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## **Argentina welcomes the 2025 FAI F5J World Championships for Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders**

Lausanne, Switzerland, 24 February 2025 – Hosted for the first time in South America, the FAI World Championships for Electric Powered Thermal Duration Gliders will see pilots from 18 nations compete in the subtropical climate of Córdoba, Argentina.

From 2-8 March 2025, 12 junior and 60 senior pilots will launch their elegant gliders into the air, in the hopes of gaining a coveted place on the podium at this third edition of the World Championships in this category (F5J).

Defending junior world champion **Romain Gallet** of France will travel to the event, taking part this time as a senior. **CIAM Legends Arijan Hucaljuk and Joe Wurts** will also compete.

F5J challenges pilots to fly lightweight, carbon-fiber gliders on a 10-minute flight (15 minutes in the finals) launched from as low an altitude as possible. **Points are awarded for flight duration, landing precision, and minimal motor use**, making it a true test of endurance and strategy. This innovative class has rapidly become one of the most popular in Aeromodelling.

Hugo Bustos of the Argentine Aeromodelling Federation, which will host the event with the La Mezquita Club, comments, "**Argentina is an active participant in the F5J class, and after the success of our 9<sup>th</sup> place at the world championships in Bulgaria in 2023, we wanted to welcome the community to our country. We have the support of the municipality of Córdoba and together will make it a World Championship to remember, in a cheerful and comfortable environment and all the facilities necessary. We hope that this even inspires other world sports championships in Argentina.**"

FAI Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) President, Antonis Papadopoulos, will attend the event, and states, "*On behalf of CIAM I am looking forward to greeting the participants in South America for this challenging World Championships. It is of great importance to this relatively new Aeromodelling class that a competition of this level is being hosted in Argentina, and we hope that by showcasing the sport here, many new participants will join the Aeromodelling community. I would like to wish all the competitors the best of luck!*"

The World Championships is preceded by an open competition, the 2025 Tango Cup Open Contest.

### Competition schedule

- **2 March** – Model processing
- **2 March** – Opening Ceremony and Team Managers' meeting
- **3 - 7 March** – Competition flights
- **7- 8 March** – Final fly-off rounds
- **8 March** – Prize giving, Closing Ceremony and Banquet

### **Editor's note**

We will be covering the competition with updates on the FAI website and its Instagram and Facebook pages. **Stay tuned!**

- [Event website](#)
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## **About FAI**

FAI, 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, 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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