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**JO BOESMAN
INDUCTED 1996**



JAN (JO) BOESMAN

Netherlands

Inducted 1996

Sport Balloonist

7 Oct. 1914, Rotterdam – 13 Dec. 1976, Leiden

Jan Boesman was a founding member of the Hague Balloon Club. He made his first balloon flight in 1935 and soloed in 1936. Over his lifetime Boesman made over 485 flights. Jo served as delegate to the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) from the Netherlands in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was a well-known air mail collector and was the author of three ballooning books, including Gordon Bennett Balloon Race which tells the history of the balloon race and catalogues philatelic material related to the race.

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