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Bidding opens for the 1st FAI World Drone Racing Championships

Lausanne, Switzerland, 30 May 2017 - **FAI has issued a call for bids for the first FAI World Drone Racing Championships, to be held in late 2017 or early 2018.**

Billed as the #1 Sport Series of the New Generation, the FAI World Drone Racing Championships will harness the international excitement and enthusiasm around drones in a four day world championships competition. It will see the world's best Drone Racers compete for the most prestigious title in the sport – FAI World Champion.

“Drones are a hot topic today,” said FAI President Frits Brink. “They are easily accessible and revolutionary flying machines, and are found in all parts of life, including leisure, business, science, media and sport.

“In the last few years we have seen the rise of FPV – first person view – Racing, Drone Racing, around the world. It is establishing itself as an independent air sports discipline in its own right.

“The FAI is embracing the amazing rise of drone sports, and working with official regulators on a global, regional and national levels. We are excited about the launch of the 1st FAI World Drone Racing Championships.”

The FAI is inviting bids from interested cities and venues around the world to host the 1st FAI World Drone Racing Championships in either the last quarter of 2017 or the first quarter of 2018 and to be held on an annual basis.

The competition may be staged indoors or outdoors, and the concept is based on the rules framework that FAI has developed for Radio Controlled Drone Racing.

Drone Racing lends itself to iconic locations, from historic castles to scenic landscapes, stadia, cultural centres or famous tourist landmarks.

Chosen venues need to be challenging, safe and interesting and accessible for spectators.

FAI medals will be awarded in several classes, included Individual, Junior, Female and Team.

Those interested in bidding for the 1st FAI World Drone Racing Championships should contact FAI at drones@fai.org.

About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation (www.fai.org), 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, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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