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Fast and furious: the biggest drone racing series on the planet – the FAI Drone Racing World Cup 2018 – is coming soon

Lausanne, Switzerland, 28 March 2018 – **Drone pilots at the ready! The FAI Drone Racing World Cup 2018 is coming to a city near you soon.**

A massive 24 World Cup contests are already registered on the FAI calendar for this third edition of the FAI Drone Racing World Cup, up from 16 last year and 9 in 2016.

That makes the World Cup the biggest drone racing series around, and means lots more opportunities for both pilots and fans to enjoy the electrifying thrills of top-level drone racing.

The first event will be the 2018 Indonesia Drone Racing World Cup, taking place in Bali on April 6-8.

Prilep, in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, will be the venue for the final contest of the 2018 season, which will run on October 13-14.

As in previous years, competitors will participate in a series of races flying multi-rotor drones weighing no more than 1kg.

FAI President Frits Brink said: “The FAI is committed to supporting and promoting drone racing: one of the fastest growing air sports in the world.

“Last year’s FAI Drone Racing World Cup was already a big event, attracting more than 400 participants from a total of 37 different countries. With eight more contests on the calendar, the 2018 edition is on track to be even more successful.

“I look forward to enjoying all the action from the competition alongside drone racing fans around the world.”

The FAI Drone Racing World Cup

The FAI Drone Racing World Cup is a unique event offering fun and excitement for competitors and spectators alike.

It brings together drone racers from all over the world, and gives them a platform from which to show off their considerable skills, while pitting their drones against other top-flight pilots.

With contests in 19 different countries ranging from China to Finland, Brazil to France, and Russia to Australia, it also reflects the international popularity of drone sports.

The 2017 champion, Switzerland’s Dario Neuwand, said: “I really enjoyed travelling around the world meeting great pilots during the FAI Drone Racing World Cup. It was an amazing experience.”

Information about the FAI Drone Racing World Cup (calendar, rules, documents, rankings):
www.fai.org/world-cups/drone-racing

List of 2018 World Cup events (as of 26 March 2018):

Event	Location	Dates
2018 Indonesia Drone Racing World Cup	Bali (Indonesia)	6-8 April
2018 China Drone Racing Open (WDRC Test Match)	Shenzhen (People's Republic of China)	11-13 May
2018 Drone Festival Race	Gdynia (Poland)	19-20 May
2018 Seoul Drone Race World Cup	Seoul (Korea)	25-27 May
2018 Leiria Drone Race World Cup	Leiria (Portugal)	9-10 June
2018 WDR Paris World Cup	Bretigny-sur-Orge (France)	16-17 June
2018 Brazil F3U World Cup Drone Racing	Brasilia (Brazil)	22-24 June
2018 German Drone World Cup	Nördlingen (Germany)	30 June - 1 July
2018 Cabourg World Cup	Cabourg (France)	30 June - 2 July
2018 International Drone Race Slovakia - Trencin FPV Cup	Trencin (Slovakia)	30 June
2018 FPV Racing World Cup	Prilep (Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia)	7-8 July
2018 Jämi FPV Open	Jämijärvi (Finland)	21-22 July
2018 Barcelona Drone Racing F3U World Cup	Barcelona (Spain)	21-22 July
2018 World Cup Russia	Moscow (Russia)	28-29 July
2018 World Cup Latvia Droneracing	Riga (Latvia)	10-12 August
2018 Mitteldeutscher FPV Race Cup	Bitterfeld (Germany)	11-12 August
2018 Daegu Drone Race World Cup	Daegu City (Korea)	24-26 August
2018 Noosphere Race Cup	Dnipro (Ukraine)	25-26 August
2018 SRSA Cup	Lausanne (Switzerland)	31 August 2 September
2018 Royal Adelaide Show FPV	Adelaide (Australia)	7-9 September
2018 F3U World cup Italy	Magreta di Sassuolo, Modena (Italy)	8-9 September
2018 F3U Pam Cup	Plovdiv (Bulgaria)	29- 30 September
2018 World Cup Spain - La Rinconada	Seville (Spain)	5-7 October
2018 Phoenix World Cup	Prilep (Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia)	13-14 October

FAI Drone Racing

Multi-rotor FPV - or drone - racing competitions consist of successive races in which several radio controlled model aircraft fight it out to be the fastest around a pre-determined circuit.

The events can take place inside or outside, while each pilot taking part has a helper to assist him or her. The high-tech drones used are equipped with on-board video cameras that transmit FPV (first person view) images to headsets worn by the pilots, allowing them to steer the tiny aircraft around the race circuit.

Notes to editors

FAI promotes Drone Racing activities to the world. The Federation has recently awarded the organisation of the ^{1st} FAI Drone Racing World Championship 2018 (1-4 November) to Shenzhen, China. Furthermore, FAI is developing a global Drone Racing series designed to represent the entire Drone Racing community, all the way from grassroots to elite level.

About FAI

The [Fédération Aéronautique Internationale \(FAI\)](#), also known as 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 and Astronautic sporting activities.

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