

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

NOMINATION FORM

THE FRANK EHRLING DIPLOMA

(for outstanding accomplishment, by an organisation or individual, in connection with the promotion of aviation through the use of flying models)

From NAC: **Royal Aero Club**

Date: **3rd November 2015**

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

Name of Nominee: **John Jacomb**

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FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE'S ACTIVITIES UP TO 31st DECEMBER OF THE PRECEDING YEAR - Please Print

JOHN JACOMB has been a major player in FAI Space Modelling and domestic Model Rocketry for over fifteen years. However, it is in the field of engaging and inspiring youngsters that he now excels.

For two years John has been largely responsible for the success of the United Kingdom Aerospace Rocketry Challenge (UKAYRoC), a national Schools and Youth Group model rocketry event. Building on a format that originated in the USA, UKAYRoC has introduced large numbers of young people to model flying since its inception some 5 years ago. This year John led his county's campaign, persuading Essex County Council to sponsor over 40 schools. He was heavily involved throughout, coaching students in model building and flying techniques. As well as supporting the schools, he negotiated use of a unique former-WW1 aerodrome flying site and, at National level, liaised with major sponsors to ensure the success of this year's Challenge. Subsequently, John was technical adviser to the James Hornsby School at the International Rocketry Challenge in Paris, competing against teams from France and the USA.

In addition to domestic UKAYRoC activity, John represented the BMFA on FAI-CIAM's Space Models sub-Committee during 2014 and in World Championship and World Cup events for the past decade

John Jacomb possesses a gift for bringing differing personalities together and getting them to pull in the same direction. As a result, the projects he runs are invariably successful and have introduced many youngsters to the delights and challenges of aviation

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