



FAI Awards for Ballooning 2016 Nomination Form

Name of the Award:

☒ Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)

Submitted by:

NAC : Aero Club of Canada (ACC)

Name : Mary Anne Stevens

Position / Function : President ACC

Date : January 9, 2017

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Suzanne P. Carter *Mary Anne Stevens*



Nomination for:

Name : Sebastian MSUYA (CAN)

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On April 16, 2016 in the vicinity of Walkerton Ontario, Canada, Sebastian MSUYA as Pilot-in-Command set a new Canadian Absolute Altitude record with his Co-Pilot Mark O'Neill of 12,253 m or 40,200 ft ASL. Sebastian operated a Cameron A-300 (AX-11) for his record flight.

This flight exceeded the previous Canadian absolute altitude record of 10,805 m by 1,448 m (or by over 13%). The flight was 1 hour 59 minutes in total, with an average rate of climb and descent of 669 feet/minute. Any flight above 12,000 m in an open gondola is a very high risk flight, conducted in extreme flight conditions and demanding superb preparation and performance. There are only 7 aeronauts who have successfully recorded any flight above 12,000 m - Sebastian is in a select and accomplished group of Aeronauts.

Sebastian's preparation included an earlier flight to 30,000 ft ASL to check equipment and to work with Toronto Area Control Centre, as his planned flight was in a very busy Air Traffic region.

Sebastian obtained his Balloon Licence in 1991. He has flown in competition and was Rookie of the Year in the Canadian Championship in 1993. As a commercial pilot he has flown various commercial programs and passenger flights. He is presently the Production Manager at a Canadian Balloon Manufacturer.





