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Belarusian artists impress judges at 2019 FAI Young Artists Contest

Lausanne, Switzerland, 14 May 2019 – **Talented young artists from Belarus have topped all three categories at the FAI Young Artists Contest 2019!**

The annual competition, held by the FAI since 1986, saw entries from 24 countries, and this year artists from Belarus were particularly successful, winning first place in each of the three age categories: Junior (6-9 years old); Intermediate (10-13); and Senior (14-17). It was also the first year that artists from a non FAI member country have entered the competition: the FAI was delighted to accept entrants from Sri Lanka.

Taking inspiration from both nature and technology, this year's gifted young artists let their imaginations soar into the sky, using watercolour, pencil, acrylics and ink to commit their daydreams to paper.

The 2019 winners – each of whom has been awarded with a FAI Young Artists medal and a diploma – were Belarusians SHYSHONAK Marina (Junior), whose technically skilled composition impressed the judges; KAVALIOVA Darya (Intermediate) whose simple theme was extremely well-executed; and RAKOVA Yanina (Senior) who incorporated both ancient and ultra-modern technology to illustrate her 'dream to fly'.

To take part, FAI Member countries must first organise either a national competition or another process of selection. The winning paintings from each country are then submitted to the FAI International Jury.

WINNERS 2019:

Junior category

1. SHYSHONAK Marina (BLR)
2. SOROKOLETOV Aleksandr (BLR)
3. JHAMB Sanjivani (IND)

Intermediate category

1. KAVALIOVA Darya (BLR)
2. HYKSOVA Daniela (CZE)
3. KIRAC Ezgi Naz (TUR)

Senior category

1. RAKOVA Yanina (BLR)
2. SARUWATARI Karin (JPN)
3. DAI Quanjie (USA)

Editor's notes

Website: www.fai.org/fai-young-artists-contest

Paintings in high resolution: https://www.flickr.com/gp/airsports_fai/8V9YL6

The FAI Young Artists Contest has been organised every year since 1986. It is an international art contest with a theme of air sports for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 17.

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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