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Bruckmann (AUT) wins sixth FAI Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft world champion title

Widen, Switzerland, 10 February 2025 – **After an intense week of competition, the new world champions in FAI F3P Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft have been decorated with FAI medals in Widen, Switzerland. Austria's Gernot Bruckmann has claimed a remarkable sixth world champion title, whilst Team France delivered an outstanding performance, with Maxime Schmitt's success in F3P-AFM and Lucas Poncet's strong results in both classes as a junior. In addition, the rest of the team performed exceptionally well, securing the top spot in the National Teams ranking.**

Master of the F3P-Aerobatics (F3P-A) discipline, in which competitors fly a predefined sequence of manoeuvres to the highest degree of precision possible, **Austrian Gernot Bruckmann** commented via his social media feed after the competition, *"Super proud how everything worked out and congratulations to all other medal winners, it was an honour to fly with you."*

In Aerobatics Freestyle to Music (F3P-AFM) discipline, the aircraft follow a choreographed aerobatic flight set to music. **France's Maxime Schmitt** swooped to the top of the podium, impressing judges with his magnificent flight.

Schmitt's young team-mate **Lucas Poncet gained two more gold medals for his collection**, in both the F3P-A and the F3P-AFM junior classes.

These golds for **France** – alongside the high-ranking flights from their other team-mates – meant that the team came top of the Nations, ahead of Switzerland and Austria.

The 2025 FAI World F3P World Championships for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft was held from 2-8 February 2025, with 33 pilots representing 10 nations (Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands and Switzerland) competing at the Burkertsmatt Sports Arena.

FAI Aeromodelling Commission President, Antonis Papadopoulos, who attended the event, commented:

*"The 2025 FAI F3P World Championships for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft - the sixth since 2013 - was a **resounding success**, with incredible displays of technical mastery and creative talent. Many thanks to the hosts and organiser, and huge congratulations to the medallists."*

Indoor Aerobatics is a **highly challenging aeromodelling discipline** in which pilots perform complex aerial manoeuvres with their radio-controlled model aircraft which typically weigh less than 50g. In the Freestyle Aerobatics to Music category, pilots choreograph a flight set to music and may add 'effects' such as lights, streamers or confetti, to impress judges.

Thousands of viewers tuned in to the livestream videos of the competition which were shown via a dedicated YouTube channel.

Final Results

F3P-A - Overall

1. Gernot Bruckmann (AUT)
2. Maxime Schmitt (FRA)
3. Sylvain Pasini (SUI)

F3P-A - Junior

1. Lucas Poncet (FRA)
2. Lukáš Doubrava (CZE)
3. Radek Rája (CZE)

F3P-A - Team

1. France
2. Switzerland
3. Austria

F3P-AFM - Overall

1. Maxime Schmitt (FRA)
2. Gernot Bruckmann (AUT)
3. Andreas Wildauer (AUT)

F3P-AFM - Junior

1. Lucas Poncet (FRA)
2. Lukáš Doubrava (CZE)
3. Radek Rája (CZE)

Editor's note

Competition:

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- [Results and rankings](#)
- Pictures via FAI Airsports [Flickr](#) channel (free for editorial use)
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