

Open letter to the CIMA Biuro and to EPC 2013 organizer..

Dear colleagues,

After watching discussion on EPC 2013 in Estonia (as published on CIMA FAI webpage <http://wiki.fai.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=15434427>) I am getting increasingly worried about our chances to held the event.

Last successful European Championships took place in 2008. Problems affecting later events resulted in having just one major competition (Marugan) in the last three years.

Such a situation has a really bad effect on our sport. Lack of FAI cat 1 events means serious cutbacks in sponsoring, especially institutional one. You can sum it up in two words: „you have no championships – you do not need funds for training”.

Considering this, I want to ask all interested parties to take the matter seriously and do everything possible to make sure the 2013 Europeans will take place at all.

Current disagreement on rules of economy tasks must not afflict planned event. The Organizer, after receiving CIMA approval for fuel measurement methods different than usual, should himself refine that rules so that they will create any grounds for possible protests from competitors.

It's the Organizer's responsibility to convince the competitors that rules are fair and ultimately it's the competitors who will judge the Organizer's motifs, methods and results.

Actually all the risk is carried by the Organizer. The CIMA FAI Biuro, even when agreeing for non-standard measurement methods, does not bear responsibility for them. Nevertheless, working for the benefit of the sport, after agreeing it can and should watch/influence actual practice occurring during competition via its representatives (Monitor, Jury).

During last CIMA FAI conference the delegates empowered the Biuro to conclude agreements with potential Organizer.

Taking even controversial decision, yet enabling us to held valid competition is a much better outcome than yet another European Championships which will not happen.

Simultaneously, I want to address the Organizer!!!

I know you are sure of your propositions, but remember that we are all humans (including you) and anyone can be mistaken. Please include in your local regulations a paragraph stating that if the new proposed methods will not work, we can switch back to former regulations during the competition. I hope this is a compromise allowing us to move on with progress, without risking the entire event.

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