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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As our flying year come to an end, I hope everyone has had some great flights and made a few new friends in our fantastic ballooning community.

We have had a couple of amazing Competitions this year in both hot air and gas balloons. It would seem the Swiss have dominated AA competition in 2019 with two podium places in the 63rd Coupe Gordon Bennett. The team of **Laurent Sciboz and Nicolas Tièche landed in Romania with a distance of 1774.7 km from the take-off site in Montbéliard, France. They spent a total of 82h03m in the air. The Swiss team of Kurt Frieden and Pascal Witpraechtger stood 2nd on the Podium.** What is truly amazing is that seven teams went through a 4th night.

Taking the gold in the 21st FAI Europeans Hot Air Balloon Championship in Mallorca, Spain was Swiss pilot Stefan Zeberli. Stefan is not a stranger to taking gold in the Europeans as he has won this event a few times.

Many of you are aware the FAI is having financial difficulties. With the loss of Red Bull Air Races, Breitling, and the World Drone Racing Championship, the FAI is looking to find new revenue sources. Unfortunately, at this time the methods they are considering will, in the end, be paid for by the pilots, athletes, and officials participating in our events. The FAI is saying the fees they are proposing to place on the FAI Commissions will be for a one-year period. I am concerned this will not be the case as once this new revenue source starts, they may not let it go. Charging our officials and volunteers for sporting licenses is a terrible idea and I hope they will reconsider this option.

In addition to the FAI financial difficulties, the FAI recently cancelled the General Conference that was scheduled for Morocco. The Moroccan NAC was not able to meet the obligations of their bid. This was unfortunate as several attendees had already made plans and purchased airfare. The General Conference is now scheduled for December in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FAI had two good bids to host the General Conference in either the USA or Canada and allowed the Moroccan NAC to place a bid on the floor of the last conference. I hope the FAI will follow their procedures for bids in the future.

Within this newsletter you will find the report from Les Purfield, our World Air Games ("WAG") liaison on his visits and work in Turkey. There are still a lot of unanswered questions that we expect will be answered at the General Conference in the first week of December.

In 2020 Poland will be hosting the 64th Gordon Bennett. Here are some interesting facts on Poland. The last year that Poland hosted the Gordon Bennett was in 1936. They were again scheduled to hold the Gordon Bennett in 1939 after their pilots Antoni Janusz and Franz Janick won the 1938 Gordon Bennett. The 1939 Gordon Bennett had to be canceled when Poland was invaded during World War II. The Gordon Bennett was not held again until 1983 and the Polish team of Stefan Makne and Ireneuz Cieslak won this event. How fitting Poland will once again host the FAI/CIA Flagship event thanks to the great victor in 2018 with Polish pilots Mateusz Rekas and Jacek Bogdanski. The Gordon Bennett pilots are looking forward to flying in Poland in 2020 and being part of this great historic event.

Poland will also host the 4th FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Naleczow, Poland. I don't know if you have noticed but Poland has been hosting a lot of FAI Cat 1 events and I would like to thank them for all efforts and work for the CIA!

The 24th FAI World Hot Air Championship will be held in Murska Sobota, Slovenia from September 20th to 26th, 2020. This country will be holding a major FAI Cat 1 event after a long rest. The pre-worlds were very successful this year as many of you can attest to.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a great holiday season and look forward to seeing many of you in 2020.

Mark Sullivan

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1 FAI PRESIDENTS MUSINGS #9

This is the last edition of the FAI presidents musings. Want to read more of his writings, view previous editions of his musings at <https://cloud.fai.org/s/yskCx3QGYM5L8SK>

Welcome to the 9th edition of the Musings and, I anticipate, the last prior to the FAI General Conference.

The Budget for 2020 and the Finance Paper

I have some follow-up comments on the draft budget for 2020 and the finance paper that explains how the budget was created. I have said this before and I will repeat it again now – some of the elements in the finance paper are temporary measures, intended to carry us through 2020. These include the fee on Sporting Licence renewals and the fee on Cat 1 events.

I'm sure that you will appreciate that the budget is under continual review as we approach the GC. There may also be some updates to the finance paper and these will be shared with everyone prior to the start of the conference.

FAI 2020 – Refreshing the FAI

You have received the briefing paper on this proposed subject. It deliberately does not speculate on the future role of the organisation and the structure (and finances) to support the role. That is work to be done.

Discussion groups are planned with the Commission Presidents (Wednesday morning 4 December) and with as many Member delegates as are available (Wednesday evening 4 December). These discussions are intended to start the conversations about FAI 2020; not come up with final solutions. Invitations to these discussions and draft terms-of-reference for the project are being sent out separately to this Musings. I will be seeking your endorsement for this project at the GC.

Sports ID, Officials ID, Membership Scheme You have also received this briefing paper. These proposals were initially aired in 2017 and again in 2018; they are in draft; they need more work; and, there needs to be extensive consultation with members and commissions.

The introduction of a FAI Sports ID, a FAI Officials ID and a new Membership subscription scheme is not anticipated until 1 January 2021 – meaning that the formal voting will be at the 2020 general conference, not this year. These proposals create potential conduits that may well support the FAI 2020 project and I am, therefore, seeking your endorsement that work continue on developing these ideas.

The General Conference

This GC is important for the future of FAI and we need to work collaboratively to ensure this future. The Executive Board, the Secretary General and I are all looking forward to the discussions on all the topics during conference week and to hearing your constructive ideas and inputs.

We have, as of Friday 15 November, 28 nations (plus others via proxy) and 10 Commissions attending and a grand total of 107 people registered for the conference, including accompanying persons and award winners. If you haven't registered or recorded a proxy vote, there is still time to do so.



Bob Henderson, FAI President, 20th November 2019

2 AMENDMENT OF PLENARY MINUTES

An amendment has been made in item 37 of the CIA plenary 2019 minutes regarding the CIA plenary 2020 dates.

37. Date and Place of next meeting

No bid received. The 2020 CIA Ballooning Commission Plenary will be held in Lausanne (Switzerland)

The dates proposed are the following:

Tuesday, 17th March 2020 – Bureau Meeting

Wednesday/Thursday 18th/19th March 2020 – SC/WG and Strategy workshop meetings

Friday/Saturday 20th/21st March 2020 – Plenary meetings

3 BUREAU DECISIONS 2019

15 March 2019 Youth camp budget

Youth camp budget will be CHF 5000,00 max per year. PMR WG has the responsibility for a plan regarding the distribution of the budget.

7 april 2019 Coupe D'europa sanction

To sanction Coupe d'Europe 2019 to be a CAT.2 FAI/CIA sporting event. Jury to be approved after EDS and Jury recommendation.

23 april 2019 Budget Approval

To approve the budget for 2020 as suggested by the secretary and president. And to send it to FAI for further approval. (attachment 1 : CIA income and expenses budget 2020).

11 may 2019 Basecamp contribution approval

To approve a 100 dollar contribution the ASC presidents organization and communication program Basecamp.

12 may 2019 Nation ranking diploma

The Bureau has chosen a format to create a nation ranking diploma and will work on this to be available for World and European championships.

8 july 2019 Safety officer change at CE cup

The Bureau approves the appointment of Goran Grgič as Safety Officer during the 1st Women European Cup, CE Cup 2019, 3rd Central European Cup, 39th Hungarian National Championship and 4th Szeged Cup 2019. He replaces Rainer Hassold who had to cancel.

4 CIA PLENARY MEETING 18-21 MARCH 2020 – LAUSANNE

4.1 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

		CIA PLENARY MEETING 2020 20th to 21st March 2020 Maison du Sport and Moevenpick Lausanne, Switzerland			
Agenda Items All items for inclusion in the agenda for the 2020 Plenary Meeting must reach the CIA President and the CIA Secretary NOT LATER THAN 15 th JANUARY 2020. These will then be included in the agenda, which will be mailed in late January 2015. Agenda items should include any supporting documentation and position papers, all of which will be included with the agenda. <i>Remember that the CIA Plenary Meeting cannot make final decisions on items that do not appear on the agenda.</i>					
CONFERENCE DETAILS DATES 18 & 19 March SC and WG Meetings 20 & 21 March Plenary Meeting MEETING LOCATION Maison du Sport International (MSI) (SC and WG) Av de Rhodanie 54 Lausanne, Switzerland Hotel Movenpick (Plenary) Av. de Rhodanie 4 Lausanne, Switzerland REGISTRATION Please register by filling the online form: http://surveys.fai.org/index.php?sid=66692&newtest=Y&lang=en It includes the hotel booking from to be sent directly the Hotel Aulac, where rooms have been pre-reserved. ACCOMMODATION Hotel Aulac*** Place de la Navigation 4 1006 Lausanne, Switzerland Email: aulac@cdmgroup.ch Web Site : http://www.aulac.ch Telephone : + 41 21 617 15 00 Fax: + 41 21 617 15 15 Rates per room and per night : Single : 145.00 CHF (breakfast & WiFi incl.) Twin : 190.00 CHF (breakfast & WiFi incl.) Note: 20 rooms pre-booked for the CIA Each attendee is responsible for booking their own hotel rooms. Please use the CIA Conference Registration page to download hotel reservation forms: http://surveys.fai.org/index.php?sid=66692&newtest=Y&lang=en		TIMETABLE			
		ROOMS	Room Yellow Capacity : 14 pers.	Room Capitale Olympique Capacity : 18 pers.	Room Green & Blue Capacity : 40 pers.
Tuesday 17th March 2020 – evening					
Bureau meeting					
Wednesday 18th March 2020 – meetings in MSI					
08:30-8:45	x	x	Strategy workshop (SW) introduction		
8:45 – 10:30	x	SW:Promotion and Marketing		SW: Event and organizer support	
<i>Coffee Break:10:30 – 11:00</i>					
11:00-12:30	Jury Board	AA/AM WG	Competitors		
LUNCH 12.30 – 14.00					
14:00-15:45	S & SC WG	BA/BX WG	AX WG		
<i>Coffee Break: 15:45 – 16:15</i>					
16:15-18:00	S & SC WG	PMR	AX WG		
Thursday 19th March 2020 – meetings in MSI					
08:30-10:15	x	SW: Recruiting	SW: Communication		
10:15-10:30	x	x	Strategy workshop finish		
<i>Coffee Break:10:30 – 11:00</i>					
11:00-12:30	Officials	Records	Scoring WG		
LUNCH 12.30 - 1400					
14:00-15:45	Safety	EDS	Hall of fame		
<i>Coffee Break: 15:45 – 16:15</i>					
16:15-18:00	NTSC	EDS	Rules		
18h30 – 19h30 OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION at Hotel Aulac					
Friday 20th March 2020					
ROOM	Mövenpick Lausanne - room Olympia 1+2				
09.00-18:00	PLENARY MEETING				
Saturday 21st March 20120					
ROOM	Mövenpick Lausanne - room Olympia 1+2				
09.00-18:00	PLENARY MEETING				

5 PUBLIC MEDIA RELATIONS NEWS

The CIA PMR (Public Media Relations) Sub-committee has been working with the FAI Communications Manager to publish ballooning stories on the FAI -CIA web sites.

Stories published in 2019 have included record setting flights, Gordon Bennett behind the scenes and FAI-CIA Hall of Fame ceremony held in October in Albuquerque.

In case you missed any of the news, check out the following FAI platforms via the links below:

CIA webpage: www.fai.org/commission/cia

Website: www.fai.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/airsports.fai

Instagram www.instagram.com/airsports.fai

Twitter www.twitter.com/airsports_fai

Flickr www.flickr.com/airsports_fai

YouTube www.youtube.com/airsportschannel

FAI Newsletter signup: www.fai.org/newsletter

If you have a ballooning story to share, on a balloon event or newsworthy flight, send it, along with photos, to: CIA-Media@fai.org.

6 CIA BALLOON YOUTHCAMP SUPPORT AND APPLICATION PROCESS

CIA supported three Balloon Youth Camps held during Summer 2019. Brazil, Czech Republic and USA balloon organizations hosted camps in a total of 5 locations. All were “sell-outs” which is very encouraging as we look for the new generation of balloon pilots. Watch the FAI-CIA web page for the great stories written about camps in each of the countries.

The application form for CIA sponsorship of 2020 Balloon Youth Camps is now available. A copy is included with the Autumn 2019 Newsletter. Or contact the CIA PMR chair via email: CIA-Media@fai.org for an application form.

Budgetary figure:

The CIA bureau decided to maximize the budget for CIA sponsorship of Balloon Youth Camps to 5000CHF for the year 2020.

Based on the number of applications received in recent years, it is anticipated that the CIA sponsorship amount will be approximately 1000CHF - 1500CHF per Approved Applicant.

See the application form for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Spaeth, Chair, CIA PMR Sub-committee. Email: CIA-Media@fai.org

Please find the **FAI-CIA Balloon Youth Camp Application FORM for Funds Ver 2.0(Nov 2019)** as an attachment.

7 THE BALLOON LIVE PROJECT



The Balloon Live project started in 2018 as a follow-up project to replace the FAI Balloon Competition Loggers introduced in 2009 by the New Technology Subcommittee. The new project has a larger scope. It replaces the existing loggers by a mobile app and an additional sensor box to guarantee a constant and equal quality of the position (GPS) and altitude (GPS and barometric) measurements. Additionally, the live transmission of the data becomes reality and opens a lot of new possibilities for live coverage and tracking of the competition. Watchmefly.net is an essential part of the project as platform for data recording, visualisation and scoring.

In August 2019, the New Technology Subcommittee and the Balloon Live Team proudly launched the mobile app on Android and iOS.

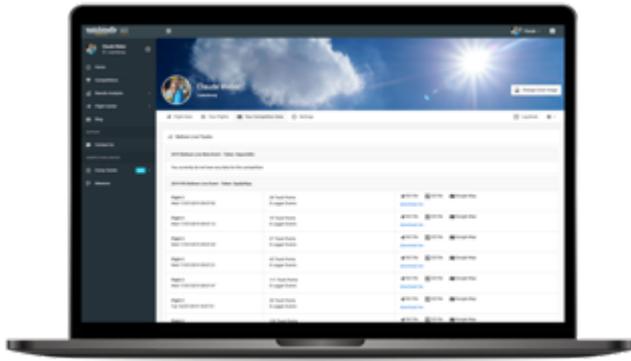
The app is used in hot air balloon competition and has the following features:



- ✓ 2 app modes: training and competition
 - ✓ Flight recording with Start/Stop functionality
 - ✓ up to 8 different electronic marker drops
 - ✓ up to 8 goal declaration slots
 - ✓ recording in IGC-file format
 - ✓ export as IGC-file
 - ✓ Automatic flight resume on app restart
 - ✓ Background mode when flight is started
 - ✓ Connection to external GPS box (available later)
- In competition mode:
- ✓ Synchronisation of competition settings and flight data from watchmefly.net
 - ✓ Live tracks to watchmefly.net

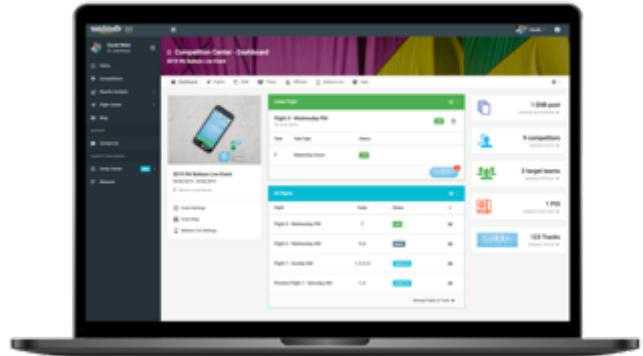
Along the release of the app, watchmefly.net was updated with the new **WatchMeFly Comp Center** that allows event organisers and competition officials to manage all the flights, tasks and Balloon Live logger data in real time.



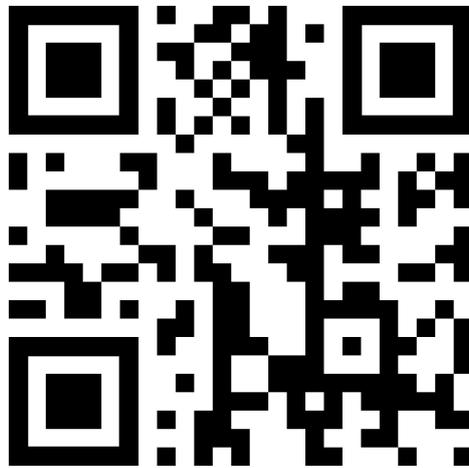


Login as a pilot to the **Pilot dashboard** and have an overview of your past and upcoming competitions. Find your personal token/code to register your *Balloon Live* app to a competition and download all your recorded tracks directly on your personal profile page.

Competition officials can manage competition details, pilot list, flight and task settings, official noticeboard, measuring reports and download all recorded tracks immediately after landing.



Discover more about the project, the app and how it works with watchmefly.net on



<http://www.balloonlive.org>

8 CIA JUROR'S LIST 2019

The 2019 list of approved Jurors below is to be used when making nominations for Juries for 2020 Sanctioned Events

2019 CIA JURORS LIST				CIA JURY BOARD 2019-9	
SENIOR LEVEL JURORS	BX	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JURORS	BX	ENTRY LEVEL JURORS	BX
Gary BRITTON (USA)		Jaroslav BARAN (SVK)		Adam BARRROW (AUS)	
Jakob BURKARD (SUI)	X	Martine BESNAÏNOU (FRA)		Aleksandr BURANTSEV (RUS)	
Don CAMERON (GBR)	X	John DAVIS (USA)		Andy CAYTON (USA)	
Thomas FINK (GER)		Johann FÜRSTNER (AUT)		Harold CLIVER (USA)	
John GRUBBSTROM (SWE)		Dominik HAGGENEY (GER)	X	Marnix DOBBELAERE (BEL)	
Garry LOCKYER (CAN)	X	Salvator HAIM (BRA)		Hiroki FURUKAWA (JPN)	
Alex NAGORSKI (CAN)	X	Gerrit HEIRMAN (BEL)	X	Luc van GEYTE (BEL)	X
Les PURFIELD (GBR)	X	Cees van HELDEN (NED)		Mike GILLIGAN (USA)	
Debbie SPAETH (USA)	X	Sandor HIDAS (HUN)	X	David GLEED (CAN)	
Bengt STENER (SWE)		Nancy van HUFFEL (BEL)		Iлона GIZATULINA (RUS)	X
Mark SULLIVAN (USA)		Sabu ICHIIYOSHI (JPN)	X	G�rard GRANG� (FRA)	
Claude WEBER (LUX)		Vladimir KARNAUKOV (RUS)		Stefan HANDL (GER)	X
Jean Claude WEBER (LUX)	X	Linus KAVOLIUS (LTU)	X	Torben HANSEN (DEN)	
Hans AKERSTEDT (SWE)	X	Eugenijus KOMAS (LTU)	X	Stephen JONES (GBR)	
		Dave MORGAN (GBR)	X	Patrick KEARLEY (GBR)	X
		Lindsay MUIR (GBR)		Cathy KNUCHEL (CAN)	
		Paolo OGGIONI (ITA)		Robertas KOMZA (LTU)	
		Koji OHTA (JPN)		Tomasz KUCHCINSKI (POL)	
		Rudy PAENEN (BEL)	X	Gary LACEY (AUS)	
		Zoltan P�LHEGYI (HUN)	X		
		Brita PETERSEN (GER)	X		
		Deividas PINKEVICIUS (LTU)	X		
		Danny SHERRILL (USA)			
		Hirofumi SOEJIMA (JPN)			
		Mary Anne STEVENS (CAN)	X		
		Moniek VANDE VELDE (BEL)			
	14	26	12		37
The above are qualified to serve as Jury President or Member at any type of event	8	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	12	The above are qualified to serve as Jury Member at any type of event.	7
Total Jurors	77				
Total Jurors BX	27				

CIA JURY BOARD 2019-03-15
Hans Akerstedt

9 WAG 2022 UPDATE BY LES PURFIELD (CIA / WAG LIAISON)

9.1 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The current WAG 2022 schedule is:

28/08/ Arrival
02/09 Opening Ceremony (Ankara Congressium)
03/09 – 16/09 Maximum duration of competitions
17/09 Closing Ceremony (TBD)
18/09 Departure.

I believe that it is better to have the balloon competition earlier in the WAG programme, due to the fields beginning to be ploughed, if we go later then there will be less fields with easy access.

9.2 ANKARA CONGRESIUM.

This venue is being considered for the WAG opening ceremony, it could also be used for aero modelling and drone racing. The congressium consists of 3 large exhibition halls (which can be sectioned into one large or many smaller halls) and a very large auditorium which can seat 3000 people complete with translation booths. It has a very large stage which includes a rotating area. <http://www.congresium.com/en>

Transfer to Eskişehir-İnönü. – Actually takes about 4 hours with comfort stops. The drive indicated that there were many large open fields which had been harvested.

9.3 BALLOON COMPETITION AREA

9.3.1 İnönü airfield (competition center).

Accommodation at the airfield in the trainees accommodation consist of 75 twin bedded rooms with bathroom and kitchenette, some of the rooms also have a small lounge area. The rooms are very comfortable but the hot water is supplied by tanks on the roof of the accommodation block heated by solar. (You need to be up early to get a hot shower)

The airfield is a THK training base which trains students up to the basic gliding certificate. In addition to the accommodation previously described there are 2 dormitory style blocks for male and female students.

A tour of the airfield indicated many buildings that would support the competition centre requirements for Director, scoring, track analysis and Jury. There is also a restaurant and a cafeteria serving breakfast lunch and dinner.



9.3.2 Flying Area

İnönü airfield is located 40km west of Eskişehir, its elevation is 2765ft MSL and nestles under a hill to the south which is 4000ft MSL. The gliders use this for ridge soaring and they have also located a paraglider launch site at the top.



There are 2 valleys, one to the north of the airfield, which will be the primary flying area, and the other 6km over the hill to the south. Both of these have large cut fields for targets and landings. The primary crop at this time of year is wheat, which has been harvested, but some of the fields were being ploughed and harrowed. These will not be planted until the spring, so are not a problem for landings or targets. The next crop is sugar beet, this has still to be harvested and is the green areas on the photos, these are primarily in the İnönü area but should not cause a problem. Other crops are maize (corn) and sunflowers but only small areas.

The following photos are taken from the top of the hill looking west to east.



There are some animals around the town, primarily cows, sheep and horses. In the photo above there were cows behind the white building (centre left) and horses around the trees to the right.

Over the hill to the south are much larger fields and a very large valley, however this is more industrialised to the southeast and has some large powerlines on the extremity of the flying area.

Looking southwest:



Looking south:



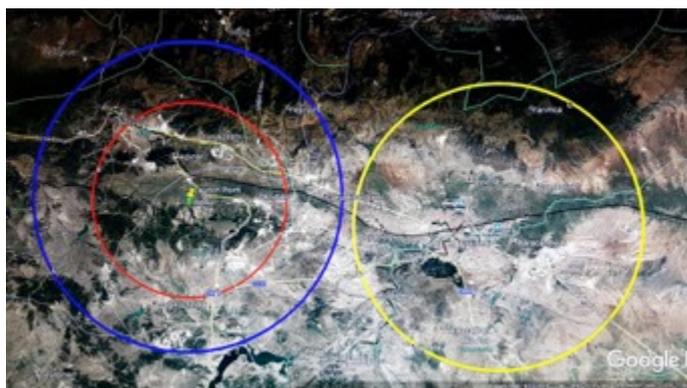
The flying area is possible in a 12.5km radius from İnönü. This gives many opportunities for World Championship tasks. Launching from or flying into the airfield in a northerly airflow is possible but directors should be aware of the wind speed at 5000ft as there could well be a “rotor” on the other side of the hill, so targets would need to be set at least 2km away from the back of the hill.

It is approximately 6km from İnönü to the fields in the south. Landings are possible on the top of the hill but it is rather rough, there are tracks to get a retrieve vehicle up but require some care.

9.3.3 Airspace

As indicated earlier I expect the flying area to be approximately 12.5km radius (25km x 25km). THK intend to apply for a restricted area of 20km radius of İnönü airfield, SFC to 10000ft. This will give us 7000ft above the airfield height of 2765ft for competition.

The main military airfield is just northeast of Eskişehir, it has an airspace which extends to within 22km of İnönü, hence the THK request for 20km radius. Their activity does not normally start until 0800 – 0900 local, and normally takes place to the south and southeast of İnönü. There is also some night flying after 1800, which we witnessed when we were in Eskişehir. However this should not have any effect on our event but the gliders will have to negotiate with the military. THK should be able to do this as the new THK President is a retired Airforce General.



Red = 12.5km Competition Area.

Blue = THK Requested 20km Airspace.

Yellow = Eskişehir Mil CTR

9.3.4 Accommodation

There is only one hotel that is close to İnönü, that is Grand Çalı Otel in Bozüyük. This is 18km from the airfield and takes about 20 minutes. It is primarily there to support the Ford truck plant just down the road from İnönü so we may have trouble booking rooms however we have asked THK to investigate. It has a very large carpark which would be useful. We also had a very constructive meeting with the manager who seemed receptive.

All the other hotels are in Eskişehir, which is 40km away and a 30 – 40 minute drive. Most of these are in the centre of the city which is congested, and parking will be difficult. We have told THK they need to find hotels on the western side of the city.

Facilities exist on the airfield for camping if that option was required.

9.4 SUMMARY

The proposed venue of İnönü is a good flying area to hold a World Championship. There is only one highway, one railway and one large powerline. There are many fields and roads/tracks for access, plenty of choices for targets and the option to fly 360 degrees without restriction. The status of the fields at the proposed time of the event is good with very large fields to the south of the hill.

Facilities at the airfield are basic but lots of potential to make it into a sociable competition centre. There are large areas for parking and good access for vehicles and the propane tanker.

The weather situation is good for AM flights, but as in other venues, convection will play a part in PM flights as the temperature will be 25-30°C, indications are that it could be windy. With the planned schedule we have 13 flying slots 6/AM and 7/PM so many opportunities. Sunrise will be 06:30 and sunset 19:20 in September 2022.

There are still many issues to be resolved. Accommodation is the biggest issue due to the travelling time to Eskişehir. It is unlikely that it would be practical to travel back to the hotel during the day. The thinking is that we will base all the organisation and the officials at the airfield due to the basic facilities, and the competitors will be distributed around the closest hotels.

Further meetings are required with THK to discuss the detailed infrastructure, competition facilities, Internet, Met, Maps, landowners, propane. I do not know what plans FAI have for these future meetings.

A test event is still planned for September 2021, but there are conflicts with the Women's Worlds in Australia 28th August to 4th September, and the European Championship in Hungary 12th to 18th September. The test event will be with 30 balloons and all senior officials will be required to be present.

It is my intention to have a completed Sanction Application available for the Plenary meeting in March.

There is very little opportunity to borrow / hire equipment in Turkey, so competitors will need to ship their balloons to İnönü. DHL are the FAI partner in this and have promised competitive rates. I expect all equipment to be shipped FOB İnönü. Further discussions are required on this.

A note on travel: The new Istanbul airport is very easy to transit and you can get through immigration in 30 minutes. However it is very large and you have to walk a long way, it takes about 50 minutes to get from A gates to the domestic G gates (including immigration and security). Also remember for planning, because the airfield has 4 runways it can take 25 minutes to taxi to the gate after landing, especially if you are not on a Turkish Airlines flight.

10FAI/CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITIONS 2019

10.1 21ST EUROPEAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIPS – MALLORCA - SPAIN

RESULTS

1. **Stefan Zeberli**
2. **Laurynas Komza**
3. **Nicolas Schwarz**



10.1.1 A Director's view by David Bareford --The 21st European Hot Air Balloon Championships, Mallorca –

I was surprised to receive the phone call from Ricardo Aracil, Spanish delegate to the CIA, asking me if I could direct the European Championships. The phrase “scraping the bottom of the barrel” came into my thoughts but I was keen to support his desire to save the championships, no other country having made a bid in the timeframe. I had never flown in Mallorca or directed an event greater than an open national championship. I accepted on the understanding the risk he was taking.

The first hurdle was to get myself onto the list of accepted directors of the CIA, which meant taking the juror's examination and putting my name forward. The second was to get an understanding of the flying area. The first opportunity for that was to stay for a day after the CIA meeting in Paguera, Mallorca in March 2018 to drive around the area with Ricardo. This gave me some idea of the area that was envisaged. I returned later that year to see the area during the same season as the planned event. October came and I, together with Zoltan Pálhegyi the proposed deputy director who had directed previous competitions on the island and Ally Odell as proposed steward arrived just after flash floods had killed at least 10 people on the island, mostly close to the area where we would be based. Continuing rain during our stay prevented an exploratory flight or two but allowed us to see the area, some potential competition centres and options for accommodation. The area was certainly going to be challenging with small side roads, olive groves and many fenced fields. The open cut fields became difficult after rain as we found out having to push Ricardo's vehicle out of one; a problem we hoped would not be repeated during the following October.

The following July I made another trip to Mallorca after the European Balloon Festival in Igualada. The weather was perfect, allowing a couple of flights between being shown the proposed facilities by Ricardo. Arrangements were progressing steadily. The hotel and briefing centre had been chosen but not confirmed, the gas supplier agreed, and some launch fields had been surveyed. Unfortunately, Ricardo had not been able to attract any major sponsors. The whole of the centre of the island was just perfect for ballooning with large areas of open harvested fields, though the usable area only measured about 14 x 10km surrounded by hilly inaccessible areas or small olive groves; winds were usually light below about 1,000ft with good directional control. We were still not sure whether we would be able to use the any airspace in the Palma CTA which started at 2,000ft amsl in the proposed competition area.

Over the remaining summer Ricardo surveyed more fields to use and kept me informed: the farmers were very helpful. They always ended their conversation with the fact should it rain, the ground would soften, and they would start ploughing! We kept our fingers crossed but as October approached the heavens opened and by the end of September over 80% of the fields we hoped to use were ploughed. Ricardo had been successful with Palma airport that gave us up to 4,000ft amsl over much of the competition area.



I arrived 8th October, a week before the Mallorca Balloons Trophy (the pre-event) to review target fields and final arrangements. As indicated by Ricardo, almost all the fields were ploughed up which made them impossible to drive into, so we were restricted to fewer launch fields. Once off the minor roads the interconnecting roads were very narrow with few passing places and some ending in footpaths or gates with no area to turn a vehicle and trailer. We realised that sending 83 vehicles out for a fly-in would likely end with a complete grid-lock down narrow, impassable lanes; we decided that fly-ins would be very risky.

How was directing? The nice part is task setting and for that you need a good competition area and good and stable winds. We never had either in abundance not helped by only having one met team who could provide wind vectors below 1,800ft by drone but nothing useful above that. One of the various wind models would be close to accurate but one could not decide which one that was likely to be. The team I had around me were just superb. We all met around the computer at 7.00pm in the evening to discuss options for the morning and a couple of hours before the briefings to finalise tasks. Zoltan was expert in technical wizardry, Ally provided a critical eye, Les provided experience, Stephanie a target measuring team's view and Stephen Jones a scorer's view. The target teams worked so efficiently under Stephanie and Ursula that they vanished silently after the task sheet was finalised and within what seemed minutes were sending back their positions on the target fields. The scorers, Marcos, Carmen, Stephen, Valdemar and Erwin, under Tony Martinez worked tirelessly almost non-stop and only approached me to review dangerous flying print-outs and sign score sheets. Brigitte worked efficiently looking after me in the briefing room. I hated the administrative queries brought up that seemed to take up most of one's time before the competition started but luckily, we only had few pilot queries during the event.

A final comment on the organisation. This whole event had all been put together by just Ricardo Aracil, two members of his family and two of his pilots. They had worked tirelessly over the previous 18 months to arrange everything from ferries, briefing centres, accommodation, refuelling and officials' transport to replying to a constant list of pilots' queries and requests for alterations to their plans. He had been faced with the Catalonia crisis, Thomas Cook and then the weather. In the end, with common accommodation in the same place as food, refuelling and debriefing, a splendid opening and closing ceremony, we all left feeling that it was one of the best organised European Championships on record. We all owe a massive thanks to Ricardo for virtually single handedly saving the event in the competition calendar.

David Bareford

10.2 63RD GORDON BENNETT CUP – MONTBELIARD - FRANCE

RESULTS

1. Laurent Sciboz, Nicolas Tieche (SUI)
2. Kurt Frieden, Pascal Witpraechtiger (SUI)
3. Vincent Leys, Christophe Houver (FRA)



10.3 1ST WOMEN EUROPEAN CUP, – SZEGED, HUNGARY



RESULTS

1. Rita Becz (HUN)
2. Diana Nasonova (RUS)
3. Inga Ule (LAT)

10.4 3RD CENTRAL EUROPEAN CUP, – SZEGED, HUNGARY

RESULTS

1. Daniel Kusternigg (AUT)
2. Pater Molnar (HUN)
3. Evgeny Chubarov (RUS)



10.5 SLOVENIAN OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (PRE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP) – MURSKA SOBOTA - SLOVENIA

RESULTS

1. **Dominic Bareford (GBR)**
2. **John Petrehn (USA)**
3. **Matthew Scaife (AUS)**



11 FAI/CIA OTHER SANCTIONED EVENTS (CAT 2) 2019

11.1 21ST COUPE D'EUROPE DE MONTGOLFIERES – JONZAC - FRANCE



RESULTS

1. **Clement Seigeot (FRA)**
2. **David Spildooren (BEL)**
3. **Philippe de Cock (BEL)**

11.2 26^E COUPE DU MONDE DES DAMES – JONZAC - FRANCE

RESULTS

1. **Laure de Coligny**
2. **Stephanie Bareford**
3. **Capucine Terrin de Sade**



12 FAI/CIA EVENT CALENDAR

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.

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.

Dropbox 85.4.155 Bijgewerkt		CATEGORY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
WORLD AIR GAMES							
					Turkey		
HOT AIR BALLOONS (AX)							
General	World	Slovenia Sanctioned	1	WAG			Poland Intention to bid
	Continental		Hungary Sanctioned		OPEN		
Women's	World	Poland Sanctioned	Australia Sanctioned		OPEN		
	Continental			OPEN			OPEN
Junior	World	No Event	Poland Bureau decision		OPEN		
	Continental			OPEN			OPEN
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							
		Poland Winner 2018	Switzerland Winner 2019				
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.

There has been no gas ballooning World or Continental championships for several years and so either event is open for application from 2022. The same applies to airship championships.

The keen eyed amongst you may have noticed that there will be Women's World championships staged in both 2020 and 2021. This is as a result of a motion at the 2019 CIA Conference to swap the Junior and Women's World Championships to odd years hence the continental championships to even years. In doing this, it enables the winners of the Junior and Women's events to take part in the equivalent Open championship in the following year.

I was also decided at the 2019 CIA Plenary meeting to hold the door open for a sanction application for the 2020 Junior World Championship. For those wondering why, please consult Annex 7 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code. We have now received an application from Poland to host the event. The event is proposed to be held in Leszno where many balloon championships have been held. The proposed dates are being negotiated and a final decision will be taken by the Bureau.

The previous chairman of EDS made a comment in the Autumn 2018 CIA Newsletter that *"we have reached what might be called a crisis situation with respect to future FAI Category 1 (World and Continental Championship) events"*. Unfortunately, this still seems to be the case and we have a large number of holes in the 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 an event or on completing the sanction application form, please email Lindsay Muir (CIA Event Development Subcommittee Chairman) for assistance – lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk

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

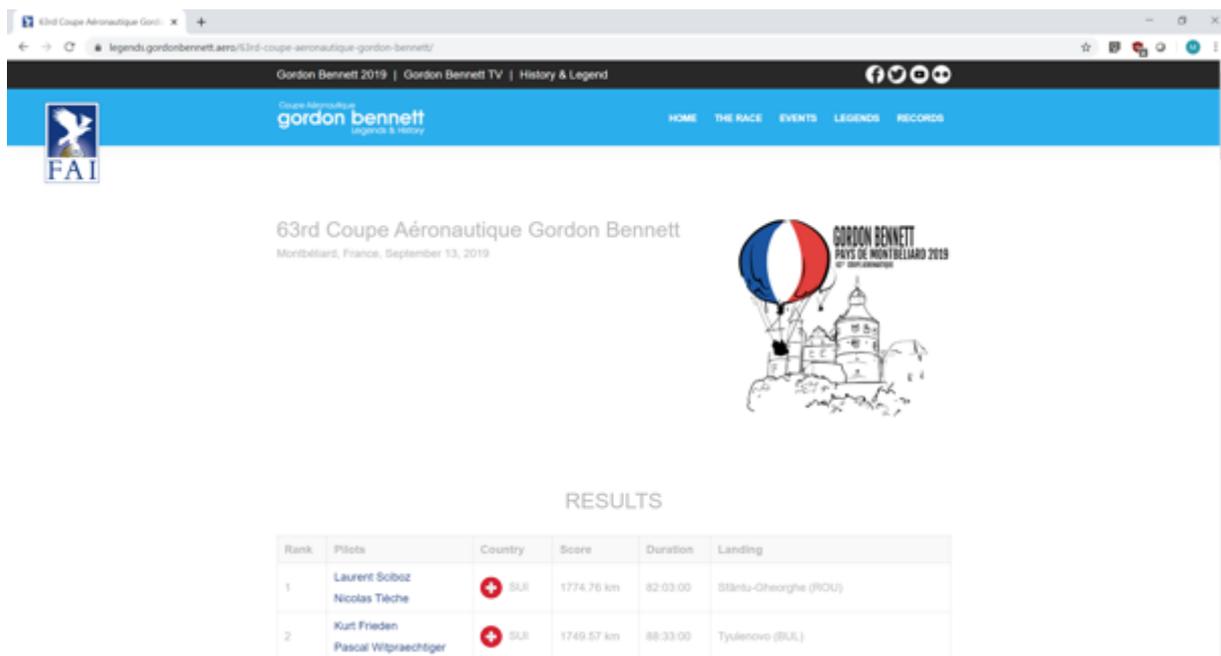


13 GORDON BENNETT LEGENDS WEBSITE

For many years we had the issue that the event websites of the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett disappeared sometime after the event. It was often difficult to find the results of the recent years, and even harder to find background articles or pictures.

During the last years a website concept was developed that makes sure the history of the events is kept while the event organizer can still provide its own website.

The new website <https://legends.gordonbennett.aero/> provides the history of the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett and it can also be found via the navigation bar on the top of the event organizers websites.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website for the 63rd Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. The page features a blue header with the FAI logo and navigation links: HOME, THE RACE, EVENTS, LEGENDS, RECORDS. The main content area is titled "63rd Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett" and "Montbéliard, France, September 13, 2019". To the right is a graphic of a hot air balloon with the French flag colors and a castle. Below this is a "RESULTS" section with a table.

Rank	Pilots	Country	Score	Duration	Landing
1	Laurent Soboz Nicolas Têche	 SLO	5774.76 km	82:03:00	Stidu-Gheorghe (ROU)
2	Kurt Frieden Pascal Witpraechtiger	 SLO	5749.57 km	88:33:00	Tydenovo (BUL)

The website has texts, pictures and videos about most of the races. This effort was driven by the AA WG with some budget for the graphical design as approved by the last plenary meeting.

The «Events» section lists all events, results of the events and where available pictures, videos and background articles of those events.

In the «Legends» section, the website lists all the competitors who have ever competed. It also highlights the record winner and most participating pilots. For each pilot his results can be seen, and the results are linked to the respective events. For many of those pilots (especially the less recent events), we don't have any photograph or other CV information. If you happen to have any of such photographs, please send them to me, so that we can further complete the website.

This effort also aligns well with our mission "We provide easy-accessible, clear and transparent information to the community and public. We do this adapted to the audience using up-to-date technology in a proactive and interactive way with the goal to grow the sport. "



ABOUT THE COUPE AÉRONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT

The Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, the FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship, is the oldest and most prestigious event in aviation and the ultimate challenge for the pilots. It is a story full of adventure, skill, courage, survival and luck. The goal is simple: to fly the furthest non-stop distance from the launch site.

The international competition was initiated by adventurer and newspaper tycoon James Gordon Bennett Jr. in 1906, when 16 balloons launched from the Tuileries Gardens in Paris, France. Little did the crowd of 200,000 spectators know that this race was to continue throughout the 20th century. The winning team brings the competition to their country. In 2008 the rule was changed to allow more time for a winning country to organize the cup. Since then the winning team organizes the event 2 years later, thus alternating with the previously winning team.

It is a story full of adventure, skill, courage survival and luck. It is the story of the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett.

History

Gas balloons

Competitors & Teams

Trophies

Duration of flight

I would like to thank Erwin Pellegrom for his work on compiling all the result data into a database which now forms the central part of the website. But I would also like to thank all the other contributors who have provided text, pictures or videos.

If you happen to have any good historic information, pictures or videos about Gordon Bennett, please feel free to send them to me (marc.andre@netline.ch). We would like to complete the history.

Marc André

14 SIX TIME WORLD RECORD CLAIM KIM MAGEE

In 2019 Kim Magee was awarded 6 world records. In the winter of 2019 and 2020 she made several attempts. Below her own stories about her 2 record flights with which she broke 6 world records.

Following FAI Ratification of 3 World Records, Kim Magee shares her story.

14.1 A COLD DAY FOR HOT AIR RECORDS

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, planning for over 10 months came together and I set out to achieve a record in a very small hot air balloon. The weather was going to be bitterly cold, -29°C on the surface and much colder aloft. Winds were light for a few thousand feet up from the surface, perfect for an altitude attempt. My goal was to climb to 15,000 feet (4570 meters) Mean Sea Level to obtain the FAI AX-02 world altitude record.

For the attempt, I would be flying a 14,000 cubic foot (AX-02) balloon built by Lindstrand Balloons LTD. The balloon is only big enough to carry one very small pilot. The balloon has a gross lift of 163 kg. The system weighed 95 kg, leaving just enough lift to carry minimal gear and myself. There is no basket. Only the pilot strapped to a propane tank with feet dangling. To give comparison, the average sport pilot flies a 90,000 cubic foot (AX-08) balloon.

The balloon was made from TriSpi, a very lightweight and clear fabric. It was a surreal feeling to look up, see not just daylight but full sky, and make out every shape.

The day before the flight, we made the trek through a snowstorm, from Southeast Iowa, USA to Fargo, North Dakota, USA. We drove north to get behind the front, which was creating blizzard-like conditions. We needed to reach the backside of the front and find the high pressure bringing clear sky, light winds, and frigid temperatures.

The morning of the flight my team set up and inflated the balloon while I worked with the NAA Record Observer to get all my electronics on and secured. I was strapped into the seat, tank at my back and feet dangling. I was a little more than nervous for this flight. It was only my second time ever flying a hopper and my previous experience was more than 5 years prior.

When I awoke that morning, my excitement was hampered some by the clouds I saw. My original goal would not be possible. I launched at 08:23Hrs CST/local time with few clouds in the sky. I aimed for an altitude of 3050 meters, well below the cloud ceiling of 4600 meters. It took me just over 20 minutes to reach altitude. Once I was up there, I had more speed than expected so I decided to stay up there for as long as I could to attempt distance records as well. Winds were only forecasted to be around 30 knots but I was cruising along at 50 knots. Original predictions had the flight lasting approximately an hour. After 2 hours aloft, I landed south of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, USA at 10:28Hrs CST.

TriSpi fabric is not permeable. Every time I burned, the water condensed and would create little steam clouds. By the end of the flight, over 5 kilograms from water vapor had collected inside the envelope.

I flew to an altitude of 3149 meters and covered 98.4 kilometers, setting 3 World and 6 US National records in the AX-02, AX-03, and AX-04 categories. The longest standing national record I superseded had been set in 1965 by Brenda Jo Bagan. Hers was the first ever hot air balloon world record ratified. It was previous superseded as a world record but had stood as the USA national record for 54 years. I would like to thank my support team that helped make the flight possible



14.2 ONE LONG JUMP FOR A LITTLE BALLOON

After two failed flight attempts the next flight opportunity came on St. Patrick's Day. The weather system wasn't ideal. Nearing the end of the sanction timeframe, it was time to take the shot. The goal was to fly 480 kilometers in an AX-05, a 42,000 cubic foot hot air balloon. By this point in the season it was starting to warm up, so much so that there was massive flooding from the snow melt. I had to balance the planned flight track to be in the core of the jet stream but stay out of flooded areas. The melting snowpack provided some extra factors to consider. The ground would heat up quicker causing thermals as the day went on. With the expectation to land around noon, this had a lot of influence on the flight plan. The extra moisture also provided more potential for fog and clouds, both an extreme hindrance to the flight.

We pulled in to Mitchell, South Dakota, USA late at night on March 16th. When I went to bed that night, I was still very unsure if the flight would even happen. I awoke the next morning about three hours before sunrise. A check on weather confirmed that everything still looked great but surface winds would rapidly increase after 1 pm and a cloud layer forming around 6,000 feet (1830 meters). The clouds would be there for the majority of the flight and would break up as the day went on and the further south I went. So the incentive to get off right at sunrise was two-fold, get up before the cloud layer formed and to have enough time to fly before the winds picked up.

I launched at 07:45Hrs CST/ local time, just four minutes after sunrise. I steadily climbed for 30 minutes to an altitude of 15,000 feet (4570 meters) Mean Sea Level. Shortly after I reached altitude, broken clouds began to form under me. Experiencing a VFR flight over clouds in a balloon was truly unique and not a flight I am likely to ever forget. I maintained an average speed of 50 knots. I spent most of the flight with my eyes on my instruments to make sure I held a steady altitude and talking to Air Traffic Control. After a little more than 3 hours aloft I had just surpassed 274 kilometers and still had over half my fuel left. On last year's failed attempt I landed at 260 kilometers. I was getting much better fuel economy than expected, even given the higher ambient temperatures.

Around 11:45Hrs CST/local time the clouds began to break up and I could finally see more ground than clouds. I emptied my third tank shortly after. My landing crew was now within radio contact. I flew for over an hour before registering on my 4th of 5 tanks. It was 12:55Hrs CST/local time. Even though I had not even started into my last tank I decided to start my descent. The clouds were gone, my crew was there ready to catch me, and wind speeds were predicted to pick up to 18 knots on the surface after 1 pm. Just shy of 6 hours aloft, I landed at 1:35 Hrs CST/local time pm covering 365 miles. I obtained three world records and three national records on this flight. I would like to thank my support team that helped make the flight possible.

In June 2019, the FAI/CIA ratified 3 World records from my flights in January 2019. I'm proud to claim the following records:

AX-05 General Distance	584,9 km
AX-05 Female Distance	584,9 km
AX-06 Female Distance	584,9 km
AX-02 Female Distance	98.4 km
AX-02 Female Altitude	3149 m
AX-03 Female Distance.	98.4 km



15 HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS 2020

Friday October 4 2019 this year's acknowledged CIA Hall of Fame inductees Paolo Bonanno and Norma Pritchard (deceased) were honoured at Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, next to Fiesta Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



15.1 PAOLO BONANNO



Paolo Bonanno (Italy) embraced the sport of hot air ballooning at the age of 36 by building his own balloon in only 12 days – basket, burner and envelope.

The success of his first flight in his newly constructed balloon put him on a path of working with innovative ideas producing future safety systems that would carry his name and build this reputation: the Bonanno quick release, the safety valves and burners produced in the past twenty years by some of the major balloon producers around the world.

Paolo developed and made the burners for the first Atlantic Chrysler Rosier challenge, Bonanno Quick release Bonanno liquid propane filters, Bonanno Fuel Level, electronic gas level indicators for airships and hot-air balloons. The Bonanno Freedom, single & duo, a Folding Hopper that can be transported as checked luggage in airlines travels, and soon the Bonanno “Sky for everyone”, a special basket for paraplegic pilots and paraplegic passengers.

When not working at the technical aspect of the sport he loved Paolo Bonanno chased targets to hold the title of Italian Champion for the years 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2008.

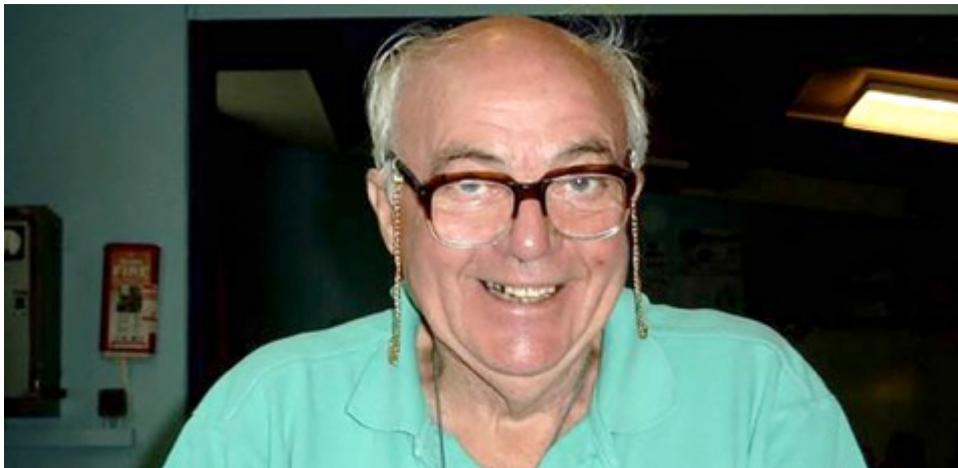
In 2005 he was a founding member of the Mongolfiere Aeroclub of Mondovi city, currently vice president.

In 2013 Paolo was awarded the Montgolfier Diploma with the BBAC award presented to him the following year.

This inspirational Italian balloonist was nominated in 2015 for the CIA Hall of Fame. It was four years later at the age of 75 and after 39 years of dedicated contribution to his sport Paolo Bonanno was inducted into the CIA Hall of Fame.

Today he is considered the “Maestro” of burners by thousands of pilots all over the world.

15.2 NORMAN PRITCHARD



Volunteer – ‘A person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task’.

Norman Pritchard was such a person. From the early 1970’s until he left his earthly life in October 2004 at the age of 85, Norman was active in all aspects of ballooning.

From the first British National Championship at Castle Howard to the setting up of the British Balloon Museum and Library, the early days of the Icicle Balloon Meet and the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, Norman was there.

He was an integral part of the group who formed the Rocinante Balloon Group, with their first balloon a Thunder with a flexi-rigid burner frame, Velcro ribs requiring a "Cremation Charlie" during inflation.

1979 the British Balloon Museum and Library came into being. Norman, an ardent archivist was in at the start. He served nearly 20 years as the Secretary before becoming Vice Chairman in 1998.

He was instrumental together with John Baker, publishing 'Balloons and Ballooning' in 1986. He later he published 3 booklets under his own name - 'British Records' and 'World Records' in 1993 followed by the 'BBAC Competitions Handbook' in 1994.

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The numerous fun adventures he shared with his ballooning family are still talked about today.

*Fédération Aéronautique Internationale President Mr. Fredrik Brink,
The Anderson - Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum Board of Trustees &
The Anderson - Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Foundation Board of Directors*

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Celebrate the achievements of two pioneers with friends of the Balloon Museum

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16 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM



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:** __/__/__

17 FAI AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS PROCEDURES 2020

by Hans Åkerstedt

The art of balloon and airship flying depend 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.

All balloon federations and balloon clubs – make your proposals to your national FAI members.

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

17.1 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 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.

17.4 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.

17.5 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.

17.6 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.

17.7 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.

17.8 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

17.9 THE SABIHA GÖKÇEN 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.

17.10 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.

17.11 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 airmanship 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.

17.12 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.

17.13 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.

17.14 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[at]fai.org)

17.15 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.

17.16 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.



FAI Awards for Ballooning 2020

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 2020** at the latest in electronic format (to members@fai.org) **preferably** or by fax or post.

18 THE CIA BALLOONING COMMISSION 2019/2020

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as of 01 December 2019

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19 CIA DONATIONS SCHEME

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From: (country)

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CVV number:

Name on card:

Sum to be debited:

Reason for payment:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

CIA Statistics

Members are reminded of their obligation under Chapter 8 of the CIA Internal Regulations to make an annual return of their national statistics. The CIA must rely more and more on these statistics to defend its position and interests in FAI, and an accurate return is therefore very important. All Delegates are urged to make a return on the new more detailed excel sheet attached to this newsletter, which should be returned to the **CIA Secretary by the 31st January 2020**

In 2019 the **COMPETITOR'S RANKING LIST** **does not** need to be submitted along with the return of the statistics as a new web-based system has been implemented, nevertheless we kindly suggest that you submit a copy for this year.

You will find the new Excel sheet attached to the email with this newsletter.

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.

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