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FAI World Air Games 2015 to be Staged in Dubai

Lausanne, Switzerland, 6 June 2014 – **The FAI announced today that the 2015 edition of the FAI World Air Games has been awarded to the United Arab Emirates and will be held in Dubai. This multi-discipline event will be organised by the Emirates Aerosports Federation and will take place over a period of 12 days in December 2015. It is the only world competition that brings together the various different air sports.**

A meeting between FAI's representatives and a delegation from the UAE was held on Wednesday in Lausanne, Switzerland, where final discussions led to the signature of a Memorandum of Agreement by Dr. John Grubbström, FAI President, and His Excellency Nasser Al Neyadi, President of the Emirates Aerosports Federation.

Flagship event of the Federation, the FAI World Air Games is a combination of elite competition and spectacular demonstrations, which exemplify the very best that air sports have to offer. The 4th edition will include Powered and Glider Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Ballooning, Gyrocopters, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Microlights, Paramotors, and Parachuting.

FAI President Dr. John Grubbström commented: *"It is a pleasure to announce that the FAI World Games 2015 will be held in Dubai, hosted by the Emirates Aerosports Federation. Air sports are growing rapidly in this part of the world and we are confident that with their successful experience in event hosting and air sport competition organisation, Dubai will bring the FAI World Air Games to a new level."*

"The FAI World Air Games is an absolutely thrilling competition which showcases the best of air sports. Every single detail of each event will be thought through to communicate the excitement and joy of air sports to the spectators on-site and to the television viewers", he added. *"I also know how much it means for an athlete to participate in what is the "Olympiad" of air sports, as I had the privilege to compete as a ballooning pilot in this event before. I cannot wait for next year to attend the Games in Dubai, in front of the spectacular skyline."*

The UAE delegation consisted of His Excellency Nasser Al Neyadi; Mr. Yousif Hassan Al Hammadi; Mr. Rami Bassam Al Nabulsi; Mr. Mohammad Yousif; Mr. Salim Akram; Mr. Didier Mary.

- [Pictures of the Memorandum of Agreement's signature](#)

About the FAI World Air Games

The World Air Games, conducted under the rules of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), is the premier international multi-discipline air sports event fielding the world's top Air Sports athletes.

The FAI's primary goals for this event are to determine "FAI World Air Games Champions"; to showcase air sports to the general public and promote public participation in air sports by attracting new participants to air sports disciplines; to promote FAI events to other sports organisations and create an attractive platform for TV, media and other external stakeholders.

The past editions of the Games took place in Turkey (1997), Spain (2001) and Italy (2009).

- [FAI World Air Games dedicated pages on the FAI website](#)

About the FAI

The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI (www.fai.org) was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation.

FAI activities include Balloons and Airships, Power Flying, Gliding, Helicopter flight, Parachuting, Aeromodelling, Aerobatics, Hang Gliding, Microlight and Paramotor flying, Amateur Building of aircraft, Manpowered flying, Paragliding and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

About the EAF

The Emirates Aerosports Federation (EAF) is an Active Member of the FAI. It was established in 2012 as a non-profit organisation to coordinate and give direction to the fast development of air sports in the United Arab Emirates.

EAF activities include the establishment of rules for the control, certification, and regulations for the air sport events which are organised by members within the Emirates. EAF also promotes safety in sport.

The Dubai International Parachuting Championship has taken place each year since 2010. In 2012, Dubai hosted the FAI World Parachuting Championships (Mondial 2012) with 1,440 participants from 57 countries participating in 13 different disciplines, thus making it the biggest ever Parachuting event. Many other air sports events took place in UAE in the last few years, including the Al Ain Aerobatic Show and the Red Bull Air Race Abu Dhabi.

- [Pictures of air sports in Dubai](#)

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