

Montgolfier Diploma / contribution to development of ballooning (By-Law 7.2.1.2.4)

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

Nestor of ballooning in Czech republic, designer of hot air balloons and airships, founder of Kubicek Balloons company, world-famous producer of balloons. He stood at the birth and became head of Czech community dealing with all kinds of ballooning – recreational, sports and commercial. He became also inspiration for many young followers.

He deals with design of hot-air balloon since 1980. With several friends he established hobby club Aviatik for this purpose. 6th July 1983 is the date of first manned flight of balloon from Czech production. In 80's the balloons were produced under state corporation Aerotechnik Kunovice and in 1990 he found his own company Kubicek Balloons and thanks to its excellent production is currently one of the biggest balloon manufacturers ever. Company has many satisfied customers worldwide.

In 1990, several weeks after social and political changes in CZ, he co-founds Czech Balloon Federation and he became its first president. In the past, he also pursued sports ballooning. He obtained many qualifications as pilot, instructor, examiner and test pilot. He trained many new pilots, not only Czechs but also foreign and he became guru for most of them. For this purpose he found professional training school for balloon pilots in Radesin - one of the most important ballooning centers in Czech Republic. With this activity he continued in many friendships from whole World.

Sense of balloon flying by Ales Kubicek:

„I believe that balloon and flying with it is instrument for transformation of human. Transformation, which avoids us from fear of future. Thanks to insight from height learn us to distinguish the essential and commit oneself to somebody, who transcends us.“

In March 2011 happens accidental fall in sunken Colombian province, where Ales Kubicek searched for new areas for ballooning and he heavily injured on head. Since then he is strapped to wheelchair and is reliant on care of his wife Nada, family and friends.