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2023 FAI Young Artists Contest Winners represent the theme: 'Air Sports and the Environment'

Lausanne, Switzerland, 8 May 2023 – **Young artists from Lithuania, USA and Japan have taken the first prizes in the three age categories of the 2023 FAI Young Artists Contest.**

Countries participating in this year's edition were China, Finland, France, Hungary, India, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Thailand and USA. A total of 79 artworks were submitted to the final stage: the winning artworks of the contests organised in each country by FAI Member organisations.

Each year, artists under the age of 17 are given a theme from which to create an original artwork using their chosen medium. For the 2023 contest, the youngsters were inspired by the theme of 'Air Sports and the Environment' to explore the ways that air sports can interact harmoniously with our environment. Aviators, now and in the future, have a responsibility to push forward the limits of human innovation and imagination to harness cleaner energy and minimise the impact of air sports on the earth and its atmosphere. FAI wanted this year's young artists to encapsulate this important topic in their 2023 competition entries.

2023 FAI Young Artists Contest Winners

Group I - Junior Category (ages 6-9)

1. Ula TANKUNITE (LTU)
2. Yuhan LAM (USA)
3. Daria VOLOVNIK (POL)

Total number of paintings submitted = 24 from 9 FAI Members.

Group II - Intermediate Category (ages 10-13).

1. Jihyeon (Elly) HAN (USA)
2. Julia NURMINEN (FIN)
3. Suparada PAOSATHEANPAN (THA)

Total number of paintings submitted = 29 from 11 FAI Members.

Group III - Senior Category (ages 14-17)

1. Seiji NAGAHARA (JPN)
2. Bartozs BAK (POL)
3. Alexandra GALUS (POL)

Total number of paintings submitted = 23 from 9 FAI Members.

FAI warmly congratulates the artists and extends thanks to the member countries who organised the national competitions for 2023. The winners will be awarded FAI Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

The theme for the 2024 contest will be announced soon.

Notes for editors

The FAI Young Artists Contest has been organised every year since 1986.

- Website: www.fai.org/fai-young-artists-contest
- 2023 theme: <https://www.fai.org/yac-contest-theme>
- Paintings in high resolution: bit.ly/yac-winners-2023
- Rules: www.fai.org/yac-contest-rules
- FAI logo: bit.ly/FAI_logo
- FAI media corner: www.fai.org/media

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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