

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

NOMINATION FORM

THE FRANK EHLING DIPLOMA

(for outstanding accomplishment, by an organisation or individual, in connection with the promotion of aviation through the use of flying models)

From NAC: **Royal Aero Club**

Date: **8th November 2017**

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Country: **United Kingdom**

(Only one person from a country may be nominated annually by that candidate's National Airport Control.)

Name of Nominee: **John Jacomb**

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FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE'S ACTIVITIES UP TO 31st DECEMBER OF THE PRECEDING YEAR - Please Print

JOHN JACOMB has been a major player in FAI Space Modelling and Model Rocketry in the UK for nearly twenty years. He is currently Chairman of the British Model Flying Association's FAI Rocketry Group.

For the past five years John has been the driving force behind the United Kingdom Aerospace Youth Rocketry Challenge (UKAYRoC), a national Schools and Youth Group model rocketry event. Based on the USA's Team America Rocketry Challenge, the UKAYRoC has introduced hundreds of young people to model flying since its introduction to the UK some 8 years ago. The UKAYRoC Finals, held at prestigious venues such as Charterhouse School, have also featured on local and national television, as well as being reported in BMFA News.

At local level John takes responsibility for leading his county's campaign persuading Essex County Council to sponsor entries from over 60 schools. He personally coaches Essex students in model building and flying techniques and has negotiated use of a former-WW1 aerodrome and museum as a flying site. Nationally, John's liaison with major sponsors, UTC Aerospace Systems and the ADS Group has ensured the continued success of the UKAYRoC.

John is a progressive thinker, instructor, model maker and international flyer with a gift for bringing differing personalities together and getting them to pull in the same direction. His determined efforts to involve major aerospace companies and expose aviation as a potential career to so many youngsters through model rocketry are fully in the spirit of the Frank Ehling Diploma.

NAC Signature



President or Secretary General of nominating FAI National Airport Control

(must be submitted to the FAI Office by November 15)