

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

NOMINATION FORM

CIAM AEROMODELLING SCHOLARSHIP

(for applicants up to the age of 21 in the year of nomination)

From NAC :

Date : November 15, 2011 _____

Address : Deutscher Aero Club e.v. _____

Country : Germany _____

Hermann-Blenk-Str. 28 _____

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

38108 Braunschweig _____

Name of Nominee : Johannes Seren _____

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Scholastic Accomplishments and Educational Plans (please list & continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

1996-2000:	primary school
2001-2009:	secondary school (marks average 1.9)
2009-2010:	civilian service in a hospital
Since September 2011:	apprenticeship at AUDI AG
October 2012:	start of studies as a industrial engineer

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→ See below

Personal Statement: What role did Aeromodelling play in your life and what are your aspirations for the Future? (One page to be written in the Nominee's own hand and attached to this form. If written in a language other than English, then please attach a typed translation as well as the hand-written original.)

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NAC Signature: _____

President or Secretary General of nominating FAI National Airsport Control

(must be submitted to the FAI Office by November 15)

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Achievements in National Championships:

2005: German Junior National Champs, 15.- 17.07.2005, Manching/ Feilenmoos, German Champion in the class F1A

German Junior National Champs, 15.- 17.07.2005, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 2nd place F1P

German Junior National Champs, 15.- 17.07.2005, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 3rd place team

2006: German Junior National Champs, 28.- 30.07.2006, Manching/ Feilenmoos, German Champion in the class F1A

German Junior National Champs, 28.- 30.07.2006, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 3rd place F1P

German Junior National Champs, 28.- 30.07.2006, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 2nd place team

2007: German Junior National Champs, 11.- 12.08.2007, Lauchhammer, German Champion in the class F1A

German Junior National Champs, 11.- 12.08.2007, Lauchhammer, 3rd place F1P

German Junior National Champs, 11.- 12.08.2007, Lauchhammer, 1st place team

German National Champs, 17.- 19.08.2007, Manching/ Feilenmoos, German Vice-Champion in the class F1A

German National Champs, 17.- 19.08.2007, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 3rd place team F1C

2008: German Junior National Champs, 18.- 20.07.2008, Manching/ Feilenmoos, German Champion in the class F1A

German Junior National Champs, 18.- 20.07.2008, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 2nd place team

German Junior National Champs, 18.- 20.07.2008, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 1st place team

German National Champs, 15- 17.08.2008, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 1st place team F1A

German National Champs, 15- 17.08.2008, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 2nd place team F1C

2009: German National Champs, 14- 16.08.2009, Manching/ Feilenmoos, 3rd place team F1C

Achievements in World/European Championships:

2002: Junior helper for the German junior national team

2003-2008: Active member of the German junior national team in the class F1P

2006-2008: Active member of the German junior national team in the class F1A

2009+2010: Team manager assistant for the German junior national team

2005: FAI Junior European Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 24.- 30.07.2005, Suceava (Romania), Junior European Champion in class F1P

FAI Junior European Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 24.- 30.07.2005, Suceava (Romania), 2nd place in team F1P

2006: FAI Junior World Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 21.- 25.08.2006, Airport Cochstedt (Germany), 3rd place in team F1P

2008: FAI Junior World Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 28- 03.08.2008, Kyiv (Ukraine), 3rd place individual F1P, fly-off member in F1A

2009: FAI Junior European Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 02.- 07.08.2009, Salonta (Romania), Vice-Champion team F1A (as Team Manager assistant)

FAI Junior European Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 02.- 07.08.2009, Salonta (Romania), Vice-Champion team F1B (as Team Manager assistant)

FAI Junior European Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 02.- 07.08.2009, Salonta (Romania), Vice-Champion team overall (as Team Manager assistant)

2010: FAI Junior World Free Flight Aeromodelling Championships, 01.- 07.08.2009, Salonta (Romania), World-Champion team F1B (as Team Manager assistant)

Achievements in Worldcups (abridgment):

2004: Open International – World Cup Event, 05.- 07.08.2004, Noizé (Thouars) (France), 2nd place F1A junior

2006: Open International – World Cup Event, 19.- 21.05.2006, Vsechov (Czech Rep.), 2nd place F1A junior

2008: Open International – World Cup Event, 27.04.2008, Gliwice (Poland), 3rd place F1A

Open International – World Cup Event, 28.- 30.08.2008, Zuelpich (Germany), 2nd place F1A junior

Open International – World Cup Event, 28.- 30.08.2008, Zuelpich (Germany), 2nd place F1P

Open International – World Cup Event, 01.- 02.11.2008, Arzay - Bossieu, 2nd place F1C

Open International – World Cup Event, 01.- 02.11.2008, Arzay - Bossieu, 1st place F1P

Open International – World Cup Event, 01.- 02.11.2008, Arzay - Bossieu, 3rd place F1A junior

World Cup winner F1P-Junior 2008 + #10 in F1A-Junior

Awards

2 times "Lilienthal"-prize in gold

2 times "Lilienthal"-prize in silver

2 times "Lilienthal"-prize in bronze

"Aero model sportsman of the year" 2005 and 2008

"Rudi Lindner"- diploma for outstanding aeromodelling achievements in gold 2007

Several times awarded by the city of Nuernberg for success in sport

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My aeromodelling career started very early. At the age of 5 I flew my first local competition in the class F1A Junior. Responsible for this start was my dad, who started doing freeflight himself by the age of 14. He made a good job by infecting us with this "flying virus" - no matter if vacations on the Wasserkuppe, where we flew every single day with our R/C models or by convincing the whole family to do paragliding. Until 1999 we flew just for fun and didn't took the whole thing so serious but then my big brother David made it in the team for the 1999 European Junior Championships in Israel. In cause of not having the 4 required models my brother needed for these championships, my dad and I started building two "Sija" models for him. Since that time we are the duo, who builds the models for the family. No matter if F1A, F1H, F1B, F1E, F1P, F1J or even a radio controlled model, we are always together in our hobby room. Thanks to this collaboration I learned very early how to work with different materials (like wood, aluminium or carbon) tools and machinery. Additional I started to construct models on the PC, using CAD software or wrote programs for our milling machine. Due to that I realized very quickly that I like this kind of technical work, which led me to my job at AUDI AG, where I have now one of the 48 places, for which over 1000 persons applied.

After attending the first international competitions I met John Lorbiecki (USA) and his son at the Junior World Championships 2002 in Poland. Past this meeting we mailed and constructed a lot for the new class "F1P" and also for F1J. The result was that John Jr. won the Jr. World Champs 2004 in France and I won the Jr. European Champs 2005 in Romania. This chapter showed me how important it is to develop things together to gain the most possible. Furthermore I start writing and speaking English not only in school but also on the flying fields, because I realized that this is the perfect language to communicate with the other competitors. A nice secondary effect of this were my A-Levels in English, which I complete with 13 points (15 maximum)

2003 was my first European Championship as a flying team member for the class F1P. In the first two years we had to learn a lot. Thanks to the help of some German flyers (especially my mentor Albert Riedlinger) we get better year for year, which led us to be competitive in 2005. For F1P being my second free flight love I also started to fly F1A on a high level. Therefore we built and practised nearly every week-end and evening in the year. Due to that I was able to win the German Junior Nationals four times in a row and was a permanent member of the National team until I grew up (2008). I reduced my flying time in the next year to be able to help my little brother Matthias and a junior from our club (Thomas Krug) by training them in F1A and also F1P. The result was the silver medal in F1A team 2009 in Romania. After acting as team manager assistant in 2009 I realized how important the youth is for our sport and how I like to help and coach them. Therefore I attended the junior team a second time as team manager assistant in 2010, where we won the gold medal with the F1B team. Helping these young guys was one of the great experiences I ever made. Together with this unique beautiful beat, every championships has, this one week in the year is always one of the best.

In summary aeromodelling influenced my life in a lot of things. Becoming a team player, a builder, a constructor and also an athlete was one effect. Additionally I met various people and was able to fly in a lot of different countries, where I got used to the local customs. And probably the best achievement is that I feel free, when I fly. So it is some kind of therapy, which helped me to find a good balance in my life. I think a nice quote, which sums my feelings up, is attributed to Ferdinand Ferber: "To design a flying machine is nothing. To build one is something. But to fly is everything."

My aspirations for the future are miscellaneous. By now being a member of the AUDI company my work is a big part, which will of course take time, because I want to be good at this (maybe something else, which I took from my aeromodelling experiences). I'll also continue my work as volunteer author for the German free flight magazine "Thermiksense" as the expert for F1A.

In free flight I will especially concentrate on F1A in the near future with the goal to become member of the German team for France in 2013. To be competitive I'll start with the new low drag airfoil models to see how they work. As I know the way won't be easy, but I am confident to be on the right path

And if everything works out as I hope, I'll support the junior team as long as possible, because that's the aspect of the sport, which I like the most!