



FAI Awards for Ballooning 2023

Nomination Form

(one nomination per form)

Name of the Award:

- Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Gas Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.1)
- Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Hot Air Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.2)
- Montgolfier Diploma / best sporting performance in Roziere Ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.3)
- Montgolfier Diploma / contribution to development of ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.4)
- Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal (By-Law 7.2.2)

Submitted by:

NAC: __Aeronautical association of Slovenia__

Name: __Igor Eržen__

Position: __president__ Function: __president__

Date: __12__/_01__/_2023__

Signature and stamp: _____

Nomination for:

Name: __SLAVKO AVI ŠORN__

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Reasons for nomination (maximum 250 words, English only):

The beginnings of modern hot air ballooning should be tracked back to a group of enthusiasts, who were designing an aircraft, to lift a manned hang glider, back in 1975. The team, led by Stane Fele, spent two years tailoring, redesigning and testing the aircraft. After several inflations, once all defects were eliminated, the balloon took off, taking Slavko "Avi" Šorn with it. It was 11th of November 1978, when a modern hot air balloon took off in Slovenia for the first time.

The ballooning slowly began its evolution after 1978 in Slovenia, Avi being involved in promotion of the sport, organizing events, attracting sponsors and instructing new generations of pilots in Slovenia.

Avi is still a national record holder in all categories (length, height, duration) and is a multiple national championships medal winner.

He competed at numerous Europeans, Worlds and WAGs, his personal best is 4th place at the 2007 European Championship. His sporting career, lasting for almost thirty years, is an achievement in itself.

Avi was involved in the organization of European Championship Murska Sobota in 1994, helping it gain momentum to attract the state, sponsors and volunteers support, which resulted in a successful event.

As a longtime member of Slovene NAC, Avi contributed to the development of aeronautical sports numerous times either by participation or support, offering advice and knowledge.

The organization of the 24th World Championships Murska Sobota in 2022 is a testament to his contribution to the sport in Slovenia.

Please provide at least one high resolution picture of the nominated person, if possible taken while practicing his/her sport or beside his/her (model) aircraft.

All nominations must be received at the FAI Head Office by *15 January 2021* at the latest in electronic format (to members@fai.org) preferably or by fax or post.