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### **Recommendation for the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma**

#### **Rina Gallo**

For her outstanding dedication to both the Canadian Sport Parachuting Association (CSPA) and the International Skydiving Commission (ISC), as well as her commitment to the enhancement of Competition Skydiving both Nationally and Internationally, CSPA would like to recommend that the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma be awarded to Rina Gallo.

Rina has contributed countless volunteer hours to both organizations and through her hard work, intelligence and dedication, she has gained the respect and admiration of not only her fellow skydiving Judges, but from the entire skydiving community as well.

As both a CSPA and United States Parachute Association (USPA) Judge, Rina has judged most Canadian and US National Championships since 1999. As member of the CSPA Competition and Judging Committees, and the Delegate for Canada for the ISC, her passion and commitment are a valued asset. Rina is quick to take on any task with a quiet, humble and vigorous work ethic. She consistently takes initiative to go above and beyond anything she takes on.

Over the years, she has taken her skydiving experience and judging career far beyond the borders of Canada and is now a force on the world stage. Not only is Rina a very active FAI Judge (FS, CF, SP, WS, CP), she is also the Chair of the CF Committee, a member of the Judges Committee where she is responsible for maintaining the International Judge Database and in 2020, Rina was elected to the ISC Bureau and holds the title of Vice-President.

Rina began her skydiving career in 1987 and while in Arizona on a skydiving holiday during the 1993 World RW Championships in Eloy, AZ, she experienced the contagious thrill and excitement of Competition Skydiving. As a result, she took the Judge's Training Course and quickly advanced through Canada's rigorous progression process to receive her first FAI Judge rating in 1995. Since that time, she has attended countless competitions in various capacities.



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**Details of Rina's International Activity:**

**Judging:**

2019	WISC	Lille, France	FS	Event Judge
2018	World Cup of Indoor	Zallaq, Bahrain	FS	Event Judge
2018	Mondial	Gold Coast, Australia	FS	Judge
2018	WPC of Wingsuit	Prostejov, Czech Republic	WS	Judge
2017	World Cups	Saarlouis, Germany	SP	Judge
2016	WPC - Canopy Piloting	Farnham, Quebec, Canada	CP	Judge
2016	Mondial - WPC	Chicago, U.S.A.	SP	Judge
2016	World Cup Ind.Skydiving	Warsaw, Poland	FS	Judge
2016	Formation Skydiving	Lake Wales, Florida, USA	FS	Chief of Judge Training
2015	World Cup - Canopy	Farnham, Quebec	CP	Trainee Judge
2015	World Air Games	Dubai, UAE	CP	Judge
2015	World Air Games	Dubai, UAE	CF	Judge
2015	WPC Indoor	Prague, Czech Republic	FS	Chief Judge
2014	World Championship	Prostejov, Czech Republic	FS	Judge
2012	Mondial	Dubai, UAE	FS	Judge
2011	World Cup	Saarlouis, Germany	FS	Judge
2010	WPC	Menzelinsk, Russia	FS	Chief Judge
2009	World Cup AE & FS	Prostejov, Czech Republic	FS	Chief Judge
2008	World Cup VFS	Eloy Arizona, USA	FS	Event Judge 4-way
2008	WPC	La Salmagne Maubeuge,	FS	Event Judge 4-way
2007	World Cup FS, AE	Stupino, Russia	FS	Event Judge 4-way
2006	WPC	Gera, Germany	FS	Judge
2006	WPC & Malevski	Stupino, Russia	FS	Judge
2005	Malevski Memorial Cup	Stupino, Russia	FS	Judge
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2004	WPC	Rijeka, Croatia	FS	Judge
2003	WPC Mondial	Gap-Tallard, France	FS	Judge
2003	Malevski Memorial Cup	Stupino, Russia	FS	Judge
2002	World Cup	Empuriabrava, Spain	FS	Judge
2001	WAG	Granada, Spain	FS	Judge
2000	World Cup	Eloy, AZ, USA	FS	Judge
1999	WPC	Corowa, Australia	FS	Judge
1995	WPC - FS	Gap-Tallard, France	FS	Trainee Judge

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**Other Activity:**

1999 – POPs World Meet – Chilliwack, Canada - Chief Judge  
2008 – World Games Test Event – Kiaoshung, Taiwan – Principal Judge  
2014 – World POPs Meet – San Juan, Argentina – Chief Judge

2013 – Jury Member – WC & EC of FS and AE - Banja Luka, Bosnia Herzegovina  
2015 – Jury President – WC & EC of FS, AE, and Speed - Teuge, The Netherlands  
2017 – Jury Member – WC of Wingsuit, Overton, Nevada, USA

2019 – FAI Controller – WC of FS and AE - Eloy, Arizona, USA

**CISM:**

2011 – 36<sup>th</sup> WMPC – Resende, Brazil - Principal  
2015 – 39<sup>th</sup> WMPC – Pohang, Korea – Principal  
2016 – 40<sup>th</sup> WMPC – Kubinka, Russia – Chief of Training Judges

Rina is truly deserving of this recognition and worthy of this prestigious award.

Submitted by the Canadian Sport Parachuting Association.

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