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## **Hot topics in drone world: announcing the programme for the FAI International Drones Conference and Expo 2018**

Lausanne, Switzerland, 30 July 2018 – **FAI, the World Air Sports Federation announces the detailed conference programme for the FAI International Drones Conference and Expo 2018: top drone experts from around the globe will present the latest developments and technology around the hot topics of drone sport, safety and innovation during the influential event at the EPFL Rolex Learning Centre in Lausanne, Switzerland.**

The two-day conference will take place on 31 August and 1 September, while the expo will be held from 31 August to 2 September, finishing with the EPFL Drone Race Cup.

Attendees will be from the Drones industry and related science community, governmental authorities and regulators, air sports organisations and media.

### Friday 31 August – Day 1

Day 1 presents the larger picture of the world of Drones and Drone Sports, with presentations regarding the 2018 drone racing calendar, outlook for 2019 and demonstrations of the cutting-edge technology directing the future of drone sports.

Key moments:

- Simon Johnson from the Drone Industry Association Switzerland: Current Opportunities and Challenges of the Drones Industry
- André Borschberg from H55: Why Drones can play an important role in Aviation
- Grantley Reed from Freespace Drone Racing: Fans first: the FS500 large racing drones
- Drone team sports: two outstanding showcases
- Tim Hosenfeldt from Schaeffler Group, co-founder of the Formula E, opens the DRONEMASTERS Meetup

### Saturday 1 September – Day 2

Speakers scheduled in the morning of Day 2 will discuss the latest issues regarding safety in air traffic management systems. The afternoon is dedicated to the latest drone innovation within areas such as humanitarian aid, security and transport.

Key moments:

- Revolution of classic air space management: how drones lead to live visibility of air sports and commercial air transport alike
- Take a seat on a taxi drone such as the Volocopter: live presentation
- Julien Rebetez from Picterra: Artificial intelligence and Earth observation imagery from drones and satellite

The conference and expo form a central part of the EPFL Drone Days, which also includes the EPFL Robotics Showcase, the Drone Innovators Session. The EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de

Lausanne) is a renowned engineering college, research institute and centre for excellence in robotics research.

### **Editor's Notes**

Programme: [www.fai.org/drones-conference-programme](http://www.fai.org/drones-conference-programme)

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### **About FAI**

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation ([www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org)), 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).

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