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Markus Haggenev appointed Acting Secretary General of the FAI

Lausanne, Switzerland, 10 December 2019 – **Markus Haggenev, 59, has been appointed Acting Secretary General of the FAI, following Susanne Schödel's departure as Secretary General. He is taking on his new role as of today, moving from his position as FAI Sports & Events Director.**

FAI President Bob Henderson said: "Susanne Schödel has led the work of the FAI Head Office for almost six years and done her utmost to deliver outcomes that benefit the whole organisation. I wish her the very best for the future.

"I am grateful to Markus Haggenev for agreeing to take on this new challenge of Acting Secretary General, and I look forward to working with him in his new position. He has been working for FAI for almost six years and is up to speed with all the on-going projects and activities of the Federation."

Mr Haggenev's involvement in FAI dates back to some years ago. Before being employed at the FAI Head Office he did extensive volunteer work for the CASI (FAI Air Sport General Commission), the CIA (FAI Ballooning Commission) and the German Ballooning Federation. An enthusiastic balloon and paragliding pilot, he also worked for many years in companies active in the field of aviation, and successfully participated in the organisation of several FAI-sanctioned ballooning events, in particular the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett.

Notes for editors

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Picture of Markus Haggenev: <http://bit.ly/HaggenevMarkus>

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, Ballooning, 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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