

Section leader report

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At last year's World Championships and other competitions, there was a sad trend of a decreasing number of junior competitors. Unfortunately, nowadays it is difficult to motivate a young person by saying that it takes two to three years of work to make a model. This results in the young candidate not getting involved in modelling, or the seniors helping him build the model, which is not possible according to the rules. The models thus made cause unpleasant moments for both the competitors and the judges during the technical reviews. This trend unfortunately also exists for senior competitors. The less and less free time, the industrially produced models and parts (e.g. 3D printing) also result in seniors showing purchased models at competitions. However, the judges are not police detectives, they cannot deal with discovering the origin of the model. I believe that instead of banning them, the rules should be adapted to the current situation. So very slowly, but taking into account the different opinions, I have prepared the new regulation proposal, which everyone can comment on from November.

Unfortunately, no country has applied to organize a European Championship this year. This year, only two European Cup competitions were listed in the NAVIGA calendar. It would be nice to increase their number, since many regional competitions and national championships are of course organized every year. Fortunately, one (only!) club has applied for the NS World Championship next year. The details will be finalized within a few days and the invitation to the event will be public in the last week of October.

Next year, I would also like to organize an international referee training, if possible in the form of a personal presence.

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