



## CIA NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2022



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> year after COVID turned the world upside down. Even though COVID seems to be under control the damage it has caused has brought on a whole new set of challenges. Air Sports are now faced with supply chain problems causing hotels, fuel and food prices to drastically increase. Inflation is at all-time highs, so our money doesn't go as far. These issues will affect all of us in many ways. Air sports are now more difficult to run and cost everyone involved more money.

The FAI General Conference was held November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>. In order to meet financial concerns, they will be increasing subscription fees to all NACs. NACs will be faced with a 6% increase each year for the next three years. Most NACs will be forced to pass these fees to their air sport divisions within their respective countries. In the end it will be the pilots and athletes who bear the burden of these increases.

All FAI Commissions are faced with these challenging times. Many Commissions are running about 50% of the events they were having pre COVID. Our Ballooning Commission has successfully run most of our Major Cat 1 events. We should all be proud of what we have been able to accomplish considering what we have been faced with.

We were one of a few Commissions who held their plenary meeting in person by meeting in Rome this past March. The meeting was very productive and it was good to see old friends again after two missed years. The 2023 Plenary meeting will be held at one of the Blaser facilities in Burgdorf, Switzerland March 17 and 18, with working groups March 16 and 17.

The CIA is very lucky to have such a talented group of bureau members who spend a lot of time making sure everything is running as well as possible. The CIA Bureau meets each month by Zoom and as President I also attend the monthly FAI Commission Presidents Zoom meetings.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Coupe Gordon Bennett held in St. Gallen, Switzerland was an amazing race. The father and son team of Wilhelm and Benjamin Eimers won the event with a distance of 1572 km. and 60 hours duration. Swiss team of Kurt Friden and Pascal Witpaechtger taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and German team of Andreas Zumrode and Axel Hunnekuhl taking 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 24<sup>th</sup> World Hot Air Balloon Championship was held in Murska Sobota, Slovenia. Switzerland pilot Stefan Zeberli took the Gold after an amazing 32 task event. Japan's Yudai Fujita took the silver medal and France's Nicolas Schwartz took the bronze.

Montgolfier diplomas were awarded to Eric Decellieres and Benoit Havret (France) for best performance in gas balloons. David Spildooren (Belgium) for best performance in Hot Air and Garry Lockyer (Canada) for contribution to ballooning. Congratulations to all. I would like to remind delegates to send in nominations for pilots in your country. There are several awards available within the FAI and CIA.

Again this year we are asking WG and sub-committees, to schedule a Zoom meeting well in advance of the March meeting to save time during the plenary meeting. Sanne has put together a suggested date and time for each of the meetings.

Our new Competition Loggers, Live App and Watchmefly system couldn't be more successful. Our New Technology working group will have a complete report for you in the plenary meeting.

As your President I wish each of you a safe holiday season and the best in 2023. Let's all work together to keep ballooning alive and well.

Mark Sullivan

CIA President

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## 1 BUREAU DECISIONS 2022

Please find the 2022 bureau decisions in the attachment or on the website.

## 2 CIA PLENARY MEETING 15-18 MARCH 2023 – HASLE-RÜEGSAU (SUI)

The bureau would like to invite you to join the plenary

**16 - 19 March 2023**



**Location:** Blaser Swissslube headquarters: Winterseistrasse 22, 3415 Hasle-Rüegsau

### **Agenda Items :**

All items for inclusion in the agenda for the 2023 Plenary Meeting must reach the CIA President and the CIA Secretary

NOT LATER THAN 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023.

These will then be included in the agenda, which will be mailed in late January 2022. Agenda items should include any supporting documentation and position papers, all of which will be included with the agenda.

***Remember that the CIA Plenary Meeting cannot make final decisions on items that do not appear on the agenda.***

### **Hotel:**

We have a quota of rooms (all rooms) with a special room rate at the following hotel:

*Hotel Berchtold – Bahnhofstrasse 90, 3401 Burgdorf*

The hotel has different types of rooms, and the price varies between weekday and weekend. The price varies from CHF 104 CHF to CHF 149 for single rooms (double rooms / single use) and from CHF 154 to CHF 209 for double rooms. Rooms are offered at first come first serve basis. Room rate include city tax and breakfast. Parking garage costs CHF 12 / night. Special rate and quota is available for bookings until end of January 2023.

Cancel terms: If the whole event has to be cancelled (or many rooms): Up to 30 days in advance: free - up to 15 days in advance: 50% of the booking amount, up to 8 days in advance 75%, later 100%. For individual participants: Free up to 48h before arrival, otherwise 100% of the first night. Non-arrival: 100% of the room rate.

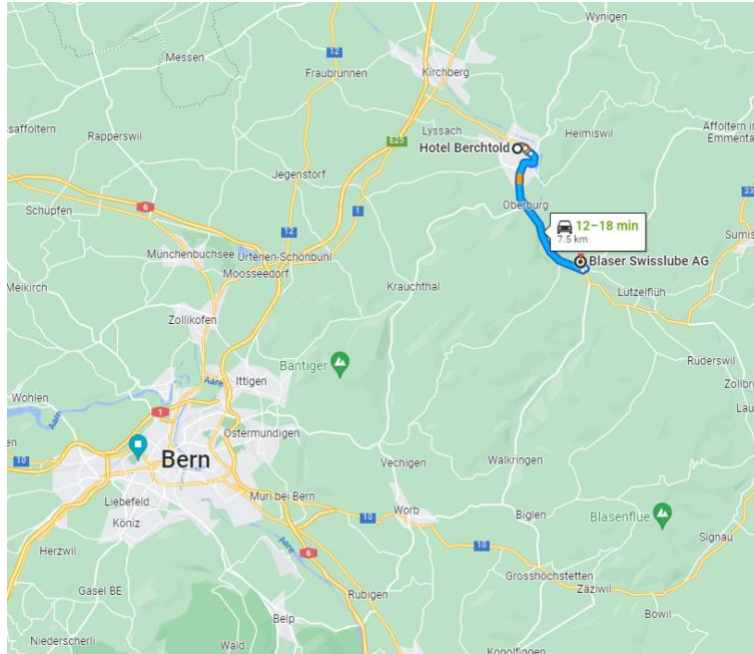
Reservation: Please book directly with the hotel and use the code "Balloon2023" to get a room from the quota and for the reduced fee.

*Phone: +41 (0) 34 428 84 28, [info@begegnungsmeile.ch](mailto:info@begegnungsmeile.ch), [www.begegnungsmeile.ch](http://www.begegnungsmeile.ch)*



### Travel from Berchtold Hotel to Blaser:

Blaser will help organize shuttles (mini vans) to transport from the hotel to Blaser (10min by car). Also, we ask any participants with private vehicles to help carpool to Blaser.



### Lunch / Social event

Blaser will offer a light lunch during the workshop and plenary days.

We are working on organizing a dinner in Affoltern at the Emmentaler Show Dairy on Friday evening. The cost will have to be mostly covered by the participants. We will work the details in the coming weeks.

Anyone arriving early and interested in a balloon flight in the area should contact David Strasmann: [d.strasmann@blaser.com](mailto:d.strasmann@blaser.com)

### Travel to Burgdorf and Blaser:

Flight to Zürich. Train from Zurich Airport to Burgdorf (1h30). One change needed either in Zurich Main station or Berne. Train Schedule & Tickets: <https://www.sbb.ch/en/timetable.html>

Train to Burgdorf (for the hotel) or “Hasle Rüeeggau” for Blaser.

Car: Addresses see above.

Please use this link to register for the plenary : <http://surveys.fai.org/index.php?sid=62135&lang=en>

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## 3 SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP E-MEETINGS

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

Like last year we have given all subcommittees and working groups the opportunity to hold one or more working sessions online prior to the plenary week.

These online e-meetings are NOT intended to replace the meetings scheduled the 2 days before the plenary, but they are additional sessions to prepare and start the work in the subcommittees or working groups. The weeks up to the plenary can then be used to do some homework and prepare for shorter and more efficient on-site meetings just before the plenary.

### 3.2 REGISTRATION AND LINK DISTRIBUTION

To attend the online meetings, you must register using the registration link below before the day before the date of the meeting you want to attend. This registration is only for the online meetings, not the face-to-face meetings nor the plenary in March 2022.

[Link to the registration form](#)

You will receive the Zoom link to connect to the meeting by email the day before the meeting is scheduled.

Once you received the link from the chairperson, do not share the link with others. For reasons of security the Zoom session login details MUST NOT be communicated, distributed or published in any way at any time, especially via social media. This is essential to prevent unauthorised persons from joining and potentially disrupting the session. If this does occur the chairpersons will abandon the session immediately and circulate fresh details to people who have registered to initiate a new session.

### 3.3 PROCEDURES FOR THE SESSIONS - ZOOM

#### i) Connecting

Please connect to the meetings 5-10 minutes beforehand so that any technical issues (on your side or the organiser's) can be identified and resolved.

The meeting will start strictly at the identified start times.

You can join the Zoom meeting via computer, tablet or mobile phone, using the link sent to you.

To better understand who is presenting or speaking, please change your name in your profile settings on the Zoom website (not the application itself) to the following scheme:

- IOC country code ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_IOC\\_country\\_codes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_IOC_country_codes)) followed by
- DEL (for delegates), ALT (for alternates), MEM (for other WG or SC memberships) or OBS (for observer) followed by
- your SURNAME and name

Example:        LUX DEL WEBER Claude        or        GER OBS SURNAME name

## ii) Audio

It is essential that unless you are given approval to speak you should **keep your microphone muted**. Speakers will be organised to speak in an orderly manner.

Depending on the number of participants, the transmission of unexpected comments and/or background noise can seriously interrupt proceedings, so, if necessary, all participants will have their audio stream muted by the chairperson or moderator.

Use a headset (eg, your mobile phone ear buds/headset) to secure the clearest voice quality and the least noise (If this is not possible, please check your phone setup to ensure minimal disruption). Conduct a sound check prior to the meeting.

Please remain on mute unless invited to talk (regardless of whether you're using a laptop, smartphone, direct dial-in via phone, etc). When unmuted, please avoid activities that may create background noise (eg, typing on a keyboard, moving a chair etc).

## 3.4 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Session details
Working groups (WG)		
<b>Tuesday 06 Dec 2022</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	BA/BX WG
<b>Thursday 08 Dec 2022</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	AA/AM WG
<b>Tuesday 13 Dec 2022</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	AX WG
<b>Thursday 15 Dec 2022</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Scoring WG
<b>Tuesday 03 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Competitors SC
<b>Thursday 05 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Officials SC
<b>Tuesday 10 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Event Development Service
<b>Thursday 12 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Public and media relations SC
<b>Monday 16 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Statutes, By-Laws & Sporting Code WG
<b>Monday 16 Jan 2023</b>	13.30- 16.00 UTC	Safety and education SC
<b>Tuesday 17 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Hall of Fame
<b>Tuesday 24 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Records SC
<b>Thursday 26 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	Event and organiser support
<b>Tuesday 31 Jan 2023</b>	13:00-15:30 UTC	New Technology SC



## 4 FAI/CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITIONS 2022

### 4.1 65<sup>TH</sup> COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT IN ST.GALLEN (SUI)

The 65th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett was hosted in St. Gallen this year thanks to the victory of team SUI-2 in 2019.

17 team from 8 different countries took off in the night of september 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022. The winners landed after being airborne for a total of 2 days 12 hours 50 seconds and having flown 1572,36 km.

#### Results;

1. Eimers / Eimers (GER 3)
2. Frieden / Witprächtiger (Sui 1)
3. Zumrode / Hunnekuhl (GER 2)

It is the first time a father and son team have won the race together. Wilhelm Eimers, 72, is the most experienced pilot in the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon. He has now no less than 29 competitions under his belt (including this year) and has won it five times – this year with Benjamin Eimers, in 2014 with Matthias Zenge and in 2000, 1996 and 1995 with Bernd Landsmann. He also has nine silver medals and one bronze. He even set a FAI World Duration Record while competing in the race in 1995, when he was aloft for more than 92 hours non-stop. Furthermore, he was awarded the prestigious FAI Montgolfier Diploma in 1993 and was inducted in the FAI CIA Ballooning and Airship Hall of Fame last year.



*Please click on the photo to watch the final minutes of their flight in this impressive video.*



Gasballon Team Eimers / Eimers

6 November at 12:47 · 🌐

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Here are the final minutes from our GB 2022 flight. [#gb2022](#)



## 4.2 24<sup>TH</sup> WORLD AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP IN MURSKA SOBOTA (SLO)

A total of 32 countries were represented in this much-anticipated championships, which had been postponed since the Covid-19 pandemic. In Murska Sobota 103 pilots from a total of 32 countries competed for the title of World Champion, between 16-23 September 2022.



**After all 10 flights were flown and with a record amount of 32 tasks the winners were declared as follows :**

1. Stefan ZEBERLI – SUI
2. Yudai Fujita – JAP
3. Nicolas Schwartz – FRA

*Please click on the photo to watch the compilation video of this wonderful event.*



**Hot Air Balloons 2022**

17 October at 11:56 · 🌐

Kind, Bellissima, Wonderful, Freedom, sLOVEnia – just few words of YOU pilots and teams ❤️

The FINAL video is here. Thank you all for being a part of this AMAZING event 🥳

Hope you will all return to Slovenia once again. ❤️

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## 1.1. TAKING THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE HOME - BY STEFAN ZEBERLI

World Championship 2022 Slovenia

It is finally time to bring the world championship title home ! –

That is what many of the participants in the hot air balloon world championship think. So far, only about 2 dozen pilots have managed to do so.

My team is taking part in the World Championships for the 7th time. We have already won the bronze and last time the silver medal. I prepared very conscientiously for this championship. Maybe I attended fewer competitions than in previous years, but nevertheless, we were determined to finally bring the title home.

Together with Ultramagic, I tried to adapt the Racer envelope to today's needs. The new shape is a bit slimmer towards the top; this has the advantage that I can climb in a more stable and calculated way, which has in my opinion become very important in the Star and FlyOn tasks.

Very important to me is my well-rehearsed and motivated team, which consists of 7 people. My brother Simon and sister Lea. Colleague and balloon pilot in my company Urs and his wife. Colleague Björn and finally my father Köbi.



As usual, we arrived in Murska Sobota a few days before the official start to do some training flights with the other Swiss pilots. The cooperation in the national team is excellent and everyone can benefit from each other.





This World Championships was perfectly organised and carried out

The weather didn't look so good at the beginning, but improved steadily at short notice; so finally all 10 planned flights took place in good and fair conditions.

Claude Weber and his team set exciting and challenging tasks!

The first ride didn't really go as we had hoped - or did it? After all, this time I had planned to be in first position at the end of the competition and not already at the first run :-)



With every run we fought our way forward and finally took the lead at the end.

Personally, I look back on a perfectly organised World Championships that was run wonderfully from A-Z. I am also glad that there were no accidents with major consequences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants and contributors!





## 1.2. 5 TEAMS AND 1 TEAM MANAGER – FRANCE NATIONAL TEAM 2022

5 teams and 1 team manager, 25 extra motivated people from France for a wonderful experience.

The adventure started a year before the championship with a conference call between the French Federation and the 10 best ranking French pilots and their crews. Why so soon? Because we believe that in order to be ready for a competition, you need to create good conditions for everyone.

Good conditions for us meant that we needed accommodation in a common location, a complete support team (with 4 people, including pilots with experience) and that we needed to assemble all the equipment they might need (wind socks, computers, ...).



Because of the bad weather, we had to start the competition without any practice flights. Luckily, a couple weeks before, we had had a very challenging French championship with 9 flights! As a consequence and despite the bad weather, the French team still felt confident starting the competition. After a few flights, 3 teams managed to rank in the top 25 while the two other teams struggled a bit. But, to win a competition like this as a team, you have to stay focused on the long run. Ben's team and mine continued to do our best, flight after flight, task after task. Jean-Philippe and Clément achieved some very good results but also very bad ones. It was as if they were fighting against themselves, trying to be consistent in order to reach the top 15. Thanks to his huge experience and a very good mindset, Nicolas managed to score very highly on a lot of tasks and he took the lead of the French teams. Despite few mistakes using the Balloon Live App, Nicolas and his team still believed the impossible was possible and won their place on the podium!

Although there were 5 separate French teams, we worked together *all the time*: we combined our strategies, chose our piball and the take-off locations together. We were not afraid to double check information with our friends (as stupid as it may sound!) in order to avoid silly mistakes. During flights, we stayed in contact via radio in order to exchange about security issues or to discuss data from the task sheet. Obviously, *all the time* also meant regular debriefing around a beer or coffee!

We are very proud of our results, especially Nicolas' team's third place! After scoring 1<sup>st</sup> nation at the European championship in 2021, we are all delighted to confirm our position by taking the lead again in the world championship! 1<sup>st</sup> world nation in 2022: what a reward for our team work!



What did we appreciate in Slovenia? The beautiful landscapes, the very warm welcome from the locals and the superb organization!

Our secret to winning as a nation? We will gladly share it with you: team spirit! Feeling good as a team was also made easier by the huge support that came from all our French balloonist supporters that were behind us during the whole championship. They gave us a lot of energy, in particular via social media. We are very grateful to be rewarded with the first place on the team rankings. Who knows, maybe this result could secure us an extra slot for the next World Championships ?! ;-)



The French federation, with its financial and organizational support, played a big part in our success. We are constantly looking for new sponsors to help us work towards new and better equipment for future international competitions! Thank you to the federation, our fans and sponsors. We do our best to represent them on every possible occasion, keeping in touch with all the social media we can.

## 5 FAI/CIA CATEGORY 2 COMPETITIONS 2022

### 5.1 22<sup>ND</sup> COUPE D'EUROPE 2022 AND 27<sup>TH</sup> COUPE DU MONDE DES DAMES

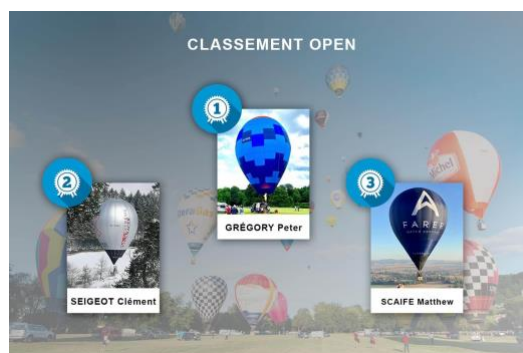
This 22nd edition Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfières brought together more than fifty balloons.



There were large crowds that came to see the take-offs on the different sites despite the difficult weather conditions.

A big thank you to the partners and sponsors without whom we could not have made this happen!

See you at the next edition.



### 5.2 CENTRAL EUROPEAN CUP - SZEGED 2022

Between September 9 and 11 in Szeged Hungary a total 16 participants flew 10 tasks.

After 3 days the winners were declared as follows :

1. Thomas Spildooren
2. Szabolcs Garab
3. Rita Becz





## 6 FAI / CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITION 2023

### 6.1 66<sup>TH</sup> COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT 2023



**ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE  
HYDROGEN WORLD FESTIVAL  
HIGHLIGHT**

66<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aéronautique  
Gordon Bennett

**SION AIRPORT  
1 – 10 SEPT.  
2023**

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BENNETT  
SION  
2023**



## COUPE AÉRONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT SION 2023

The oldest and most famous Aeronautic competition.  
Started 1906 in Paris, the competition had an enormous  
spectator interest.



## HYDROGEN VILLAGE

Energy for the Future  
Hydrogen World Exhibition  
Hydrogen Scenery:  
Information / Presentation / Education



## HYDROGEN FESTIVAL

Event with Balloon Fiesta – Diverse  
Aeronautic presentations e.g. parachutists  
Entertainment and large variety  
of Food and Beverages.



## 6.2 5<sup>TH</sup> WOMENS HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



### 5<sup>TH</sup> FAI WOMEN'S WORLD HOT AIR BALLOONING CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday 4 - Saturday 9 September 2023

Check-in Friday 1 September

Northam Ballooning Events Inc (NBE) is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Women's World Hot Air Ballooning Championship (postponed from 2021). A busy year for our town, as we will also be hosting the Australian National Championships in May.

The Championship will be held in NORTHAM, Western Australia; a vibrant agricultural town, nestled in the beautiful Avon Valley, and only an hour's drive from the State Capital City of Perth. Many of you will already know of the friendly, welcoming and helpful people of Northam, renowned for hosting the round the world flights of Steve Fossett and Fedor Konukhov.

#### How we can help:

- NBE will provide single room accommodation, FOC, for pilot plus 1
- Pilots will be provided with LPG, FOC, for the duration of the Championship
- NBE will assist with provision of local crew, and if possible, driver, vehicle and loan trailer, on request.

On arrival and after completion of check-in we offer each pilot:

- Travel bursary of \$A2,000
- Pilot (plus 1) will receive event clothing & complimentary tickets to the Awards Function.

#### The Championship:

We have engaged a World-class team, including Gary Lacey, Steve Ireland & John Wallington (Australia), Les Purfield (UK), Debbie Spaeth (USA), Hiropon (Japan) and Garry Lockyer (Canada)

The nomination fee is A\$500 and invitations will be sent to National Aero Clubs in December 2022/January 2023.

In order to enter, you will need:

- 50 hours in command Hot Air Balloons
- A\$2m Insurance cover with confirming documentation
- Balloon Airworthiness and Currency documentation
- Operational Currency documentation
- Current FAI Sporting Licence

**SEE YOU IN 2023!**

W: [www.northamballooningevents.com](http://www.northamballooningevents.com)

E: [northamballooningevents@gmail.com](mailto:northamballooningevents@gmail.com)



### 6.3 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNIOR WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



A picturesque city with a population of 100,000 in central Poland will be a space for pilots to compete during the 6th FAI World Junior Balloon Championships. In addition to a great location, Grudziądz is also a beautiful place to fly.

This city has had wings for over a hundred years and we can certainly talk about it as a city with an extremely rich aviation tradition. Airplanes, gliders, balloons and paragliders are a permanent element of the local landscape.

In addition, it is a great place to relax - the proximity of the Vistula River, two lakes and forests makes spending free time more attractive. And although sports competition will be one of the most important elements during the event, the organizers will not forget to show the charm of the place - because they like when others fall in love with their city.

For those willing, there will be guided tours of the city or military fortifications, kayaking on the lake or a ship on the Vistula River. But man does not live by flying alone - expect also grand parties on the beach, accompanied by good music and local drinks 😊 And for those who still have enough strength there will be fun under the stage at concerts!

The first round of registration for the competition will start on January 10. The organizers plan to accept about 50 pilots. Don't delay!

### 6.4 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The bureau has received notification of the cancellation of the 2023 North American Hot Air Balloon Championship hosted by the community of St. Jean-sur -Richelieu. This has been a difficult decision for the Organizing Committee and the CBA.

## 7 FAI FLY CLEAN WEBINARS

The FAI Anti-Doping programme - Fly Clean - seeks to preserve "the spirit of sport", which can be characterised by positive elements such as:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other participants
- Dedication and commitment
- Community and solidarity
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Excitement and pleasure

Taking substances in the hope of improving performance, also known as doping, is contrary to the FAI's principles of fair play, and potentially damaging to athletes' health, safety and even results. FAI therefore condemns the use of substances banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

The FAI has organized a series of three webinars in 2022, to help support athletes and ensure fairness in competition through diffusing positive messaging around clean sport. Our host, FAI Anti-Doping Manager, Kamila Vokoun Hajkova, will share expertise and guidance on anti-doping, reinforced by medical expertise from our Medico-Physiological Commission, CIMP.

**WEBINAR 3** "TUE procedure and examples when TUE is needed" is planned for 14 December 2022 at 14:00 (UTC)

Host: Kamila Vokoun Hajkova, FAI Anti-Doping Manager

Guest: Geoffrey W. McCarthy MD MBA DipAvMed, FAI TUE Panel Chair





## 8 FAI/CIA EVENT CALENDAR

The Event Development Service (EDS) invites and encourages all NAC's and Delegates to review the Championship Calendar and consider what competitions they might consider hosting in their country. If your country has never run a major International event you may consider that a smaller event such as a CIA Sporting Event or a Junior or Women's championship would be a good entry level. If you would like further advice on what is required to host and event or on completing the sanction application form, please e-mail Lindsay Muir (CIA Event Development Subcommittee Chairman) for assistance – [lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk](mailto:lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk) CIA Category 1 Championships Calendar and Events Open for Applications

Section 1 of the FAI Sporting Code states that "World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years" and "Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent".

The FAI World Air Games is the premier, international, multi-discipline air sports event conducted under FAI rules but is included in the table for completeness.

EVENT	CATEGORY	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
WORLD AIR GAMES – NONE SCHEDULED						
HOT AIR BALLOONS (AX)						
General	World	Slovenia		Hungary		OPEN Canada (Intention)
	Continental		North American Championship withdrawn. No European Championship		OPEN Bids by 2023	
Women's	World		Australia		OPEN Bids by 2023	
	Continental	X		X		OPEN Bids by 2024
Junior	World		Poland		OPEN Bids by 2023	
	Continental	X		X		OPEN Bids by 2024
GAS BALLOONS (AA)						
General	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Women's	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Junior	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
GORDON BENNETT RACE						
		Switzerland Winner 2019	Switzerland Winner 2021			
HOT AIR AIRSHIPS (BX)						
General	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Women's	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Junior	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			

1 Grey background indicates NOT open for bidding in that year.

This event calendar does not show CIA Sporting Events. The objectives of Sporting Events include: encouraging participation in international events in which pilots of all abilities can take part and facilitating fair "entry level" competition using simplified rules that apply equally to all CIA Sporting Events and participants.

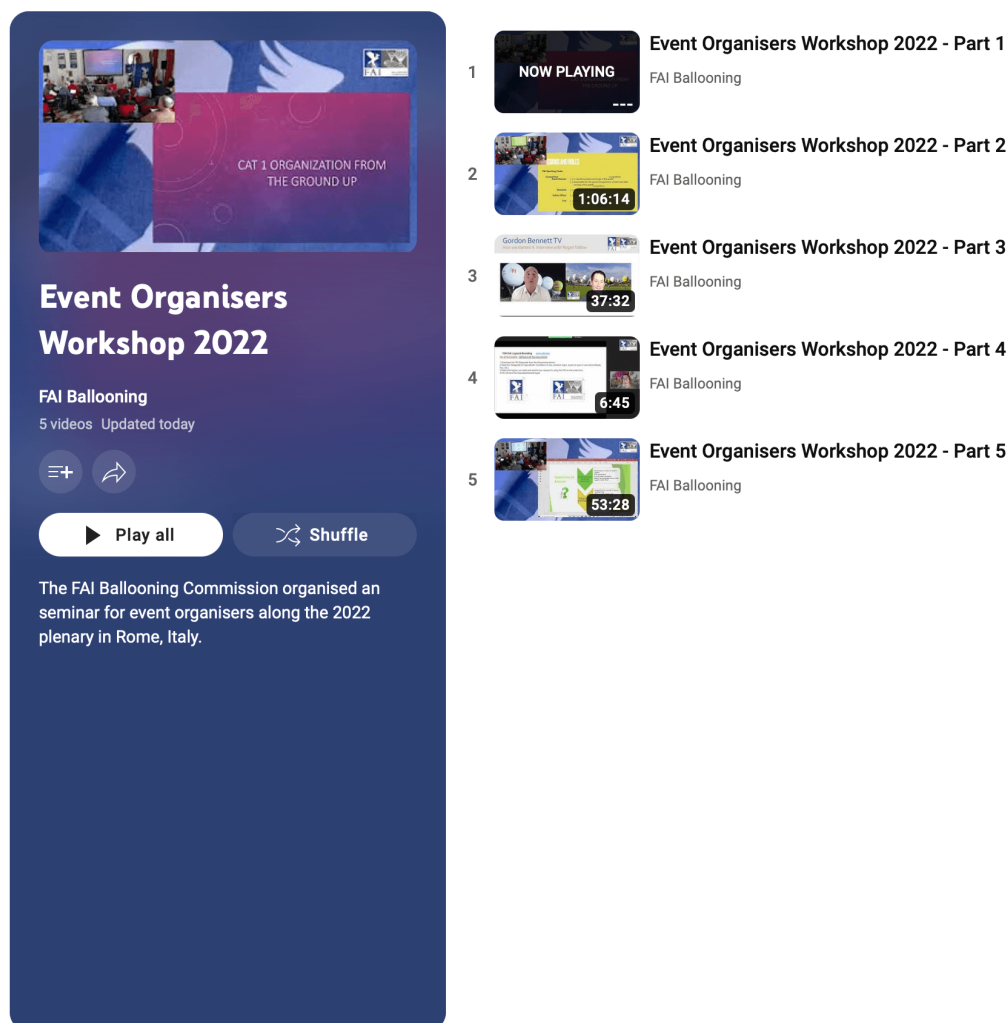
Further information can be found in Section 1 of the Sporting Code particularly Section 5 and Annex - <https://www.fai.org/cia-documents>

## 9 EVENT ORGANISER SEMINAR 2022

The first Event Organizers Workshop was held at the 2022 Rome CIA Plenary. The sessions were covered over a four-hour period and resulted in lively discussion and interaction with participating members.

All the presentation can be watched in full on YouTube and the presentations can be found on the CIA documents website under « Event planning and sanction documents »

This is the link to the videos, click on the image.



**Event Organisers Workshop 2022**

FAI Ballooning

5 videos · Updated today

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The FAI Ballooning Commission organised an seminar for event organisers along the 2022 plenary in Rome, Italy.

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- 3 **Event Organisers Workshop 2022 - Part 3**  
FAI Ballooning  
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- 4 **Event Organisers Workshop 2022 - Part 4**  
FAI Ballooning  
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- 5 **Event Organisers Workshop 2022 - Part 5**  
FAI Ballooning  
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**Topics covered and presenters included the following.**

### **CAT 1 Organization from the Ground Up, Sam Parks**

From the ground up how to establish an organization structure, planning, funding, volunteers and infrastructure. Sample document templates and a planning calendar was presented.

### **CIA Support from Events Development Subcommittee (EDS), Lindsay Muir**

How to properly plan, with EDS assistance, your event and file sanction application from intention to bid through the various stages of the Cat 1 sanction process. Session also included a short presentation by Arek Iwanski on the use of Google Docs for the sanction application process. There was much discussion of pilot entry fees and their recent dramatic increase.

### **Running a Successful Competition with a Good Team of Officials, Claude Weber**

Building a good team of officials is essential to a successful competition. Discussion on how the Event Director should work with the organizers on finding the best officials. Review of the scoring process and how to choose and manage the best one? What role does the "FAI Balloon Live" project play?

### **Marketing Your Event through all Media Platforms, Marc André and Debbie Spaeth**

Marc André: Live coverage in the example of the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett and how it can be applied to hot-air championships. Do's and Don'ts for social media. Debbie Spaeth: CIA PR & Marketing Resources

### **Financial Planning and Budget Development, Maury Sullivan**

**Discussed** financial and budget considerations, fixed vs variable expenses, initial planning budget vs. the need for flexibility as plans change, need to be fluid through the 2-year time frame. How to develop a proper budget for your event along with presentation to EDS and the CIA Plenary. Review of template examples. Review interaction with the EDS delegate, budget line item showing covering expenses required for event staff, etc.

Discussed creative funding sources, government support, visitors and tourism support, public entertainment as a source: air show, concerts, carnivals, etc. Use of in-kind donations. Your sponsors will need a portfolio of 'clippings'. The need to demonstrate your record of producing media coverage for your sponsors. Pre-events to the major Cat 1 event are a means to demonstrate a return on investment for your sponsors.

Hopefully in the future as International travel is more widely embraced the CIA can ask all sanction event organizers to attend this workshop in preparation for their bid and hosting an event.

If you have any questions or need help with the setup of your CAT1 event please do not hesitate and reach out to the CIA event organisers support group by email: [CIA-organisersupport@fai.org](mailto:CIA-organisersupport@fai.org)

## 10 CIA JUROR'S LIST 2021

The 2022 list of approved Jurors below is to be used when making nominations for Juries for 2023 Sanctioned Events. You can find the list on the documents section of the FAI/CIA website.

<https://fai.org/cia-documents> [under *Officials* line/tab]

CIA Jury Board

### CIA APPROVED JURORS 2022

14/05/2022

SENIOR LEVEL JURORS	BX	NAC	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JURORS	BX	NAC	ENTRY LEVEL JURORS	BX	NAC
LOCKYER Garry	X	CAN	FÜRSTNER Johann		AUT	LACEY Gary		AUS
NAGORSKI Alex	X	CAN	HEIRMAN Gerrit	X	BEL	PUTLAND Gren		AUS
CAMERON Don	X	GBR	PAENEN Rudy	X	BEL	WILSON Ruth		AUS
FINK Thomas		GER	VAN GEYTE Luc	X	BEL	DOBBELAERE Marnix		BEL
WEBER Claude		LUX	VAN Huffel Nancy		BEL	GLEED David		CAN
WEBER Jean Claude	X	LUX	VAN DE VELDE Moniek		BEL	LI Tong		CHN
BURKARD Jakob	X	SUI	STEVENS Mary Anne	X	CAN	JONES Stephen		GBR
ÅKERSTEDT Hans	X	SWE	MORGAN Dave	X	GBR	HANDL Stefan	X	GER
GRUBBSTRÖM John		SWE	MUIR Lindsay		GBR	MEINL Mike	X	GER
STENER Bengt		SWE	HAGGENEY Dominik	X	GER	MEINL Sylvia	X	GER
BRITTON Gary		USA	PETERSEN Brita	X	GER	MÉSZÁROS László		HUN
SPAETH Debbie	X	USA	HIDAS Sandor	X	HUN	PAÁL Dávid		HUN
SULLIVAN Mark		USA	OGGIONI Paolo		ITA	FURUKAWA Hiromi		JPN
			ICHIYOSHI Sabu	X	JPN	KOMZA Robertas		LTU
			SOEJIMA Hiromori		JPN	KUCHCINSKI Tomasz		POL
			KAVOLIUS Linas	X	LTU	BURANTSEV Aleksandr		RUS
			PINKEVICIUS Deividas	X	LTU	GIZATULINA Ilona	X	RUS
			KARNAUKOV Vladimir		RUS	MITYAGIN Yury		RUS
			DAVIS John		USA	ANDRE Marc		SUI
			MAGEE Kim		USA	CLIVER Harold		USA
			SHERILL Danny		USA	GILLIGAN Mike		USA
						MAGEE Adam		USA
						PETREHN Paul		USA
						RAPP David	X	USA
						SULLIVAN Maury		USA
						WHITE Cheri		USA
13	7		21	11		26	5	
The above are qualified to serve as Jury President or Member at any type of event			The above are qualified to serve as Jury President at any type of event except World Championships, and as Jury Member at any type of event			The above are qualified to serve as Jury Member at any type of event.		

Russian Jurors (marked red in the table above) may not, for the time being, be appointed.

Total Jurors	60
Total Jurors BX	23

CIA JURY BOARD 2022-05-14  
JC Weber

## 11 BALLOON LIVE

### 11.1 NEW TECHNOLOGY AT THE 24TH FAI WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

In late September 2022, Slovenia (Mursko Sobota) hosted the 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. This event was a great success from all aspects, including organization, weather, flying conditions and the level of competition.

For the last few years, the FAI Balloon Commission has been developing the Balloon Live and WatchMeFly platforms to streamline the measuring and scoring of ballooning competitions. This includes the development of the Balloon Live App, the Balloon Live Sensor and the WatchMeFly event management and scoring systems. These systems have been used and tested at many events around the world, including most National Championships last year, so it was great they could finally be used at the World Championships.



Many of these systems were operating in the background and not necessarily obvious to the competitors or public. The following is just a sample of some of the systems being used by pilots and officials:

- Balloon Live App in each balloon capturing tracks, logger marks and goal declarations
- Balloon Live Sensor in each balloon providing accurate GPS positions and barometric altitudes in standardized/approved manner
- WatchMeFly being used for the following functions:
  - Real time data capture from Balloon Live
  - Digital Flight Report forms
  - Target Team measurement tool being used in the field
  - Flight and task setting
  - Electronic Noticeboard
  - Pilot management
  - Flight and task analysis tools for scorers
  - Scoring and penalty calculations and publication



Overall, the technology worked extremely well and it was a vast improvement over older logger technology used at previous World Championships. Even though pilots were responsible for providing their own devices for the Balloon Live App and their own BL Sensors, there were very few technology issues and even more surprisingly very few user errors. The ballooning community is very fortunate to have a group of volunteers with deep and varied technical skills that make these sorts of events run as smoothly as possible. For example, early in the event there were some server issues due to the huge volumes traffic experienced and the amount of data (hundreds of balloon track points) being transmitted every second. The technical team in the competition center was able to respond to this very quickly to beef up the servers and no data was lost.

One of the great benefits that this technology has provided is greater efficiency during the events. For example, a lot of time was saved for pilots and officials by having track data being transmitted in real time and digital Flight Report Forms. Pilots no longer need to return to the Competition Center after a flight for debriefing.

Another benefit of using all this technology is that it gives the CIA teams a huge amount of invaluable data that can be analyzed to help not only improve the technology but also how competitions are run. Since we have all this data we thought we would could share some of the interesting statistics from the event:

- 103 pilots competing
- 10 competition flights (+4 practice flights)
- 32 competition tasks (most ever at a World Championships)
- 1,372 Balloon Live tracks captured
- 6,100,000 Balloon Live track points captured
- 1,682,270 points given
- 311 penalties and warnings issued
- 27,389 penalty points issued

So overall the new technology around Balloon Live and Watchmefly was a great success and we are all very excited about the advancements that will occur from all the lessons learnt during the event and the data analysis.

## 11.2 BALLOON LIVE SENSOR – SHIPPING SOON

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> special sale organized by the CIA in November 2021, more than 250 Balloon Live sensors have been ordered.

In June the Balloon Live team had to announce the delay of the production due to some missing electronic components. The electronic market had a lot of problems catching up with the demand and the production in general. Although this still the case, the Flymaster, the company producing the sensors, managed to secure a large number of the missing components and the production can soon begin.

The Balloon Live team can therefore announce that the shipping of the Balloon Live sensors is scheduled for Q1/2023.



It's great to know that by next flying season there will be more than 750 sensors out with pilots ready to compete. The Balloon Live team is looking forward to see many of them in competitions around the world.

## 11.3 BALLOON LIVE / WATCHMEFLY TRAINING AND DEMO

To demo and discuss the features and possibilities of Balloon Live and Watchmefly, we would like to invite you to participate in a special demo and training session during the CIA plenary meeting in Switzerland.

On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of March**, an afternoon slot will be reserved for you to get the latest updates of the technology, used successfully in many events, including the last World Championship.

Join us and learn how you can use the new technology in your event. Discussions are welcome, especially when it comes to the best practices and even future developments of the project Balloon Live.

## 12 CIA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BALLOON YOUTH CAMPS

For 2023, the International Ballooning Commission/CIA will continue funding of CIA Balloon Youth Camp (BYC) scholarships. Balloon Youth Camps are an important part of the future of ballooning. From past camps, an impressive number of pilots and P.U.T. have been camp attendees.

The CIA budget for BYC scholarships is a total of CHF4000 with the funds to be distributed as follows:

- 1) Maximum one (1) BYC scholarship per country per year.
- 2) Annual CIA Budget of CHF4000 to be shared across approved BYC applicants with a maximum payment of CHF1000 per country.

The application for CIA BYC Scholarship, as well as the CIA BYC Guidelines, can be found on the CIA documents page.

<https://fai.org/cia-documents> Then Scroll down to **Balloon Youth Camp** heading.

**DEADLINE FOR 2023 APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Tuesday, 20 December 2022.**

Any questions, please contact Debbie Spaeth, CIA PMR Chair, email: [CIA-media@fai.org](mailto:CIA-media@fai.org).

### German-Polish youth encounter in the Kłodzko basin.

How do you get young people excited about ballooning? And above all, how do we reach young people who do not come to us of their own accord? The motto is that those who are not looking for ballooning must also discover it.

Although there have been youth camps from club level to international level for many years, the number of balloonists is decreasing in many countries. This means we have to do more to promote our sport. That's why the idea came up to combine ballooning and STEM thematically. Many areas of STEM are also important for balloonists, they are something like the sports theory for ballooning.

It took a particularly long time from the idea to its realisation this time, Corona also paralysed the international exchange. Now, finally, in October 2022, the project could be realised in cooperation between schools, clubs and associations from Germany and Poland.



Pupils from schools near Hamburg and Gdansk had travelled to the south of Poland. Here we expected lower wind speeds at this time of year than in the north near the coast. Wind was also our MINT topic, officially titled Mystery of the wind. The students looked at wind measurements on the ground and analysed the logger records of the balloons to relate the wind to the terrain and altitu



Of course, the aim was also to experience ballooning in the basket. 29 pupils were able to experience their first balloon flight with the help of Fundacja Awiatyczna Suddeicka. The enthusiasm was great.

As far as we know, it was the first time that ballooning had taken place as part of a school exchange. There was a lot of conceptual work to be done, also in order to be included in the funding programme Experiment Austausch of the German-Polish Youth Office. One principle of these exchange programmes is reciprocity. That's why the next balloon school exchange will take place in Germany in 2023. But we are also planning German-Polish extracurricular activities, so there will also be a youth encounter in ballooning in the summer holidays next year in Poland.

If you are interested in youth exchange, you can contact Ballaeron e.V. by email [info@ballaeron.de](mailto:info@ballaeron.de).

This is where they currently have the most experience, and also the knowledge about exchange programmes. Youth exchanges are not only possible on a binational basis, but also on a trinational basis. The German-Polish Youth Office also promotes programmes, for example, with the countries of the Eastern Partnership, and the German-French Youth Office with a number of countries bordering the Mediterranean. To list all the possibilities here would go beyond the scope of this article, so please ask if you are interested.





## 13 CIA HALL OF FAME AND FAI AWARDS

Our sport depends a lot on the enthusiasm, work and devotion to our sport by many individuals and groups of persons. They spend a lot of time to spread and develop the sport through education, instruction, event organization or technical development.

What can we do to recognize their work and to reward them?

One way is to nominate them for an award. The CIA and FAI has a large number of those and nominations should be encouraged.

For most of the awards, nominations shall be made by NAC's to FAI office, so the trick is to make the NAC's aware of possible candidates.

We would like to encourage all balloon federations and balloon clubs to make use of this way of recognizing the hard working volunteers in our community. Think of people you know who are giving a contribution to the sport and how you can awards them. Make your proposals to your national FAI members.

If you know someone you believe should be rewarded for their time and efforts but don't know what award to nominate them for. Please reach out to the CIA bureau to see how we can support you.

### 13.1 THE MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA

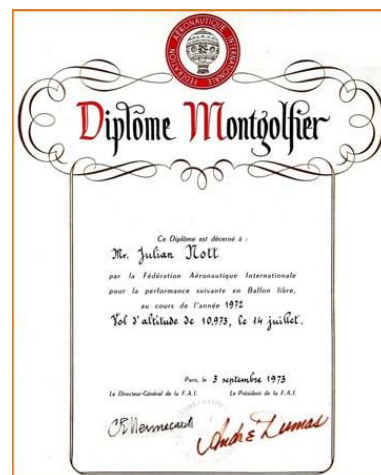
One of the awards within the CIA is **The MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA**. (FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.2)

Awarded for :

- Best performance during the previous Montgolfier year
  - Gas Balloons
  - Hot Air Balloons
  - Rozière Balloons
- For a major contribution to the development of ballooning in general.

Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting. This year de deadline for nominations is

**16 January, 2023**



Note: The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th the following year.



## FAI Awards for Ballooning 2023

Nomination Form

*(one nomination per form)*

Name of the Award:

- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Gas Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.1)
- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)
- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Roziere Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.3)
- ☐ Montgolfier Diploma / contribution to development of ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.4)
- ☐ Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal (By-Law 7.2.2)

Submitted by:

NAC: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Function: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature and stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nomination (maximum 250 words, English only):

Please provide at least one high resolution picture of the nominated person, if possible taken while practicing his/her sport or beside his/her (model) aircraft. All nominations must be received at the FAI Head Office by 15 January 2021 at the latest in electronic format (to [members@fai.org](mailto:members@fai.org)) preferably or by fax or post.

### 13.2 HALL OF FAME

Another way to recognize someone within the CIA is nominating them for the **HALL OF FAME**.

The Hall of Fame recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Aerostation, including those who have excelled in business, history, design and engineering, in addition to those better known for their contributions in flying balloons or airships of any category, in competition or records.

Inductees are elected into the CIA International Hall of Fame by the Selection Committee. Each year they will normally elect one living and one posthumous inductee from the list of nominated candidates.

To nominate someone for the Hall of Fame you need to fill out the nomination form and send it to the CIA secretary [sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl](mailto:sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl)



# Hall of Fame nomination form



## Nominated person

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (Year/Month/Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death (Year/Month/Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Short Biography (10 lines):

Achievements, honours and awards:

## Photographs attached:

Please send this completed form to the CIA Secretary. A full CV may be requested later.

Nominating person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NAC: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_



### 13.3 FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL

Within the FAI there are many awards one is the **FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL**. FAI Statutes 10.7

Awarded for:

- For outstanding services in air sport activities, training or education.

This medal was established by the FAI Council for the 100th anniversary of Lilienthal's first flights. It may be awarded, at any time, to individuals or groups for outstanding services in connection with air sport activities like work in FAI commissions, organising World and Continental Championships, training and educating new pilots, or for promoting aviation in general, especially with regard to young people.

Order forms are available at the FAI office, email: [members@fai.org](mailto:members@fai.org)

Invoice for CHF 100 will be sent from FAI office.

There are many more awards and Air Sport Medals within the FAI and CIA. Hans Åkerstedt has created an overview of these. This document can be found as an appendix to this newsletter.



## 14 THE CIA BALLOONING COMMISSION 2020/2021

A most current list of the delegates of the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) is available online <http://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates>

Country	Title	Name	Email
USA	President	Mr. Mark SULLIVAN	marksullivanr@gmail.com
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Germany	President of Honour	Mr. Horst HASSOLD	
UK	President of Honour	Mr. Jacques W. SOUKUP	
Luxembourg	President of Honour	Mr. Jean Claude WEBER	jwe@pt.lu
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Germany	2nd Vice-President	Mr. Uwe SCHNEIDER	uwe.cia@dfsv.de
Switzerland	3rd Vice-President	Mr. Marc Andre	marc.andre@netline.ch
The Netherlands	Secretary	Ms. Sanne Haarhuis	sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl

Representative to	CASI	Mr. Mark Sullivan (USA)
Representative to	EnvC	Mr. Steve Ireland (AUS)
Representative to	CIEA	No representative
Representative to	CIMP	Dr. David Bareford (GBR)
Europe Air Sports		Bureau will appoint if necessary

## 15 CIA DONATIONS SCHEME

### FORM FOR USE WHEN MAKING PAYMENTS TO FAI/CIA BY CREDIT CARD

To: **Fédération Aéronautique Internationale,  
Maison du Sport International  
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CH - 1007 Lausanne  
Switzerland.**  
Tel: + 41 21 345 1070, Fax +41 21 345 1077

From: (country)

I/we hereby authorise you to debit my/our credit card as follows:

Type of card (Mastercard or Visa):

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Expiry date:

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CVV number:

Name on card:

Sum to be debited:

Reason for payment:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

## 16 CIA STATISTICS

### CIA Statistics and delegate reports

The statistics together with the delegate report are a way for a country to proudly present what is going on their country with regard to hot air ballooning.

The previous years the return of the statistics and reports have decreased significantly. Therefore we are changing the way of gathering the information.

More information will follow by email.

## 17 NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Thank you to those who submitted articles and photos.

Contributions are welcome and should be sent to the CIA Secretary at the email address below.

Sanne Haarhuis, CIA Secretary	Email: <a href="mailto:sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl">sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl</a>
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## APPENDIX 1: FAI AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

by Hans Åkerstedt

Below is a summary of CIA/FAI awards and a short description of the nomination procedure.

### **CIA Sporting Badges, Sporting Code, section 1, chapter 8.**

These are available in silver, gold and gold with one, two or three diamonds. Each require recognized performance in distance, duration, altitude and precision. Detailed requirements are found in the Sporting Code. Application form is available on the CIA web site, documents section. Send application to FAI office.

### **The MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA.** FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.2

Awarded for best performance during the previous Montgolfier year in gas, hot air or Rozière balloons and for a major contribution to the development of ballooning in general. Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting. Note: The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th the following year.

### **The SANTOS-DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL.** FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.3

Equivalent for airship pilots of the Montgolfier diploma awarded for best sporting performance during the previous Montgolfier year in airships or for a major contribution to the development of airship flying in general. Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting.

### **The FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.7

For outstanding services in air sport activities, training or education. Any number may be awarded to individuals or groups. Order forms are available at the FAI web site, documents page. Invoice for CHF 100 will be sent from FAI office.

The following are FAI General awards available for ballooning. Applications to FAI office before 31 May and shall cover performances until 31 December the preceding year or contributions over a longer period. Citations shall not exceed 250 words. Other supporting documents may be attached. The awards will be given at the FAI General Conference to recipients present.

### **The FAI GOLD AIR MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.2

One of the FAI's two highest awards. Given to those who have contributed greatly to the development of aeronautics by their activities, work or achievements. Since 1925, 76 Gold Medals have been awarded including 7 for ballooning and 1 for airship achievement.

### **The FAI SILVER MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.9

For persons having occupied high office in FAI or in a national organisation and have shown exceptional leadership and influence to the benefit of the whole air sport community.

### **The FAI BRONZE MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.3

Only the FAI Secretary General may make nomination for this award. The Medal is reserved for persons who have rendered eminent services to the FAI in administrative work, in Commissions, or in the organisation of FAI sporting events.

#### **The DE LA VAULX MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.5

This medal is given automatically to all holders of recognized absolute world records established during the previous year. Count Henry de la Vaulx was founder and past president of the FAI. He flew Gordon Bennett 1906.

#### **The SABIHA GÖKCEN MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.8

The Medal is reserved for the woman who performs the most outstanding achievement in any air sport in the previous year. Sabiha Götzen was Turkey's first woman pilot and in 1937 became the world's first female military pilot.

#### **The NILE GOLD MEDAL.** FAI Statutes 10.10

This medal may be awarded to a person, group of persons or organization to reward distinguished work in the field of aviation and space education, particularly during the year preceding its award. The medal is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt.

#### **The OUTSTANDING AIRMANSHIP DIPLOMA.** FAI Statutes 10.11

It shall be awarded to a person or a group of persons for a feat of outstanding airman-ship in sub-orbital flight during one of the previous two years which resulted in the saving of life of others or was carried out with that objective.

#### **The PAUL TISSANDIER DIPLOMA.** FAI Statutes 10.12

May be awarded to those who have served the cause of aviation in general and sporting aviation in particular, up to three diplomas per FAI Member, depending on their class of membership, may be awarded. Paul Tissandier was a balloonist and Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945.

#### **The FAI GROUP DIPLOMA of HONOUR.** FAI Statutes 10.14

A FAI Group Diploma of Honour may be awarded to a group (design offices, scientific bodies, aeronautical publications, etc.) that has contributed significantly to the progress of Aeronautics or Astronautics during the previous year or years.

#### **The H.R.H. PRINCE ALVARO de ORLEANS-BORBON GRANT.**

To Persons or institutions who have devoted themselves to create and/or promote technical developments and innovation in sport aviation. Additional consideration will be given to projects. Nominations should be received in writing by the FAI Head Office latest 30 June (using the Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon Grant Nomination Form available on FAI website) ([members@fai.org](mailto:members@fai.org))

#### **The IOC Women and Sport trophies.**

Awarded annually to promote the advancement of women in sport. They recognize outstanding achievement and contributions made to develop encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls at all levels in the sports world. There is annually one trophy worldwide and one each for the continents.

Nomination forms will be posted to national Olympic committees.

#### **FAI RECOMMENDED MUSEUM recognition.** FAI By-Laws 10.1

The FAI may give recognition to deserving venues such as museum collections, special exhibitions, etc, which educate the public, particularly children and young people, in the history and practice of air sport, aeronautics (including commercial and military aviation) and astronautics.