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2019 FAI International Drones Conference and Expo to be comprised of both a professional and a public event

Lausanne, Switzerland, 15 May 2019 – **FAI, the World Air Sports Federation has announced that the FAI International Drones Conference and Expo 2019, due to take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 13 to 15 September, will include this year a conference for professionals and a new symposium open to the public.**

Friday 13 September - Professional Event

→ 2019 FAI/DIAS International Drone & Digital Aviation Conference

Delivering the Future: Digital Aviation Technologies to Enable Sustainable & Scalable Solutions

This conference, jointly organised with DIAS (Drone Industry Association Switzerland), will be for drone experts from academia, business, regulatory and investment communities who will present and discuss the key developments, opportunities and challenges of the disruptive drone and digital aviation industry. This year the event, for professionals only, will be compacted into one day, **Friday 13th September**.

Confirmed keynote speakers include **Violeta Bulc**, European Commissioner for Transport, who will present her work on *"Urban air mobility above our heads - Europe's progress to make it safe, secure, quiet and clean"* and **Prof Martin Vetterli**, EPFL, who will explain why the *"Next Gen doesn't happen by accident - schools and universities fostering breakthroughs"*. **John Langford**, President and CEO of Aurora Flight Science, will share their progress and vision on *"Proving the concept: the first flight of the PAV (Passenger Air Vehicle)"*.

The start of the registration process and the enrolment fees will soon be made public.

Saturday 14 September – Public Event

→ 2019 FAI/EPFL International Drones Symposium

Open to the public, the 2019 FAI/EPFL International Drones Symposium will include introductory presentations and debates by drone experts in English. The objective of the forum is to acquaint the audience with the key topics surrounding drone innovation, sports and safety. The day is organised in collaboration with **EPFL**, the renowned Swiss Federal Institute of Technology home to the Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research in robotics (NCCR) based in Lausanne.

As drones of all types are becoming increasingly affordable, accessible and regularly mentioned in the media, the symposium is an opportunity for the general public to discover and **learn** about the latest developments and applications of this fast-moving technology. Presentations will focus on drone **innovation** (from micro to large flying robots), drone e-sports and drone simulators. Progress concerning the efficient integration of drones into the airspace, future urban air mobility services (i.e. taxi drones) and the role of the regulator and enforcement agencies in **upholding public safety, privacy and security** will be debated. This new free event will take place **Saturday 14th September**.

About the 2019 FAI International Drone Conference and Expo

The International Drone Conference and Expo - the only one of its kind in the world – will take place from 13 to 15 September 2019 at the EPFL Rolex Centre in Lausanne, Switzerland. For an immersion into the innovations in drone sports, digital aviation, urban air mobility and U-space changes, attendance is a must for both drone professionals and members of the public.

Besides the Professional and Public Events, the Expo which runs for the three days will give the opportunity for the public to discover new drone products and watch demo flights.

This year's event will be part of the EPFL Open House, part of the EPFL's 50th birthday celebrations, at which 30,000 visitors are anticipated.

A world-class, drone-racing contest, the EPFL Drone Racing Cup 2019 (part of the FAI Drone Racing World Cup series 2019), will take place concurrently to the event, with its finals being held on Sunday 15 September.

Don't miss out:

- Registration for Conference and the full programme for both Conference and Symposium will be published soon
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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 activities and Space records.

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