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FAI World Air Games paragliding aerobatics champions announced

- *Solo pilot Tim Alongi wins the acro paragliding for Team France
- *Spain's Horatio Llorens and Theo de Blic of France victorious in the synchronised competition
- * VIP visit by President of the Saudi Air Sports Federation, Prince Turki bin Muqrin bin Abdulaziz

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 8 December 2015 – **It was a double celebration for Team France yesterday (December 7), when the results came in for the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 paragliding aerobatics competition.**

French pilots Tim Alongi and Eliot Nochez claimed the gold and silver spots in the solo event, with Horacio Llorens of Spain finishing in the bronze medal position.

Paragliding aerobatics, known as acro paragliding, is a breathtaking discipline in which highly skilled pilots perform heart-stopping stunts in the air.

RedBull pilot Alongi was delighted with his win.

"I stayed true to myself and put in a steady performance," he said. "I'm really happy with the result."

First place in the synchronised competition – in which two pilots spiral down in unison, mirroring each other's tricks – went to the Twisted Boys: solo bronze medallist Llorens and his partner Théo de Blic from France.

Alongi and Nochez, flying for VRL Team, were second, and the CAT Acro Team made up of Swiss pilots David Geiser and Jérémy Péclard came third.

Medals for both competitions, plus a raft of aeromodelling events due to finish today, will be presented this afternoon at the Skydive Dubai Palm Dropzone.

Check out the Live Scoring on the World Air Games website for full results of all the competitions: <http://wagdubai.ae/scores/ScoreSheet>

Yesterday's other big event was a visit by President of the Saudi Air Sports Federation, Prince Turki bin Muqrin bin Abdulaziz, who braved the windy conditions to take a tour of the superb Palm Dropzone.

FAI President Dr. John Grubbström, FAI World Air Games Director His Excellency Yousif Hassan Al Hammadi, and Deputy Director His Excellency Mohamed Yousuf Abdulrahmn showed him round.

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About the FAI World Air Games

The FAI 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 World Air Games 2015 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 under the patronage of the Crown Prince of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and will take place from 1 to 12 December 2015.

Ten air sports are programmed: Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Aerostats, Amateur-Built Aircraft, General Aviation, Gliding, Microlights & Paramotors, Parachuting, Paragliding and Rotorcraft.

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 to 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).

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 Balloons and Airships, Power Flying, Gliding, Helicopter flight, Parachuting, Aeromodelling, Aerobatics, Hang Gliding, Microlight and Paramotor Flying, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Manpowered Flying, Paragliding and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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