming alcohol. Although the incident did not directly impact the event's organization, it caused significant controversy and required additional intervention from the organizers to ensure the event's safe continuation and professional image for local authorities, the Ministry of Sport, and our supporters. In Poland, "drunken driving" is strictly unacceptable and generally condemned. Following this incident, challenges arose with external funding for WAC2024, and the local community began to question whether this was indeed a premier world sports event or a gathering for FAI and CIVA officials.
2. **Aircraft for Wind Measurement:** Contrary to claims in a certain report, we did indeed use an aircraft equipped with Garmin G1000 (C206) and a Cessna 152 with Garmin G5. The Jury President personally wanted to measure the wind, and I either flew with him myself or assigned the task to my staff.
3. **Finances and Inflation:** The event was entirely funded by AZZ and entry fees, which proved insufficient. Organizing such an event automatically halted our regular operations, resulting in no revenue during the peak season. This significantly impacted AZZ financially, and we continue to feel these effects.
4. **Sponsors:** We received €8,000 net from the Lublin Voivodeship, €10,000 net from the Zamość District, and, to date, no granted or disbursed subsidy from the Ministry of Sport. Aviation sports have very limited media appeal, and the ratio of media reach to financial investment was deemed insufficient by companies we approached for sponsorship.
5. **Athletes' Meals:** Competitors from Luxembourg raised complaints about the quality of meals served, particularly regarding the overuse of potatoes in the daily menu.
6. **Support Staff:** We had a well-organized and helpful team on site at all times. Note for the federation: these were not volunteers but paid employees, as no one wants to work for free.
7. **Social Media:** During the championships, we produced over 28 videos and numerous photos and posts.

Despite these difficulties, the 2024 World Aerobatic Championships were successful. AZZ made every effort to provide a high standard of organization and unforgettable experiences for both competitors and spectators. Thank you to everyone who attended WAC2024.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to Alex Moore, whose assistance was invaluable, providing practical advice and always being willing to help.

The duo of Pierre Varloteaux and Lidia Dzieciaszek proved to be highly toxic, confrontational, intruding on the organizer's duties without permission, and casting a negative image of AZZ that extended to the competitors. Their behavior was far from sportsmanlike. We will certainly not host any future events with this duo's presence.

In summary: A fantastic event, interesting experience, wonderful people (with some exceptions), and an excellent spectacle. Everyone likely has reservations about the entry fee, but you must consider that "cheap" countries within the EU are a thing of the past 😊, and the federation has also raised its fee to 300 CHF.

If I were to organize such an event again:

1. I would leave accommodation to the competitors, allowing them to use booking services. This would lower the Entry Fees and ultimately end any discussions about room standards, as satisfying everyone 100% is impossible.
2. The organizer would only provide lunch at the airfield.
3. Jury and judges' accommodation and meals should be funded by CIVA/FAI, with an increased federation fee to cover these costs.
4. Transportation to the airport should be handled through car rentals, as we organized a bus service that went unused.
5. The CIVA guidance was overly detailed and lengthy.
6. The organizer should be responsible for providing the airport, hangar, support staff, flight directors, fuel, and meteorological services.

Best regards
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