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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I write this column for our newsletter, I am packing for the FAI General Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where I'll be reporting on the activities within our ballooning commission. As our 2024 flying season winds down, I think we can all agree it's been an eventful year.

At the 25th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Paolo Oggioni and his team faced challenging weather conditions. Despite this, they managed to conduct 18 demanding tasks for the pilots. Szeged, Hungary, offered an excellent area for hot air ballooning, and the event's organizing team, led by Zoltan Pahegyi, did an outstanding job. France's Clément Seigeot took the gold medal, Poland's Tomasz Filus earned silver, and Joe Heartsill from the USA took bronze. Looking forward, the 26th World Championship will be held in Krosno, Poland, in 2026, and India has expressed interest in hosting the 2028 championship.

In 2024, 86 events used our WatchMeFly and Balloon Live systems, a significant increase from just 22 events in 2019. Now in phase 2, our tracking program has exceeded expectations, providing a cost-effective and valuable tool for event organizers and generating a solid return on investment for the CIA. We are preparing for phase 3, which will resemble the YB tracking used in the Gordon Bennett race. This upgrade will allow live tracking on computers, iPads, and phones, with real-time results through small sensors attached to markers, enabling spectators to follow all balloons live.

The next phase of tracking and scoring marks a major technological leap for the CIA, representing both a significant investment and a calculated approach to return on investment. As more events adopt this system, we hope to make the sanctioning process more accessible and user-friendly.

The 67th Coupe Gordon Bennett, held from September 13-21 in Münster, Germany, brought together 21 teams from 11 countries, each flying 1,000 m³ hydrogen gas balloons. Austria's Christian Wagner and Stefanie Litler won, covering 2,111.16 km over 68 hours and 34 minutes, landing in southwestern Portugal. Switzerland's Kurt Frieden and Pascal Witprachtiger took second, while Germany's Andreas Zurode and Axel Hunnekuhl placed third, with all top three flights spanning over 2,108 km. Altogether, the 21 teams flew for an impressive 44 days and 19 hours. The Gordon Bennett remains one of the most thrilling aviation events worldwide.

Fans around the world followed the event live through YB tracking, which logged 228,646 website sessions. Gordon Bennett TV, with coverage on CNBC, BBC, and Reuters, reached 234,000 viewers on social media, featuring over 13 hours of coverage across 73 media outlets.

We acknowledge the frustration and disappointment surrounding the FAI tribunal decision regarding the Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Appeals, which involve a NAC and jury decision, must remain confidential. Going forward, we recommend that, if a NAC files an appeal, FAI/CASI should publicly announce that the process has begun, ensuring transparency and reducing surprises when final results are affected.

As the year draws to a close, I want to thank our Bureau for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. We in the CIA are fortunate to have such talented people on the Bureau, as well as in our sub-committees and working groups.

Mark Sullivan

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1 BUREAU DECISIONS 2024

Please find the 2024 bureau decisions in the attachment or on the website.

2 CIA PLENARY MEETING 12-15 MARCH 2025 – NEW DELHI - INDIA

We are pleased to announce that the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) Plenary 2025 will take place in New Delhi, India, from **March 14 to March 15, 2025**. In advance of the Plenary, **Working Group and Subcommittee meetings** will be held on **March 12 and March 13, 2025**.

The venue is the prestigious **Hotel Taj Mahal** in New Delhi.

Agenda Items :

All items for inclusion in the agenda for the 2024 Plenary Meeting must reach the CIA President and the CIA Secretary

NOT LATER THAN 29th December 2024.

These will then be included in the agenda, which will be mailed late January 2024. Agenda items should include any supporting documentation and position papers, all of which will be included with the agenda.

Remember that the CIA Plenary Meeting cannot make final decisions on items that do not appear on the agenda.

Hotel Booking

Hotels:

Hotel Tai Mnsingh, 1 Mansingh Road, New Delhi (Venue itself) –

The Indian Aero Club is working on reduced rates at the venue hotel as well as suggestions for alternative hotels. We will communicate specifics and how to make reservations in December.

Meeting materials

All meeting materials will be published in the FAI cloud <https://cloud.fai.org/s/FmQPDL8WHRGwEeq>

Welcome reception and Gala dinner

There will be a Gala dinner with Cocktail and Traditional Indian/Continental cuisine.

(Preliminary) TIMETABLE			
Bureau meeting (tbd)			
ROOMS	1	2	3
Wednesday 12 th March 2025			
08:30-10:15	Competitors	Safety	Scoring
Coffee Break:10:15 – 10:45			
10:45 -12:30	Competitors	Records	PMR
LUNCH 12.30 – 14.00			
14:00-15:45	AX	BA/BX	Jury
Coffee Break: 15:45 – 16:15			
16:15-18:00	AX	Officials	SC01
Thursday 13 th March 2025			
09:30-11:00	EDS	NTSC	Hall of Fame
Coffee Break:11:00 – 11:15			
11:15 -13:00	EDS	Rules SC	
LUNCH 13:00 – 14:00			
14:00-15:45	Committee and WG Chairs meeting		
Coffee Break: 15:45 – 16:15			
16:15-18:00	Committee and WG Chairs meeting		
18h30 –19h30 Opening cocktail and Open Forum (tentative)			
Friday 14 th March 2025			
ROOM	Seminar		
09.00-18:00	PLENARY MEETING		
Saturday 15 th March 2025			
ROOM	Seminar		
09.00-18:00	PLENARY MEETING		

Thursday afternoon is reserved as time for a discussion with the Commissions and Working Group chairs about the development of CAT2 events and the World Ranking list. Observers are welcome.

3 SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP E-MEETINGS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Like last year we have given all subcommittees and working groups the opportunity to hold one or more working sessions online prior to the plenary week.

These online e-meetings are NOT intended to replace the meetings scheduled the 2 days before the plenary, but they are additional sessions to prepare and start the work in the subcommittees or working groups. The weeks up to the plenary can then be used to do some homework and prepare for shorter and more efficient on-site meetings just before the plenary.

3.2 UPDATED SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Session details
Working groups (WG) Subcommittees (SC) and other groups. Dates might change if the commission wishes to meet at another moment. Updates will be in the registration link and will be send to people who registered for that meeting.		
Thursday 28 Nov 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	Officials SC
Tuesday 03 Dec 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	Event Development Service
Thursday 05 Dec 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	SubCommittee and WG Chairs meeting WRL / CAT1/2
Tuesday 10 Dec 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	Records
Thursday 12 Dec 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	Safety and education SC
Tuesday 17 Dec 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	AX WG
Thursday 19 Dec 2024	13:00-15:30 UTC	Competitors SC
Thursday 2 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	PMR
Tuesday 07 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	AA/AM WG
Thursday 09 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	Statutes, By-Laws & Sporting Code WG
Tuesday 14 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	BA/BX WG
Tuesday 21 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	New Technology SC
Thursday 23 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	Hall of Fame
Thursday 23 Jan 2025	13:00-15:30 UTC	Scoring WG

3.3 REGISTRATION AND LINK DISTRIBUTION

To attend the online meetings, you must register using the registration link below before the day before the date of the meeting you want to attend. This registration is only for the online meetings, not the face-to-face meetings nor the plenary in March 2025.

[Link to the registration form](#)

You will receive a link to the zoom meeting the day before the meeting is held.

4 FAI/CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITIONS 2024




4.1 67TH COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT IN MUNSTER (GERMANY)

The 67th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett was hosted in Munster (Germany) this year.

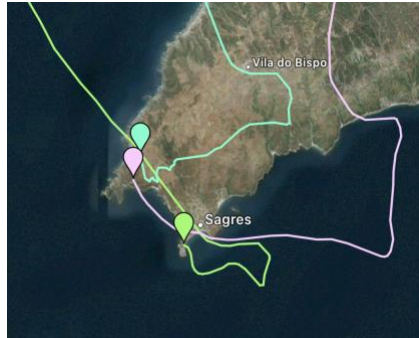
21 teams from 12 different countries took off in the night of October 7th. It is exciting to see more countries and younger teams participating in this years' race that ended with a thrilling final over the Portugues seas. And brought the victory for Christian Wagner and Steffanie Liller (AUT 2)



RESULTS

Rank	Pilots	Country	Score	Duration	Landing
1	Christian Wagner Stefanie Liller	 AUT	2111.17 km	67:01:00	Sagres (POR)
2	Kurt Frieden Pascal Witpraechtiger	 SUI	2109.75 km	65:54:00	Cape St. Vincent (POR)
3	Andreas Zumrode Axel Hunnekuhl	 GER	2108.47 km	68:57:00	Cape St. Vincent (POR)





GORDON BENNETT 2024 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER - BY STEFFI LILLER

Windy is being checked far too early, as always, and the fantasies of where we could go seem endless. One thing is clear: besides wind, there's also weather. The low-pressure system in Eastern Central Europe is dominant, and it's quickly clear that this will be an exciting event.

It's always exciting when it's Gordon Bennett!



We, Team AUT-2, are on our way, and the closer we get to Münster, the more complete our team becomes. One is arriving by train, the other by plane. So, AUT-2 is almost complete, with 2 pilots and 2 Chase Team Members. The 11-member command center, for the 3 German teams and the one Austrian team, stationed at the well-known balloon launch site in Gladbeck, is also on its way. Many team members don't know each other personally, but it feels good. You can tell quickly.

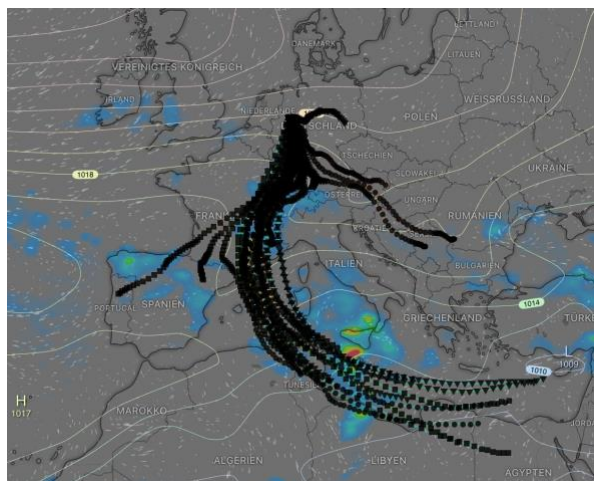
But one thing is certain: it's raining, everything is wet. The sand and launch area are well watered, but the forecast promises improvement. The event itself is organized by professionals, balloonists... for balloonists! A big shout-out to Sebastian Eimers and his entire team in the background.

The competition director quickly makes a decision: a later start will likely make the race longer and more interesting. The "weather" is a little farther away, and the path west of the Alps toward the south is clear of clouds.

Everything is moving forward; the scenery at the launch site is magnificent, beautiful pictures, but not too much space for assembling the gas balloons with light wind gusts. Since this is a World Championship, it's being handled professionally by everyone involved.

We're excited for the start because it's quieter in the balloon than in the bustle of the event. The strategy: Stay out of the Mistral, which blows from southern France toward the open Mediterranean. Not that the sea itself is a problem, but conditions in the Mediterranean are not ideal, and the risk of thunderstorms doesn't sound too promising. We try to head west as far as possible to avoid the Mistral.

Many back home think there's a plan for the whole race, but no – the plan changes constantly, just like the forecast and the conditions.



It's not just the wind and the weather that are challenging, but also the airspace. The goal is to go as far west as possible, but with the northern wind component, we're heading toward the Cologne/Bonn airport. This airport is also in operation at night, with cargo planes bringing Amazon packages to the nearby warehouses. A big thank you to the support of the competition director – no pilot can say he's flying at 6000 feet over Cologne/Bonn while a B747 is landing beneath him! Don't worry, you don't forget it; it's incredibly loud, the air traffic controllers have nerves of steel, and the airport shines magically through a lower cloud layer.

Things calm down a bit as we continue. Morning breaks over Luxembourg, and most of the balloons are still close together. Most have opted for the same tactic: go far west, with just a few heading south... avoid the Mistral!

The red morning sky is filled with small, spherical gas balloons. Pictures you don't want to forget. Well, half the team is watching, while the other half is resting. Still long way to go. The air traffic controllers are calm, and the departing planes aren't surprised by the accelerated ascent or late turns to avoid the small balloons.

France brings calm, and we aim for the sea, or better yet, the Atlantic Ocean. The plan to stay west of the Pyrenees works out well for us. The Pyrenees are high, and as you would climb, the wind bends left toward the Mediterranean. We're targeting the Bay of Biscay, heading out to sea. We have everything we need: survival suits, a life raft, and confidence.

Bordeaux Airport presents a small obstacle. We fight our way through lower altitudes and slightly northern layers, passing directly next the control zone and enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime experience: the surf of the Atlantic Ocean. The night is unforgettable, the moon reflects off the water, and the sound of the waves is only interrupted by our competitors' radio transmissions as they try to coordinate with air traffic controllers to get the optimal track. We're both awake; this moment is too special to miss. We've flown over the sea before, but never over such a vast sea.

The sunrise is spectacular, and it's a calm day over the ocean – no thermals, which is also a good thing. We receive instructions to climb, though we haven't fully understood why. It doesn't align with the previous information, but OH WELL, command center says climb, so we climb! Generally, we let the balloon handle it itself, but with the rising sun, the balloon warms up, the gas expands, and we rise. We have to give it a little help. Climbing is a higher priority than saving ballast, clear instructions!

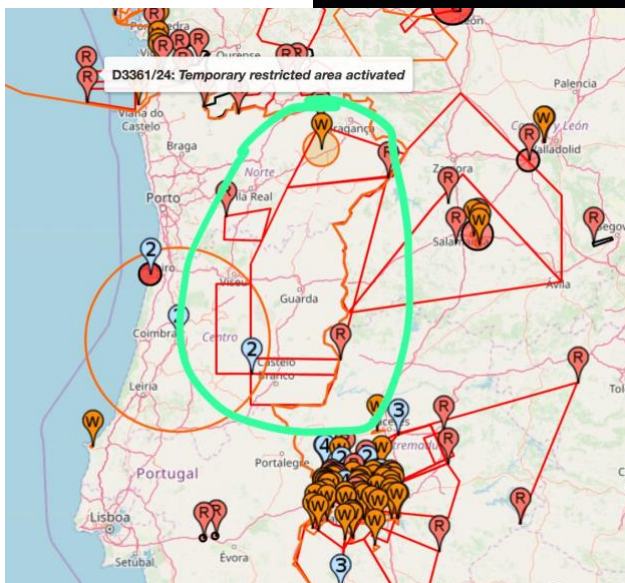
The northern coast of Spain lies ahead like a painting. We savor the moment, both of us – you can't miss this.

In the competition, it that Spain and Portugal airspace and active command center does ensure we're in the right Getting to a military mean an enforced



quickly becomes clear will be challenging with NOTAMs. The everything possible to place at the right time. zone too early might landing. For us, things are going well; we get

the green light from air traffic control and cross the border into Portugal during the night. After all, the military needs to sleep sometimes.



By now, we're on our way into the 3rd night, and the end of Europe is approaching. The question of a 4th night is slowly becoming irrelevant. The land is nearly at an end before the 4th night arrives.

During the 3rd night, we try to make as much progress as possible, heading south and west in fast-moving wind layers. The furthest distance for all remaining balloons will likely be the southwest tip of Portugal. We aim to position ourselves as far west as possible, hoping that will give us more room to maneuver.

The YB Races app is our constant companion, showing the altitudes and speeds of the other balloons. Why are they doing what they're doing? Are they seeing something we missed?

We pass our plan to the command center. We want to go as far south and west as possible and land before the thermals become too strong.

Suddenly, in the middle of the night, we're down to half the speed and heading south. Damn! We want to go southwest and faster. So, we dump sand, use our oxygen, and get back to a decent speed and course.

At dawn, we check our position relative to the other balloons. We're pretty far west, heading south, toward the end of Europe.



We're happy with our position when we receive the new plan from the command center.

We should head back out to sea, along the west coast of Portugal, and with the shifting winds, we plan to return to land just before the end of Europe. It's clear that we can make it to the furthest point. We look at the trajectories the command center has provided us. It's obvious – from all situations, we can get back to land. We both know: we're going for it. We've come this far, why not give it a shot?

We can't think of any good reason not to.



The coastline still poses a challenge as there are military zones in the open sea. We try to avoid them, but eventually, they're closed. We get a clear clearance from the air traffic controllers for Sagres, and nothing stands in our way. The excitement builds, and the wind speed drops. These will probably be the most exciting, but also the longest, 4-5 hours of the entire trip. The view of the coast is spectacular, and at +/- 5000 meters, we can already see Sagres and the end of Europe.

Our Chase Team is already there, scouting the area, checking the almost non-existent ground winds, and eating currywurst at the end of Europe.

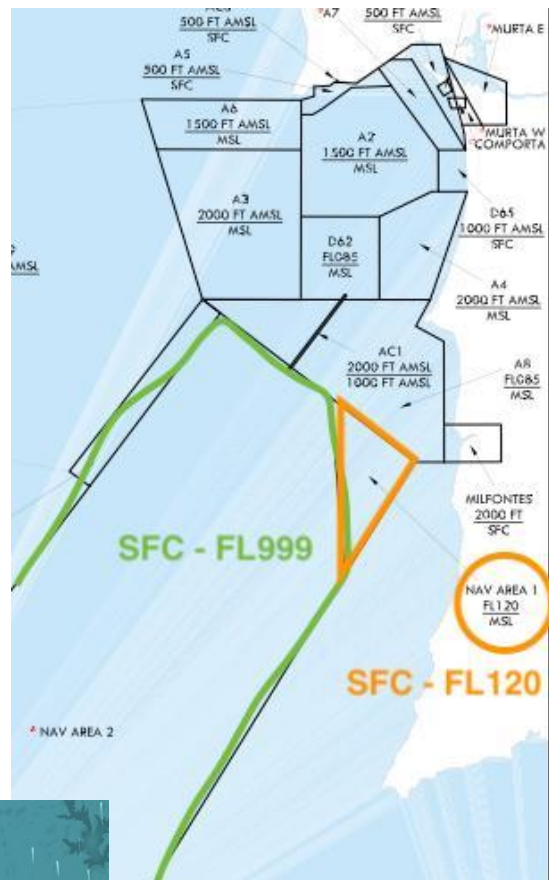
The remaining balloons begin to land, and we realize that only 3 balloons still have a chance to reach the southernmost point. We get the descent plan from our command center. Exciting... an interesting turn over the sea...

But we still have an ace up our sleeve, and that's Frieden/Wittprächtiger. SUI-1 reaches Sagres ahead of us. The command center is wide awake, watching the competition closely and analyzing whether our carefully worked-out plan is still valid. Yes, it is – not quite, but nearly; the distances are a little different. Many factors play a role.

We ask once again which headland is actually the furthest point from Münster.

...Ah, okay, it's actually the other headland. Good thing we double-checked. Preparation is everything! We had checked the area on Google Earth a few days earlier, but who would have thought that the very last kilometer would make the difference?

Once we reach the south, we head east at 4000 meters above the headland, then back out to sea, while SUI-1 drops to 400 meters and heads west back to land. We start descending, regain cell phone



reception, have a final phone call with Kolja at the command center, and make the first radio call with our chase team on the ground.

The descent goes well, and we receive a lot of information from the outside. Everyone is following along. We see SUI-1 land, and we know that if we land here at Sagres, we've made it farther.

But first, we need to land! The wind has shifted slightly on land, so we have to adjust, climb again, veer right, and then come back down toward land and immediately descend. Perfect target landing on the tourist path!

Our followers are there, they had to pay admission – another unique experience. The embrace feels great. Just three days ago, we started at the same spot, with the same goal in mind, and went through different adventures.

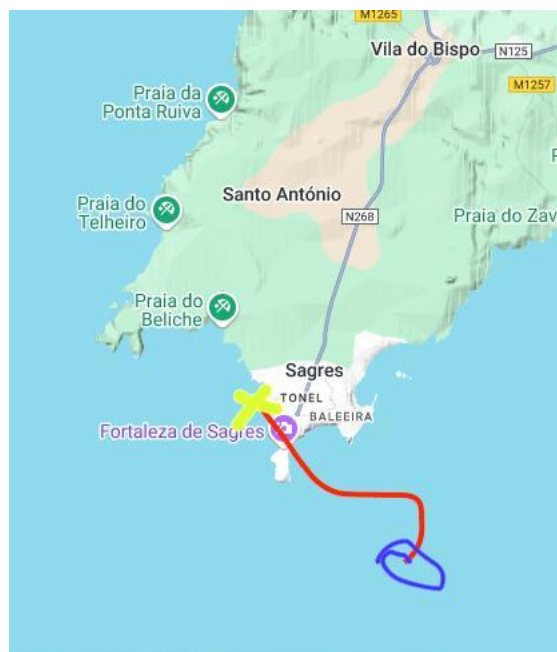
The tourists are surprised and curious, asking questions. A Portuguese balloonist on site can't believe we've landed here, saying it's *always* windy. The staff at Sagres aren't quite as thrilled, and we have to promise not to land here again.

We gladly make that promise – but we don't necessarily have to keep it.

The adrenaline starts to fade, but we still see a balloon in the air. There's 400 meters more landing space available, but with the thermals beginning, conditions are getting tougher, and GER-3 wisely chooses the safer option, deciding not to fly back out to sea and securing the well-deserved 3rd place.

On our way back, a few days later, we realize how thrilling this flight was not just for us, but for everyone who followed along.

At a Gordon Bennett, the team is bigger than most people think. The unsung heroes are the ones providing pilots with information: the command center and the team on the ground. Perhaps the podium at the next awards ceremony should be a little bigger.



4.2 25TH FAI WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP IN SZEGED (HUN)

A total of 118 pilots from 31 countries were represented in this event and competed for the title of World Champion. With challenging weather conditions Event Director Paolo Oggioni managed to make it a challenging event with 5 flights and 16 tasks.

The new World Champion is Clement Seigeot (FRA).

Top 3 results:

1. Clément Seigeot – France
2. Tomasz Filus – Poland
3. Joe Heartsill – USA





A LITTLE HISTORY ON OUR NEW WORLD CHAMPION CLÉMENT SEIGEOT

Out of the 118 people who took part in the World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Szeged (Hungary) last September, one won the title of champion: Clément Seigeot. Here is a little history on our World Champion. He is a commercial pilot currently flying in the French Alps, after flying in Australia for 8 years.

His passion for flying comes from his father, who became a hot air balloon pilot in 1992, and is a family trait: "My stepmother, my brother and my aunt are also pilots." He was three years old when he flew for the first time in 1993; he was with his father in Porrentruy (Switzerland). In this photo, we see him at the age of 7 preparing a balloon with his father:



Today, he is an instructor and can train new pilots. He can live off his passion, which for him represents peace, calm and adventure. "Without a steering wheel or engine, we are at the mercy of the winds and we have to deal with them. We land where we can (a concept that many people have difficulty grasping!) Each flight is different" and allows them to meet people when they land. "The World Championship was the competition that went the best of my whole competition career. I had my highest average ever.

The weather conditions were special with changing aerology*. It resembles the area where I fly at home in the French Alps. It's interesting because I haven't prepared anything differently than any other event, but the planets were definitely aligned : Luck at the right time, a lot of my favorite tasks (3D tasks), and flying conditions that I love (rocketing up to 8000ft, dropping down on targets)."

My team – composed of Nathan Peticca, Julien Chauvin and Victoria Besnainou – played a key role in preparing the balloon and took regular wind readings to improve my flight precision. She also managed the logistics and provided moral support. Depending on the competition and each person's availability, its composition varies. But its members are always friends with whom I like to spend time and have a good time together.



The team work with the French team was another key of the success. We have been training to fly together since Saga 2016, rebuilding the French team after Francois Messines (World champion 2008) and Stephane Bolze (European champion 98) retired in 2014. They helped me to optimize the 2 last flights and reduce the pressure.”

I was flying a Kubicek Balloons racer, that I specially designed. “Kubicek Balloons is supporting me for 10 years, and 3 years ago we decided to use the prototype of eco fabric to design a new racer. This eco fabric is reducing the fuel consumption, meaning we can reduce the volume of the envelope and keep 4h of flight duration. So we designed the smallest racer in the market, a 50 (1400m³) racing balloon that can fly 4+ hours in competition. We modified the shape (Cory Bloom from USA helped me with that), to make it stable during fast descents. And this balloon has been incredible. I smashed the duration French record by flying the racer 11h23, I won 2 French nationals and a world championship in 3 years.”

When he and his team were named the winners, Clément Seigeot felt an incredible sense of relief, then satisfaction. The 120 crews present congratulated them, as did their loved ones and several strangers. “The victory allowed me to look back on how far we’ve come, all the sacrifices and efforts I have made to get here. It’s a bit like a difficult hike where, when you reach the top, you look back on how difficult the journey has been” Today, he would like to thank all the people who have helped him since the age of 3 by lending him equipment, advising him, encouraging him or – simply – helping him to fly. “It would really take too long to name everyone, but I obviously think – first and foremost – of my parents who passed on this passion to me, of my team for their dedication, of the French Ballooning federation (and French national team) and of course Kubicek Balloons for supporting me for 10 years.”

5 FAI / CIA CATEGORY ONE COMPETITION 2025

5.1 68TH COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT 2025

The bureau accepted the Sanction Application from France for the 68th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett 2025 to be held in Metz, France

The event will be held from 4 September till 13 September 2025.



5.2 23RD FAI EUROPEAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The 23rd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championships 2025 will be held in Wieselburg, Austria.

The event will take place from 16th to 23rd August in Wieselburg (100 km east from Vienna). Event Director for this event is Martin Wegner

They plan 2 side events (2 Nightglows - one at Saturday 16th, one at Friday 23rd). The events (European Championship & nightglows) take place in the exhibition center in Wieselburg, this is a well known place in Austria. There are many more events & big Exhibitions around the year.



Wieselburg is a beautiful terrain for ballooning. The Mostviertel with its gently rolling landscape is also called the "Austrian Tuscany". The people are very friendly and open minded about hot air balloons.

We mostly have winds from east & west. In these directions we are completely free (no mountains, no big river,...) in the north there is the Danube & our beautiful "waldviertel" (eng. Woodquarter) and in the south there are the mountains you can see very good from the hot air balloon. The "Ötscher" is our home mountain. You can see this one from all directions. You can also see the biggest mountain from lower Austria, the "Schneeberg".

6 FAI/CIA EVENT CALENDAR

The Event Development Service (EDS) invites and encourages all NAC's and Delegates to review the Championship Calendar and consider what competitions they might consider hosting in their country. If your country has never run a major International event you may consider that a smaller event such as a CIA Sporting Event or a Junior or Women's championship would be a good entry level. If you would like further advice on what is required to host an event or on completing the sanction application form, please e-mail Lindsay Muir (CIA Event Development Subcommittee Chairman) for assistance – lindsay@plasmadoc.co.uk

6.1 CIA CATEGORY 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The following events are open for sanctioning during the coming plenary meeting in Lausanne in March of 2025. We have not received any intentions to bid for organizing this event. If you have any interest, please reach out to the Event Development Subcommittee. The Sanction Application and related documents have to be sent in before 13 January 2025.

- European Championship 2027
- Junior World Championship 2027
- Womens World Championship 2027

Ensuing bids, supported by the complete bid files must be received by the Event Development Service (EDS) 60 days before the CIA Plenary meeting two calendar years before the year scheduled for the Event.

If you are considering a bid for events beyond 2027. This would be the year to send in an intention to bid and start working on the sanction application together with the Event Development Subcommittee.

- World Championship 2028

Section 1 of the FAI Sporting Code states that "World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years" and "Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent".

The FAI World Air Games is the premier, international, multi-discipline air sports event conducted under FAI rules but is included in the table for completeness.

This event calendar does not show CIA Sporting Events. The objectives of Sporting Events include: encouraging participation in international events in which pilots of all abilities can take part and facilitating fair "entry level" competition using simplified rules that apply equally to all CIA Sporting Events and participants.

Further information can be found in Section 1 of the Sporting Code particularly Section 5 and Annex - <https://www.fai.org/cia-documents>

EVENT	CATEGORY	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
WORLD AIR GAMES – NONE SCHEDULED						
HOT AIR BALLOONS (AX)						
General	World	Hungary		Poland		OPEN Bids by 2026
	Continental		Austria		OPEN Bids by 2025	
Women's	World		No Event		OPEN Bids by 2025	
	Continental	No Event		No Event		OPEN Bids by 2026
Junior	World		No Event		OPEN Bids by 2025	
	Continental	No Event		No Event		OPEN Bids by 2026
GAS BALLOONS (AA)						
General	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Women's	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Junior	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
GORDON BENNETT RACE						
		Germany Winner 2022	France Winner 2023			
HOT AIR AIRSHIPS (BX)						
General	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Women's	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			
Junior	World	No Event	No Event			
	Continental	No Event	No Event			

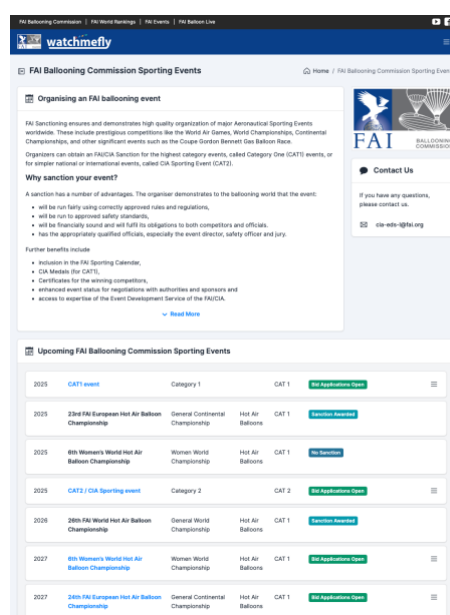
1 Grey background indicates NOT open for bidding in that year.

6.2 NEW SANCTION APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR FAI/CIA EVENTS NOW LIVE

The 2024 CIA Plenary has officially voted to implement a new **Sanction Application System** for FAI/CIA events on WatchMeFly.net. Starting this year, **all sanction applications must be submitted through the dedicated online platform** at <https://www.watchmefly.net/faievents/>.

This decision marks a significant step forward in streamlining the sanctioning process, ensuring a more efficient, transparent, and user-friendly experience for event organizers. The system is designed to handle both CAT1 and CAT2 events, as well as special categories like Junior or Women's Championships.

Organizers are encouraged to get in contact, using the email indicated, for additional guidance before starting their application.



7 CIA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BALLOON YOUTH CAMPS

Applications due Sunday, 15th December 2024

At the 2021 FAI Ballooning Commission/CIA ePlenary meeting, the delegates approved reinstatement of the CIA funding of the Balloon Youth Camp (BYC) scholarships. Balloon Youth Camps are an important part of the future of ballooning. From past camps, an impressive number of pilots and P.U.T. have been camp attendees.

The 2025 CIA budget for BYC scholarships will be determined at the 2025 CIA plenary meeting in Switzerland.

Available funds will be distributed as follows:

- 1) Maximum one (1) BYC scholarship per country per year.
- 2) Approved CIA Budget of CHF (TBD) to be shared across approved BYC applicants with a maximum payment of CHF1000 per country.

The application for CIA Scholarship for BYC, as well as the CIA BYC Guidelines, can be found on the CIA documents page. <https://www.fai.org/cia-documents>

NOTE: On **Documents** Main Menu, Scroll down to **Balloon Youth Camp** and click on it.

DEADLINE FOR 2025 APPLICATION SUBMISSION : Sunday, 15th December 2024.

Any questions, please contact Debbie Spaeth, CIA PMR Chair, email: CIA-media@fai.org.

7.1 REPORT FROM BFA YOUTH CAMPS – 3 SLEEPOVER AND 2 EVENT CAMPS

Mother Nature shines on Summer Balloon Youth Camp in USA

By: Katie Griggs, Chairman Balloon Federation of America (BFA) Youth Program

The Balloon Federation of America (BFA) held two balloon youth camps this year. Both camps were sleep-over weeklong camps.

Southeastern Balloon Camp

The first BFA youth camp was the **Southeastern Balloon Camp** held June 18-23, 2024 in Cordele, Georgia.

There were 26 campers and student pilots and over 40 staff members that volunteered for a week of their summer. Volunteers included (13) commercial pilots and volunteer chase crews of one or two people. Our pilots had over 500 years of combined ballooning experience! With two campers per pilot, the campers got a lot of one-on-one time in the balloons.

It was the first time piloting a balloon for some of these campers. All 26 campers piloted a balloon during the camp. Over the course of all the flights, there were



over 100 hours of instruction logged between all the students!

If the weather was not conducive to flying, there were plenty of other activities to interest the campers throughout the week. There were many classes on multiple topics and our own Balloon Olympics. Campers practiced daisy chaining, getting the balloon in and out of the bag, carrying equipment, and hitting the target during competition. Time was not always the deciding factor, but also creativity and teamwork.

During the day, the campers sat through over 15 hours of classroom instruction each and could learn about many topics from our talented instructors. Of course, it's summer camp, so we had a lot of fun with the Crew Olympics, lake day, scavenger hunt, tie dye, movie night, the swimming pool, and lots of other games and fun activities.

We also couldn't have camp without eating, so I would like to thank Cindy Wall and her great kitchen team for keeping all of us fed the entire week with delicious homemade meals.

High Sierra Balloon Camp

The second BFA youth camp was the **High Sierra Balloon Camp**, held July 13-18, 2024 in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Twenty-two campers participated in Lake Tahoe. Of the twenty-two, 10 were returning campers and 12 were new campers. They came from 7 different states. Six campers and one staff member completed their applications for their student pilot certificates during the camp.



There were flight activities where campers had hands-on experience with inflation, launch, landing and deflating balloons. Day 3 of High Sierra Balloon Camp there were 9 balloons and all our campers got in the air! Campers got to learn about balloon systems, how to do the different positions including handling the burner, inflate and, of course, how to fly. We are grateful for all our camp pilots who combined have over 11,000 hours of flight time.

Classroom session centered on the *Balloon Flying Handbook*, and the updated *FAA Practical Test Standards* issued last May. Other topics included flight planning and landowner relations. The campers also learned about safe use of fire extinguishers, balloon repair stations, commercial balloon operations, and radio communications.

A guest speaker was a pilot from the Alpha 5 sky diving jump project, who talked about flight planning, preparation and the flight itself.

The Nevada camp was at Lake Tahoe area, and downtime included swimming in the lake, volleyball, and connecting with each other.

Overall, the two-week long traditional sleepover camps were a huge success. The number of campers who became pilots in the last two years is over 15 new pilots. This is a hard number to keep track of, but the number seems to grow every year.

Each and every camper had an amazing week, and we believe that many will continue their careers in ballooning! Campers are the future of this sport and continue to do great things!

8 CHAMPIONS OF THE SKY -PMR VIDEO PROJECT

From Debbie Spaeth (USA), Chair, CIA PMR SC

Over the past 2 years, the CIA Public Media & Relations (PMR) subcommittee (SC) has expanded its work to capture the sport of Hot Air Balloon Competition with videos for the FAI Ballooning web site and archives.

During the 2023 Junior World HAB Championship in Poland, PMR partnered with Champion pilot, Dominic Bareford. Dominic was 2014 Junior World HAB Champion and 2018 World HAB Champion. Editing the stories captured on his cell phone, Dom shared the details of the competition and the essence of the 2023 Junior World HAB Championship for Hot Air Balloon pilots under the age of 30.

During the 2024 World HAB Championship in Szeged, Hungary, supported by CIA and sponsor companies, PMR partnered with a professional video company, Motion Crew, to produce the FAI Ballooning Series, *Champions of the Sky*. While the event started with challenging weather, the competition finished strong with 5 flights and 18 competition tasks completed. And a great series of videos.

Please take a look at the final video of the 25th World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Click on the image to link to the video.



🏆 New World Champion Clément Seigeot(FRA) 🏆 25th FAI WHABC, Szeged, Hungary 2024 📍 Final
Summary video 📺

The PMR project team included (4) volunteer members of the PMR SC, Jan Suchy (CZE), Hiromi Furukawa (JPN), Jonathan Perron-Clow (CAN) and Debbie Spaeth (USA). Two members were in Hungary and two were remote from their home base. Lais Pinho (BRA), a balloon pilot and competitor, joined the project as “Balloon Expert” working on-location with the Motion Crew team. In addition, the PMR team handled Facebook posts (Hiromi) and FAI-CIA web stories (Jonathan).

PMR is looking forward to building the *Champions of the Sky* series with future CIA events.

2024 WHABC videos can be viewed at the FAI YouTube site. https://www.youtube.com/@airports_fai

9 BALLOON LIVE: SETTING NEW STANDARDS FOR BALLOON COMPETITIONS WORLDWIDE

The Balloon Live project has transformed the world of hot air balloon competitions since its launch in 2018, setting a new standard for event management, tracking, and participant experience. As the successor to the FAI Balloon Competition Loggers, Balloon Live has become the preferred system for competitions worldwide.

The project features three main components: the Balloon Live app, the Balloon Live Sensor (BLS), and WatchMeFly.net. The app, available on both Android and iOS, acts as the official competition logger, simplifying flight recording, goal declarations, and electronic marker drops. The BLS ensures precise GPS and barometric data, enhancing accuracy for tracking and scoring.



WatchMeFly.net serves as the central platform, offering tools for both pilots and officials. In 2024, 90 events used WatchMeFly, with 85 integrating it with Balloon Live and 87 events relying on WatchMeFly for scoring. The system recorded 6,975 tracks and scored 1,236 tasks, highlighting its reliability. Pilots enjoy easy access to flight management features, while officials benefit from real-time data and efficient event organization and scoring.



From local meets to international championships like the 25th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Hungary, Balloon Live has streamlined event processes and elevated the competition experience. With a focus on innovation and user-friendliness, Balloon Live continues to shape the future of hot air ballooning, making the sport more accessible and professional.

10 CIA HALL OF FAME AND MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS 2024

Our sport depends a lot on the enthusiasm, work and devotion to our sport by many individuals and groups of persons. They spend a lot of time to spread and develop the sport through education, instruction, event organization or technical development.

What can we do to recognize their work and to reward them?

One way is to nominate them for an award.

The two ways to award within the CIA is through a Montgolfier diploma or nominating someone for the CIA Hall of Fame.

This years awardees are:

Montgolfier Contribution to the sport: Klaus Hartmann

Klaus Hartmann was proposed for this award for his outstanding commitment related to instruction, examination and for raising the level of flight safety in ballooning. His tremendous work with regulators in which he defended the ballooning communities interest in the best possible way and officiating in many national and international events.



Montgolfier Best Performance Hot Air: Alicia Hempleman-Adams



Alicia Hempleman-Adams is an outstanding young female aviator who, on Tuesday 22nd November 2022, after several years of planning, training and fine tuning, set a new FAI AX4 Female Duration record of 7 hrs 40 mins and 30 secs. On the same flight Alicia set a new FAI AX4 Female Distance record of 301.9 km. Alicia took off from High River, Alberta, Canada. She is a fantastic ambassador for female pilots and ballooning, gaining huge respect from everyone who worked with her, and winning the hearts of the Canadian support team. Alicia is a delight to be with and her demeanour and good grace captured the the World media's

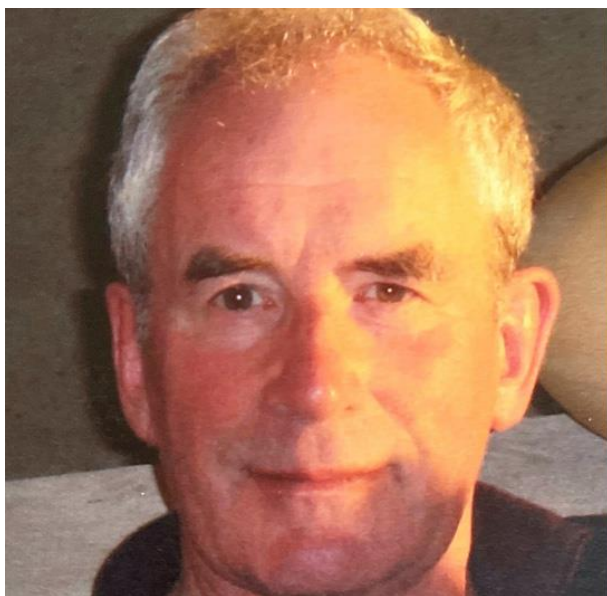
attention, promoting female ballooning Internationally.

Inducted in the Hall of Fame:

This years' inductees to the hall of fame are :

Neil Robertson – GBR (posthumous)

Alec Kubicek- CZE (living)



Please read this [article](#) about our inductees.

2024 Addition to the pool: Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)

11 CIA AWARDS AND DIPLOMAS

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11.1 THE MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA

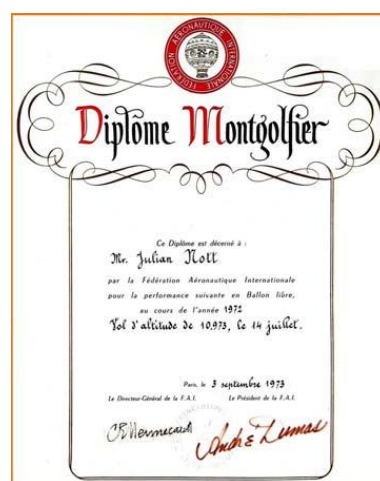
One of the awards within the CIA is **The MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA**. (FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.2)

Awarded for :

- Best performance during the previous Montgolfier year
 - Gas Balloons
 - Hot Air Balloons
 - Rozière Balloons
- For a major contribution to the development of ballooning in general.

Nomination forms need to be send by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting. This year de deadline for nominations is

Monday 13 January, 2025



Note: The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th the following year.

11.2 HALL OF FAME

Another way to recognize someone within the CIA is nominating them for the **HALL OF FAME**.

The Hall of Fame recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Aerostation, including those who have excelled in business, history, design and engineering, in addition to those better known.

In order to get inducted into the Hall of Fame someone needs to be accepted into the pool of nominees. The nomination for the pool and the nomination for the induction has to come from the NAC.

Every year the Albuquerque Balloon Museum hosts an induction ceremony for that years' nominees. The inductees or family members are invited to come join this special ceremony where we show our gratitude for everything they have done for our sport.

Nominations shall be made by NAC's to FAI office, so the trick is to make the NAC's aware of possible candidates.

We would like to encourage all balloon federations and balloon clubs to make use of this way of recognizing the hard working volunteers in our community. Think of people you know who are giving a

contribution to the sport and how you can award them. Make your proposals to your national FAI members.

If you know someone you believe should be rewarded for their time and efforts but don't know what award to nominate them for. Please reach out to the CIA bureau to see how we can support you.

Inductees are elected into the CIA International Hall of Fame by the Selection Committee. Each year they will normally elect one living and one posthumous inductee from the list of nominated candidates.

To nominate someone for the Hall of Fame you need to fill out the nomination form and send it before 31 December 2024 to CIA secretary sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl



11.3 FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL

Within the FAI there are many awards one is the **FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL**. FAI Statutes 10.7

Awarded for:

- For outstanding services in air sport activities, training or education.

This medal was established by the FAI Council for the 100th anniversary of Lilienthal's first flights. It may be awarded, at any time, to individuals or groups for outstanding services in connection with air sport activities like work in FAI commissions, organising World and Continental Championships, training and educating new pilots, or for promoting aviation in general, especially with regard to young people.



Order forms are available at the FAI office, email: members@fai.org

Invoice for CHF 100 will be sent from FAI office.

There are many more awards and Air Sport Medals within the FAI and CIA. Hans Åkerstedt has created an overview of these. This document can be found as an appendix to this newsletter.

12 CIA JUROR'S LIST 2024

The 2024 list of approved Jurors below is to be used when making nominations for Juries for 2024 Sanctioned Events. You can find the list on the documents section of the FAI/CIA website.

<https://fai.org/cia-documents> [under *Officials* line/tab]

CIA Jury Board

CIA APPROVED JURORS 2024

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SENIOR LEVEL JURORS	BX	WMF	NAC	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JURORS	BX	WMF	NAC	ENTRY LEVEL JURORS	BX	WMF	NAC
LOCKYER Garry	X		CAN	HEIRMAN Gerrit	X		BEL	BARROW Adam			AUS
CAMERON Don	X		GBR	PAENEN Rudy	X	X	BEL	LACEY Gary			AUS
MUIR Lindsay			GBR	VAN GEYTE Luc	X	X	BEL	PUTLAND Gren			AUS
FINK Thomas		X	GER	VAN Huffel Nancy			BEL	WILSON Ruth		X	AUS
OGGIONI Paolo		X	ITA	VAN DE VELDE Moniek		X	BEL	FRAISL Christoph *			AUT
WEBER Claude		X	LUX	HAIM Salvator			BRA	DOBBELAERE Marnix		X	BEL
WEBER Jean Claude	X		LUX	STEVENS Mary Anne	X	X	CAN	GLEED David			CAN
BURKARD Jakob	X		SUI	MORGAN Dave	X		GBR	KNUCHEL Cathy			CAN
ÅKERSTEDT Hans	X		SWE	HAGGENEY Dominik	X		GER	LI Tong			CHN
GRUBBSTROM John			SWE	PETERSEN Brita	X		GER	HANSEN Torben			DEN
STENER Bengt		X	SWE	HIDAS Sandor	X	X	HUN	GRANGÉ Gérard			FRA
BRITTON Gary			USA	PÁLHEGYI Zoltán	X		HUN	JONES Stephen		X	GBR
SPAETH Debbie	X	X	USA	FURUKAWA Hiromi		X	JPN	HANDL Stefan	X		GER
SULLIVAN Mark			USA	ICHIYOSHI Sabu	X		JPN	MEINL Mike	X	X	GER
				SOEJIMA Hiromori		X	JPN	MEINL Sylvia	X	X	GER
				KAVOLIUS Linas	X		LTU	STRASMANN David *			GER
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				PINKEVICIUS Deividas	X		LTU	PAÁL Dávid			HUN
				VAN HELDEN Cees			NED	KOMZA Robertas			LTU
				KARNAUKOV Vladimir			RUS	KUCHCINSKI Tomasz			POL
				BARAN Jaroslav			SVK	BURANTSEV Aleksandr			RUS
				DAVIS John			USA	GIZATULINA Ilona	X		RUS
				MAGEE Kim			USA	MAVRIN Alexander			RUS
				SHERRILL Danny			USA	MENYAYLO Ivan			RUS
				SULLIVAN Maury			USA	MITYAGIN Yury			RUS
								STARKOV Igor			RUS
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								CLIVER Harold			USA
								GILLIGAN Mike		X	USA
								JONES Jason			USA
								MAGEE Adam			USA
								PETREHN Paul		X	USA
								RAPP David	X		USA
								WALLACE Mike			USA
								WHITE Cheri			USA
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The above are qualified to serve as Jury President or Member at any type of event			The above are qualified to serve as Jury President at any type of event, except World Championships, and as Jury Member at any type of event					The above are qualified to serve as Jury Member at any type of event.			

* : 2025 CIA Plenary approval pending

Total Jurors	77
Total Jurors BX	24
Total Jurors Watchmefly Certified	22

CIA JURY BOARD / JC Weber

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13 THE CIA BALLOONING COMMISSION 2024/2025

A most current list of the delegates of the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA) is available online <http://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates>

Country	Title	Name	Email
USA	President	Mr. Mark SULLIVAN	marksullivansr@gmail.com
France	President of Honour	Mr. André de SAINT SAUVEUR	
Germany	President of Honour	Mr. Horst HASSOLD	
UK	President of Honour	Mr. Jacques W. SOUKUP	
Luxembourg	President of Honour	Mr. Jean Claude WEBER	jwe@pt.lu
Luxembourg	1st Vice-President	Mr. Claude WEBER	claudeweber@mac.com
Germany	2nd Vice-President	Mr. Uwe SCHNEIDER	uwe.cia@dfsv.de
Switzerland	3rd Vice-President	Mr. Marc Andre	marc.andre@netline.ch
The Netherlands	Secretary	Ms. Sanne Haarhuis	sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl

Representative to	CASI	Mr. Mark Sullivan (USA)
Representative to	EnvC	Mr. Steve Ireland (AUS)
Representative to	CIEA	No representative
Representative to	CIMP	Dr. David Bareford (GBR)
Europe Air Sports		Bureau will appoint if necessary

14 CIA DONATIONS SCHEME

It used to be possible to make donations to the FAI/CIA by Credit Card. The FAI has moved away from this option. It is still possible to make a donation by anyone who wishes to do so by transferring it to the FAI bank account and mentioning CIA donation in the information line.

The account information is as follows:

Beneficiary: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale

Address: Av. De Rhodanie 54, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland
Bank: Credit Suisse Ltd. (Switzerland)
Bank Address: Rue de Lion d'Or 5/7, 1003 Lausanne, Switzerland
IBAN: CH65 0483 5045 7968 3100 0
Account number: 457968-31
BIC/SWIFT: CRESCHZZ80A
Clearing number: 4835

15 2024 CIA DELEGATE REPORTS

I would like to encourage everyone to send in a delegate report of ballooning activity in your country before February 28 2025.

Please attach photos and links to videos to your report to show during the meeting or during coffee breaks.

16 NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Thank you to those who submitted articles and photos.

Contributions are welcome and should be sent to the CIA Secretary at the email address below.

Sanne Haarhuis, CIA Secretary	Email: sanne@sannehaarhuis.nl
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APPENDIX 1: FAI AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

by Hans Åkerstedt

Below is a summary of CIA/FAI awards and a short description of the nomination procedure.

CIA Sporting Badges, Sporting Code, section 1, chapter 8.

These are available in silver, gold and gold with one, two or three diamonds. Each require recognized performance in distance, duration, altitude and precision. Detailed requirements are found in the Sporting Code. Application form is available on the CIA web site, documents section. Send application to FAI office.

The MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMA. FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.2

Awarded for best performance during the previous Montgolfier year in gas, hot air or Rozière balloons and for a major contribution to the development of ballooning in general. Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting. Note: The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th the following year.

The SANTOS-DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL. FAI By-Laws, chapter 7.3

Equivalent for airship pilots of the Montgolfier diploma awarded for best sporting performance during the previous Montgolfier year in airships or for a major contribution to the development of airship flying in general. Nominations by NAC's to FAI office latest 60 days before the CIA plenary meeting.

The FAI AIR SPORT MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.7

For outstanding services in air sport activities, training or education. Any number may be awarded to individuals or groups. Order forms are available at the FAI web site, documents page. Invoice for CHF 100 will be sent from FAI office.

The following are FAI General awards available for ballooning. Applications to FAI office before 31 May and shall cover performances until 31 December the preceding year or contributions over a longer period. Citations shall not exceed 250 words. Other supporting documents may be attached. The awards will be given at the FAI General Conference to recipients present.

The FAI GOLD AIR MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.2

One of the FAI's two highest awards. Given to those who have contributed greatly to the development of aeronautics by their activities, work or achievements. Since 1925, 76 Gold Medals have been awarded including 7 for ballooning and 1 for airship achievement.

The FAI SILVER MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.9

For persons having occupied high office in FAI or in a national organisation and have shown exceptional leadership and influence to the benefit of the whole air sport community.

The FAI BRONZE MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.3

Only the FAI Secretary General may make nomination for this award. The Medal is reserved for persons who have rendered eminent services to the FAI in administrative work, in Commissions, or in the organisation of FAI sporting events.

The DE LA VAULX MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.5

This medal is given automatically to all holders of recognized absolute world records established during the previous year. Count Henry de la Vaulx was founder and past president of the FAI. He flew Gordon Bennett 1906.

The SABIHA GÖKCEN MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.8

The Medal is reserved for the woman who performs the most outstanding achievement in any air sport in the previous year. Sabiha Götzen was Turkey's first woman pilot and in 1937 became the world's first female military pilot.

The NILE GOLD MEDAL. FAI Statutes 10.10

This medal may be awarded to a person, group of persons or organization to reward distinguished work in the field of aviation and space education, particularly during the year preceding its award. The medal is donated annually by the Aero Club of Egypt.

The OUTSTANDING AIRMANSHIP DIPLOMA. FAI Statutes 10.11

It shall be awarded to a person or a group of persons for a feat of outstanding airman-ship in sub-orbital flight during one of the previous two years which resulted in the saving of life of others or was carried out with that objective.

The PAUL TISSANDIER DIPLOMA. FAI Statutes 10.12

May be awarded to those who have served the cause of aviation in general and sporting aviation in particular, up to three diplomas per FAI Member, depending on their class of membership, may be awarded. Paul Tissandier was a balloonist and Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945.

The FAI GROUP DIPLOMA of HONOUR. FAI Statutes 10.14

A FAI Group Diploma of Honour may be awarded to a group (design offices, scientific bodies, aeronautical publications, etc.) that has contributed significantly to the progress of Aeronautics or Astronautics during the previous year or years.

The H.R.H. PRINCE ALVARO de ORLEANS-BORBON GRANT.

To Persons or institutions who have devoted themselves to create and/or promote technical developments and innovation in sport aviation. Additional consideration will be given to projects. Nominations should be received in writing by the FAI Head Office latest 30 June (using the Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon Grant Nomination Form available on FAI website) (members@fai.org)

The IOC Women and Sport trophies.

Awarded annually to promote the advancement of women in sport. They recognize outstanding achievement and contributions made to develop encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls at all levels in the sports world. There is annually one trophy worldwide and one each for the continents.

Nomination forms will be posted to national Olympic committees.

FAI RECOMMENDED MUSEUM recognition. FAI By-Laws 10.1

The FAI may give recognition to deserving venues such as museum collections, special exhibitions, etc, which educate the public, particularly children and young people, in the history and practice of air sport, aeronautics (including commercial and military aviation) and astronautics.