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## **First female winner among 2025 FAI F3K World Champions for Model Gliders**

Tarp, Germany, 4 August 2025 – **Following six intense days of competition, three new World Champions have been crowned at the 2025 FAI F3K World Championships for Model Gliders in Tarp, Germany (26 July–2 August), including the first-ever Female World Champion in this class.**

Alongside world champion titles for **Croatian Marko Damjanovic in the Seniors and Dutch Finn Martens in the Juniors, Yeon Ju Kang from Korea** has become the first ever female world champion in this class, in a **landmark moment for this increasingly popular sport.**

A total of 75 senior and 30 junior competitors from **28 nations gathered in Germany**, whose Aeromodelling Federation (MFSD), and local club MFC Tarp hosted this class of FAI aeromodelling world championships for the first time.

Six female participants from five national teams competed in the senior category, meeting the required number for a **Female Individual World Champion title to be awarded for the first time** in this class. In a promising sign for future growth, three females also competed in the junior category.

**Exceptional performances from Damjanovic and the Croatian team** meant that their combined points after the preliminary rounds took them to the top of the Teams podium, ahead of France and hosts, Germany. France once again took a silver in the junior teams, ahead of South Africa, but it was the **Austrian juniors who claimed the champion title.**

Antonis Papadopoulos, FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) President, who participated in the event as Jury President, commented:

*“Congratulations to all the winners and all those who participated in this challenging FAI F3K World Championships for Model Gliders. It is encouraging for the future of the sport that this class is attracting so many female competitors. Kang’s victory marks a historical moment, as the first ever female world champion.”*

*“The competition was very well organised by the German Aeromodelling Federation, with outstanding support from the local club MFC Tarp. As CIAM, we would like to thank the organising team and the Tarp municipal authorities for their efforts to prepare and run the Championships and, of course, for their hospitality.”*

To showcase this popular sport to a wider audience, a team from Sport Deutschland TV was present for the two final days of the competition to **livestream the action** online.

### Results

#### Senior

1. Marko DAMJANOVIC (CRO)
2. Arijan HUCALJUK (CRO)
3. Henri SANDER (GER)

#### Female

1. Yeon Ju KANG (KOR)

2. Michelle GOODRUM (RSA)
3. Selina FRUMMEL (AUT)

#### Junior

1. Finn MARTENS (NED)
2. Colin ANGERMANN (GER)
3. Romain GALLET (FRA)

#### Senior Teams

1. Croatia
2. France
3. Germany

#### Junior Teams

1. Austria
2. France
3. South Africa

#### About Radio Control Hand Launch Gliders (F3K)

Known for being **technically and physically challenging**, the F3K class of model gliders requires a launch technique similar to throwing a discus in athletics. On top of mastering the physical launch, pilots must also **read the meteorological conditions** to decide how much ballast their aircraft requires to penetrate the wind. Once aloft, the competitors must locate the thermals to give them the lift required to complete the tasks and try to gain the coveted 1000 points for the best flight of the round. The maximum wingspan of an F3K class glider is 1.5m.

#### Editor's note

##### Results:

- [Juniors Preliminary Rounds](#)
- [Juniors Finals](#)
- [Seniors Preliminary Rounds](#)
- [Seniors Finals](#)

##### Info & content:

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