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Nomination Letter:
The FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL for Urs Frischknecht

Dear Sirs

Based on the Policies and Procedures for the FAI Awards, we would like to submit the following nomination for your kind consideration:

Due to his great sporting successes we would like to nominate Urs Frischknecht for the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal. Full details concerning his achievements are listed on the following pages.

We are confident that the great devotion as well as personal accomplishments of Mr Urs Frischknecht make him an extremely worthy candidate for this FAI Award.

Should you need any further information or supportive documentation, please contact the undersigned who shall be happy to supply you with any requested information.

Thanking you for your kind consideration in this matter, we remain with our very best regards.

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THE FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL NOMINATION URS FRISCHKNECHT

Nominee	Urs Frischknecht
Born	27 June 1952 in Herisau (Canton Appenzel/Switzerland)
Citizenship	Swiss
Qualifications	Bachelor in Business Administration (graduated 1979) CEO Para Centra SA, Switzerland Professional Skydiver, Instructor and Tandemmaster Pilot CPL/ATPL on Pilatus PC-6 Turbo Porter and Pilatus PC-12
Sport Parachutist	since 1970
Licence No 707	Swiss Skydive Association / Aero-Club of Switzerland
Military	1972 certified as 65th Parachutist of the Swiss Armed Forces / Special Forces Command, From 1984 until 1988 commander (captain / first non-professional cdr of the only one Paratrooper Unit of the Swiss Army
No. of Jumps	more than 11,500
Awards	From 1974 to 1982 he participated in all National and CISM-Championships and was multiple champion Bronze Medal in Team Accuracy at the WPC 1982 in Kazanlak, Bulgaria

Justification

Urs Frischknecht started in the sport of skydiving in 1970, obtaining his licence as a SportParachutist. Later he obtained his qualification as a professional skydiver and instructor. In 1982 he also gained his private pilot's license.

In 1979 he became the CEO of the commercial Swiss Skydive Centre "Para Centro SA" on the civil-military aerodrome of Locarno (SWI). Since then he has been operating with a staff of many highly qualified employees/instructors/tandemmasters and two Pilatus Porter A/C all year round.

For many years he was a member of the Sport Parachuting Committee of the Aero-Club of Switzerland, playing a decisive role in the development of Sport Parachuting in Switzerland in all fields such as training, licensing, instruction and material. When in the middle of the Nineties the Aero-Club of Switzerland was reorganised, Urs Frischknecht was the responsible person for all matters concerning parachuting in Switzerland for many years.

In 1984 he started offering Tandem-Jumps which he himself still operates as a Tandemmaster to this day.. In the same year together with the School of Human Flight, Florida, and with the Swiss native Roland Hilfiker, he established AFF (Accelerated Free Fall) in Switzerland.

After the WPC in 1982 he started as the head of the organising committee of the "International Day and Night Accuracy Championships" in Locarno (SWI) which have been evolving successfully until the present day and which is a "get together" every year for skydivers from all over the world.

For the past twenty years, Urs Frischknecht has been the personal centre of competence in all fields of parachuting as well as in the civil as in the military realm, thus in close cooperation with Para-Flite-Inc. / Airborne Systems and also with the German and Austrian Air Force. When it came to the project of an International Parachute Training Centre in Europe led by Para-Flite Inc. he contributed significantly in close cooperation with Elek Puskas.

In 1984 Urs Frischknecht established the "Aero Locarno SA", a professional flying school, training pilots for more than 35 years. He has been a Flight Instructor since 1990 and a Ferry Pilot for Pilatus PC-6 and PC-12 worldwide, highly esteemed by Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. where he has also been an expert since 2000. For many years Urs Frischknecht was Accountable Manager ACM of the Swiss Pilot School Association PSA. His logbook records more than 14,000 flight hours. He is convinced of the fact that being a skydiver and a pilot is a very useful symbiosis.

He has guided Swiss Parachuting to a high level of national and international recognition and, on behalf of Switzerland, has made many contributions to the qualitative and safe development of parachuting.

For these reasons, Urs Frischknecht is an ideal candidate to receive the FAI Gold Medal for Parachuting for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the sport of parachuting.