

The Leon Biancotto Diploma, to be awarded in 2020

The bureau of CIVA and the GAC Chairman have nominated **Roland Küng** to receive the Leon Biancotto Diploma in 2020.

The FAI By-Laws provide the following instructions:

7.8.1. THE LEON BIANCOTTO AEROBATICS DIPLOMA

7.8.1.1. History. This Diploma was established in February 1993 upon the proposal of the FAI Aerobatics Commission. Widely regarded as one of the finest aerobatics pilots of all time, Léon Biancotto was a member of the French aerobatics team. He lost his life practising for the first FAI World Aerobatic Championships in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia in 1960. Biancotto won the famous Lockheed Aerobatics Trophy in England on three of the six occasions it was held. In 1965, a competition known as the Biancotto Trophy was started and this eventually developed into the European Aerobatics Championships.

7.8.1.2. Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the sport of aerobatics.

7.8.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Biancotto Diploma may be awarded each year.

7.8.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedure for selecting recipients of the Diploma shall be as set out in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

The citation developed by CIVA begins: “Roland Küng, by initiating and financing the development of the Swift S-1 glider, has decisively shaped the sport of glider aerobatics as it exists today”, and concludes with a review of the two trophies bearing his name that are now annually awarded to the Advanced and Unlimited World Glider Aerobatic Champions.



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