

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE
NOMINATION FORM
FAI AEROMODELLING GOLD MEDAL
(for outstanding merit in organisational activities)

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From NAC: ROYAL AERO CLUB Date: 5TH NOVEMBER 2004

Address: c/o KIMBERLY HOUSE Country: UNITED KINGDOM

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(only one person from a country may
be nominated annually by that
candidate's National Airsport Control)

Name of Nominee: DEREK HEATON

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Requirements - one who has been either:

1. ☐ at least twice Competition Director or similar function at WC or European Championships :

dates: _____

locations: _____

2. ☐ at least 3 times FAI jury member at World or European Championships :

dates: _____

locations: _____

3. ☒ at least 5 times judge or similar function at World or Continental Championships :

dates: 2001 EC – F2C Jury locations: Spain

1996 WCh – F2C Jury Sweden

1995 EC – F2C Jury Czech Republic

1994 WCh – F2C Jury China

1991 EC – F2C Jury Poland

4. ☐ at least 3 years NAC delegate to FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) or another function within CIAM :

dates: _____

5. ☒ shown outstanding merits in developing aeromodelling by organisational activities :

description (please print):

There is an attached page containing the description

NAC Signature

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THE ROYAL AERO CLUB
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

~~President or~~ Secretary General of nominating FAI National Airsport Control
(must be submitted to the FAI Office by November 15)

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Nomination for the FAI Gold Medal

Item 5 "Description" to be attached to the FAI Nomination Form for Derek Heaton, United Kingdom nomination.

Derek Heaton has worked to develop aeromodelling by his organisational activities in parallel with his international flying career since the late 1960s. He was a member of the UK NAC's North Western Area Committee for many years and served 6 years on the UK NAC's Control Line Technical Committee. He was a central member of the organising committees for the 1978 F2 World Championships and the 1985 & 1989 F2 European Championships. He was the UK F2 Team Manager for the F2 European Championships in 1979.

From the late 1970's he concentrated on the organisation and development of F2C via the CIAM F2 Technical Sub-Committee. Derek was the primary author of the comprehensive F2C Jury Guide which has been universally adopted for Domestic, International and World Cup events and World & European Championships. This Jury Guide is now a significant factor in safely and fairly controlling F2C events despite major increases in engine power that can at times stretch the capability of both the competitors and F2C juries.

Derek has served as an F2C Jury member for four World Championships and six European Championships together with numerous Open Internationals in Holland and France. In 2000 he was a member of the FAI Jury at the F2 World Championships in France.

Between 1968, when Derek first represented Great Britain in F2C (Control Line Team Racing) and 1997 when he competed in his last European Championships, he has represented Great Britain at sixteen World and European Championships achieving individual silver and bronze medals and multiple gold, silver & bronze team medals. It is all the more remarkable, therefore, that Derek been able to achieve so much on the organisational side of Aeromodelling at the same time as competing as a world-ranked international flier.

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