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Dutchman Frits Brink elected new FAI President

Bali, Indonesia, 16 October 2016 – **Frits Brink from the Netherlands was elected yesterday as the new President of FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, at the 110th FAI General Conference in Bali, Indonesia.**

Brink, 70, succeeds Dr John Grubbström who stepped down from the Presidency after serving the maximum number of three terms at the top of the Federation.

An owner of a private pilot licence since 1986, Brink has held several high level positions in various sports organisations, including President of the Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association (six years); Vice-President of the Netherlands Olympic Committee (eight years); FAI Executive Board Member (four years).

Brink said following his election: “I would like to thank all those who have put their trust in me to head the FAI. I feel honoured by the confidence they showed by choosing me. I will do my best to fulfil my duties.”

“I have been active in sports administration for almost forty years at regional, national and international level. As President, I will put my experience in the service of the FAI family and the whole air sports community, whether they be elite athletes or air sports enthusiasts.”

“Together with the Executive Board and the excellent head office team led by the Secretary General in Lausanne, we will manage the bright future of air sports.”

Brink was elected by the Delegates to the FAI General Conference by secret ballot for a two-year term. He is the 34th FAI President since the election of Prince Roland Bonaparte in 1905.

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About FAI

The [Fédération Aéronautique Internationale \(FAI\)](#), also known as the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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