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FAI BY-LAWS**AMENDMENT RECORD**

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CHAPTER 7

FAI AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES

7.1. GENERAL

7.1.1. The FAI Medals and Diplomas in this Chapter may be awarded only upon the decision of the appropriate Air Sport or Technical Commission.

7.1.2. The nominating authority (Statute 9.1.3.) shall send nominations for all FAI awards for individual disciplines to the FAI Head Office, together with citations not exceeding 250 words and any other supporting information required.

Subject to specific procedures set out elsewhere in FAI By-Laws Chapter 7.2 to 7.13, nominations are to arrive no later than 60 days before the FAI Commission meeting concerned.

After the 60 days deadline specified in 7.1.2., if no nominations for a specific award category has been received and subject to support according to FAI Statutes 9.1.3.2, nominations may be made by the respective FAI Commission President up until 45 days before the FAI Commission meeting concerned. Such a nomination, with a citation, shall be included in the agenda for the commission meeting and shall be sent to the FAI head office.

Under extenuating circumstances the Plenary may defer the decision for one year.

7.2. AWARDS FOR BALLOONING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Ballooning Commission)

7.2.1. THE MONTGOLFIER BALLOONING DIPLOMAS

7.2.1.1. History. These Diplomas, established by FAI in 1960, are named after Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier who built the world's first successful manned flying machine, a hot air balloon, in 1783.

7.2.1.2. Eligibility, Frequency and Number. Four Montgolfier Diplomas may be awarded annually, one to recognise each of the following:

7.2.1.2.1. - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Gas Ballooning;*

7.2.1.2.2. - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Hot Air Ballooning;*

7.2.1.2.3. - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Roziere Ballooning.*

7.2.1.2.4. - *A major contribution to the development of the sport of Ballooning in general.*

7.2.1.2.5. The Montgolfier year starts on November 21st and ends on November 20th (UTC).

- 7.2.1.3.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions:
- 7.2.1.3.1.** Each FAI Member may submit the names of four candidates, one in each of the categories defined in 7.2.1.2. above.
- 7.2.1.3.2.** Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.
- 7.2.1.3.3.** In the event a Diploma is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Diploma.
- 7.2.1.3.4.** The Montgolfier Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or team more than once, but not in the same category.

7.2.2. THE SANTOS-DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

- 7.2.2.1.** History. This medal, established in 1994, honours Alberto Santos-Dumont for his contributions to the development of the sport of flying airships, culminating in his historic flight around the Eiffel Tower in Paris, October 19, 1901, thus winning the Deutsch Prize.

100 medals were contributed by the Virgin Islands Aero Club.

- 7.2.2.2.** Eligibility, Frequency and Number. One Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal may be awarded annually to recognise:

- 7.2.2.2.1.** - *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year (see 7.2.1.2.5.) in airships, or*
- 7.2.2.2.2.** - *a major contribution to the development of the sport of Airship flying in general.*

- 7.2.2.2.3.** A Medal may also be awarded for a series of performances which together represent a remarkable sporting performance.

- 7.2.2.3.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions

- 7.2.2.3.1.** Each FAI Member may submit the name of one candidate,

- 7.2.2.3.2.** Each candidate must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Candidates may be individuals or teams. In the case of awards for performance, teams shall consist of a Pilot-in-Command and other Flight Crew, but at least one person in a team must be a national or resident of the nominating Member's country. Where candidates consist of a team of different nationalities, the nominating FAI Member shall have the written permission of the FAI Members concerned.

- 7.2.2.3.3.** In the event a Medal is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Medal.

7.3. AWARDS FOR GENERAL AVIATION

(Subject to approval by the FAI General Aviation Commission)

7.3.1. THE CHARLES LINDBERGH GENERAL AVIATION DIPLOMA

- 7.3.1.1.** History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1983 on a proposal by the FAI General Aviation Commission.
- 7.3.1.2.** Eligibility. The Lindbergh Diploma may be awarded annually to:
- 7.3.1.2.1.** - *individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly over a period of not less than ten years to the progress and success of General Aviation in either air sport or transportation, or in the work of international bodies concerned with General Aviation ; or*
- 7.3.1.2.2.** - *to recognise technical breakthroughs in the field of General Aviation as an incentive toward general progress, and for the purpose of stimulating research and development of new concepts and equipment contributing to operational efficiency and flight safety.*
- 7.3.1.2.3.** Frequency and Number. Only one Lindbergh Diploma may be awarded annually.
- 7.3.1.3.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.4. AWARDS FOR GLIDING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Gliding Commission)

7.4.1. THE LILIENTHAL GLIDING MEDAL

- 7.4.1.1.** History. This Medal, named after the famous early gliding pioneer Otto Lilienthal, was created by the FAI in 1938.
- 7.4.1.2.** Eligibility. It may be awarded for a particularly remarkable gliding performance, or eminent services to gliding, to a currently active glider pilot who has:
- 7.4.1.2.1.** - *established an international record during the past year; or*
- 7.4.1.2.2.** - *made a pioneer flight (defined as a flight which has opened new possibilities for gliding and/or gliding techniques) ; or*
- 7.4.1.2.3.** - *rendered eminent service to the sport of gliding over a significant period of time.*
- 7.4.1.3.** Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.
- 7.4.1.4.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.4.2. THE PELAGIA MAJEWSKA GLIDING MEDAL

- 7.4.2.1.** History. This Medal was created by the FAI in 1989, following a proposal by the Aero Club of Poland, in memory of Madame Pelagia MAJEWSKA, eminent Polish glider pilot awarded the Lilienthal Medal for 1960, and holder of 17 world gliding records, who lost her life in an air accident in 1988. The Medal is offered to the FAI by the Aero Club of Poland.
- 7.4.2.2.** Eligibility. The Pelagia Majewska Medal may be awarded annually to a female glider pilot to reward:
- 7.4.2.2.1.** - *a particularly remarkable performance in gliding during the past year, or*
- 7.4.2.2.2.** - *eminent services to gliding over a long period of time.*
- 7.4.2.3.** Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.4.2.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.4.3 THE PIRAT GEHRIGER DIPLOMA

7.4.3.1. History. This Diploma was created by the FAI in 2000 in memory of Pirat Gehriger, former President of the FAI Gliding Commission (then Commission Internationale de Vol à Voile (CIVV)).

7.4.3.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding.

7.4.3.3. Frequency and Number. Normally, only one Diploma may be awarded annually. However, exceptionally, the International Gliding Commission may recommend the award of one or two additional diplomas.

7.4.3.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.5. AWARDS FOR ROTORCRAFT

(Subject to approval by the FAI Rotorcraft Commission)

7.5.1. THE FAI GOLD ROTORCRAFT MEDAL

7.5.1.1. History. This medal was established by FAI in February, 1993 upon the proposal of the FAI Rotorcraft Commission. The provision of the medals is arranged by that Commission.

7.5.1.2. Eligibility. The medal is to reward a particularly remarkable achievement in rotorcraft including use as a sporting vehicle, or eminent services to the development of rotorcraft over an extended period of time.

7.5.1.3. Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.5.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Head Office by November 30 of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.6. AWARDS FOR PARACHUTING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Parachuting Commission)

7.6.1. THE FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL

7.6.1.1. History. This Medal was established by the FAI in January 1968. The cost of the Medal was initially covered by the revenue from a 10,000 US Dollar endowment fund provided by Mr. J.A. Istel, President of Honour of the FAI Parachuting Commission. After the first fund ran out, the USPA (United States Parachute Association) decided to take over the funding the medal.

7.6.1.2. Eligibility. The Medal may be awarded annually for an outstanding accomplishment in connection with parachuting. This may be in the realm of sport, safety, or, at the option of the Commission, an invention. It cannot be awarded to delegates to the FAI Parachuting Commission.

7.6.1.3. Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.6.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Head Office no later than 60 days before the Parachuting Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as

described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.6.2. THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA

7.6.2.1. History. This Diploma was established in 1970 by the FAI.

7.6.2.2. Eligibility. One Diploma may be awarded each year to a person who has achieved one of the following criteria:

7.6.2.2.1. - *Been at least twice an Individual Champion or a Member of a Champion Team at a First Category Event*

7.6.2.2.2. - *Established at least three World Parachuting Records;*

7.6.2.2.3. - *Have been at least three times an FAI/IPC Official at a First Category Event (Chief Judge, FAI Parachuting Judge, FAI Controller, International Jury Member or any combination thereof)*

7.6.2.2.4. - *Have been at least three times a Competition Director at a First Category Event*

7.6.2.2.5. - *Have been for at least six years the Chair of an IPC Committee (IPC Internal Regulations 6.7) or an IPC Bureau Member or any combination thereof.*

7.6.2.3. Frequency and Number. One Diploma only may be awarded annually.

7.6.2.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Head Office no later than 60 days before the Parachuting Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.6.3. FAUST VRANCIC MEDAL

7.6.3.1. History. This medal was established in 2001, following a proposal by the Aeronautical Federation of Croatia, in memory of Faust Vrancic.

7.6.3.2. Eligibility. The Medal may be awarded, on the decision of the FAI Parachuting Commission, for technical innovation or achievement in parachuting. It cannot be awarded to Delegates to the FAI Parachuting Commission.

7.6.3.3. Frequency and Number. One Medal will be provided annually by the Aeronautical Federation of Croatia.

7.6.3.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations must arrive at the FAI Head Office no later than 60 days before the Parachuting Commission Meeting. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7. AWARDS FOR AEROMODELLING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Aeromodelling Commission)

7.7.1. THE FAI AEROMODELLING GOLD MEDAL

7.7.1.1. History. This Medal was established in 1987.

7.7.1.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded annually to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for outstanding merit in organisation activities. The recipient shall have:

7.7.1.2.1. - *fulfilled at least twice the function of Competition Director or a similar function at World or Continental Championships ; or*

7.7.1.2.2. - *fulfilled at least three times the function of an FAI jury member at World or Continental Championships ; or*

- 7.7.1.2.3. - *fulfilled at least five times the function of a judge or a similar function at World or Continental Championships ; or*
- 7.7.1.2.4. - *served at least three years as a delegate to the FAI Aeromodelling Commission, or served another function therein; or*
- 7.7.1.2.5. - *shown outstanding merits in developing aeromodelling by organizational activities.*

7.7.1.3. Frequency and Number. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

7.7.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7.2. THE ANDREI TUPOLEV AEROMODELLING MEDAL

7.7.2.1. History. This Medal was established in 1989.

7.7.2.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded to any aeromodeller who in the same year wins the World and National Aeromodelling Championships in the same class of models.

7.7.2.3. Frequency and Number. Not more than one medal may be awarded each year.

7.7.2.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7.3. THE ALPHONSE PENAUD AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA

7.7.3.1. History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1979, and amended in 1980.

7.7.3.2. Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded to an aeromodeller of a FAI Member who has:

- 7.7.3.2.1. - *obtained at least three times consecutively the title of national champion; or*
- 7.7.3.2.2. - *obtained at least once the title of world champion; or*
- 7.7.3.2.3. - *established at least three world records; or*
- 7.7.3.2.4. - *other outstanding sporting achievements*

7.7.3.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.7.3.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7.4. THE ANTONOV AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA

7.7.4.1. History. This Diploma was established in 1987 and is donated annually by the FAI Member of Russia to the FAI.

7.7.4.2. Eligibility. This Diploma may be awarded to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for technical

innovations in aeromodelling. The Antonov Diploma may be granted more than once to the same person for different technical innovations made in different years.

7.7.4.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.7.4.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7.5. THE ANDREI TUPOLEV AEROMODELLING DIPLOMA

7.7.5.1. History. This Diploma was established in 1989 and is donated annually by the FAI Member of Russia to the FAI.

7.7.5.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded annually to an aeromodeller of an FAI Member for an outstanding record performance in aeromodelling.

7.7.5.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.7.5.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.7.6. THE FRANK EHLING DIPLOMA

7.7.6.1. History. The Frank Ehling Diploma was established in 1999 and is donated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics of the USA. It honours Frank V Ehling whose simple model designs have been used successfully on three continents.

7.7.6.2. Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded annually for outstanding accomplishment, by an organisation or individual, in connection with the promotion of aviation through the use of flying models.

7.7.6.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.7.6.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations, giving full information about the candidate's activities up to 31st December of the preceding year, must be submitted on standard forms, available from the FAI Head Office, and must arrive at the FAI Head Office by 15th November of each year. In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.8. AWARDS FOR AEROBATICS

(Subject to approval by the FAI Aerobatics Commission)

7.8.1. THE LEON BIANCOTTO AEROBATICS DIPLOMA

7.8.1.1. History. This Diploma was established in February 1993 upon the proposal of the FAI Aerobatics Commission. Widely regarded as one of the finest aerobatics pilots of all time, Léon Biancotto was a member of the French aerobatics team. He lost his life practising for the first FAI World Aerobatic Championships in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia in 1960. Biancotto won the famous Lockheed Aerobatics Trophy in England on three of the six occasions it was held. In 1965, a competition known as the Biancotto Trophy was started and this eventually developed into the European Aerobatics Championships.

- 7.8.1.2.** Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the sport of aerobatics.
- 7.8.1.3.** Frequency and Number. Only one Biancotto Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.8.1.4.** Nomination and Approval. Procedure for selecting recipients of the Diploma shall be as set out in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.9. AWARDS FOR ASTRONAUTICS

(Subject to approval by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission)

7.9.1. THE Yu. A. GAGARIN GOLD MEDAL

- 7.9.1.1.** History. This Medal was established by the FAI in 1968 in honour of Astronaut Yu. A. Gagarin, who performed the first space flight by man on the 12th of April 1961. He lost his life on the 27th of March 1968 in a tragic aircraft accident while carrying out a training flight.
- 7.9.1.2.** Eligibility. The Yu. A. Gagarin Gold Medal may be awarded to an astronaut who, in the previous year, is considered to have made the greatest achievement in Man's conquest of Space.
- 7.9.1.3.** Frequency and Number. Normally, one Medal only is awarded each year. Exceptionally, 2 medals may be awarded.
- 7.9.1.4.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.9.2. THE V. M. KOMAROV DIPLOMA

- 7.9.2.1.** History. This Diploma was established in 1970 by the FAI to honour the memory of Soviet Cosmonaut Komarov who participated in the world record space flight of Voskhod 1 in 1964, and who lost his life while serving on a cosmic flight.
- 7.9.2.2.** Eligibility. This Diploma may be awarded to astronauts, members of multi-seater crews, for outstanding achievements in the field of exploration of outer space in the previous year.
- 7.9.2.3.** Frequency and Number. The maximum number of crews to be recognized annually shall be three.
- 7.9.2.4.** Nomination and Approval. Each year, an FAI Member may submit the names of two candidates (multi-seater crews) with supporting data. Nominations shall be processed by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.9.3. THE KOROLEV DIPLOMA

- 7.9.3.1.** History. This Diploma was established in 1988 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.
- 7.9.3.2.** Eligibility. It may be awarded to technicians or engineers having worked in orbit or on a celestial body in building structures and/or their equipment, or in a non-planned restoration or repair of a broken device to make possible the continuation of a mission, and, on this occasion, having demonstrated human work in space.
- 7.9.3.3.** Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded each year.

7.9.3.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.9.4. THE ODYSSEY DIPLOMA

7.9.4.1. History. This Diploma was established in 1988 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.

7.9.4.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded to a person or a group of persons whose actions, achievements, or works on earth, in space, or on a celestial body have safeguarded or may safeguard human life in space.

7.9.4.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded each year.

7.9.4.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.9.5. THE DIPLOMA FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ASTRONAUTICS

7.9.5.1. History. This Diploma was established in 2016 upon a proposal by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission.

7.9.5.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded to astronauts working as professionals (i.e. Government-funded or perhaps as crew members of companies such as SpaceX) for their outstanding performance in exceeding the Karman Line. Whatever their role, they would have undergone a rigorous selection and training process after many years in prior fields of work and so their achievement would be among the high points of their career.

7.9.5.3. Frequency and Number. Diplomas shall be awarded to astronauts after they finished their performance.

7.9.5.4. Nomination and Approval. Applications for award of the FAI Diploma for Outstanding Performance in Astronautics may be made at any time by the FAI Astronautic Records Commission on a uniform application form obtainable from the FAI Secretariat. Applications shall be subject to the approval of the FAI President or Secretary General. The Diploma may be presented on any appropriate FAI or national occasion.

7.10. AWARDS FOR HANG-GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING

(Subject to approval by the FAI Hang-Gliding and Paragliding Commission)

7.10.1 THE PEPE LOPES MEDAL

7.10.1.1. History. This medal was established in February, 1993 in memory of Pedro Paulo "Pepe" Lopes of Brazil who was the World Hang Gliding Champion in 1981. His energy and good humour played a big part in developing Brazil as an important centre for international competitions. He died during a hang gliding competition in Japan in 1991. The provision of the medals will be arranged by the FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission.

7.10.1.2. Eligibility. The medal may be awarded for outstanding contributions to sportsmanship or international understanding in the sport of hang gliding and paragliding. The medal will only be awarded for truly significant acts or services and will not necessarily be awarded every year.

7.10.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Medal shall be awarded each year.

7.10.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.10.2. THE FAI HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING DIPLOMA

7.10.2.1. History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1979.

7.10.2.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded to an individual who is considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the development of hang gliding and/or paragliding by his or her initiative, work or leadership in flight achievement.

7.10.2.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded each year.

7.10.2.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.11. AWARDS FOR MICROLIGHT AND PARAMOTOR AVIATION

(Subject to approval by the FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission)

7.11.1. THE COLIBRI DIPLOMA

7.11.1.1. History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1983, on a proposal by the FAI Microlight Commission.

7.11.1.2. Eligibility. It may be awarded each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of microlight or paramotor aircraft.

7.11.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually.

7.11.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Proposals may cover any period of time up to when the proposal is submitted. Procedures for nomination and approval shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.

7.11.2. THE ANN WELCH DIPLOMA

7.11.2.1. History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2006, on a proposal by the FAI Microlight Commission. Ann Welch, for many years FAI Vice President and Editor of the FAI Bulletin, played leading international roles in the development not only of Microlight and Paramotor aviation, but also of gliding and hang-gliding. She was instrumental in creating the FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA) and formulating the Microlight and Paramotor sporting code. She worked tirelessly for many years in the cause of Microlight and Paramotor sport flying.

7.11.2.2. Eligibility. Diplomas may be awarded each year to the pilot or crew of a Microlight or Paramotor who, in the opinion of CIMA, made the most meritorious flight which resulted in a Microlight or Paramotor World record claim ratified in the year in question.

7.11.2.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma shall be awarded annually for Microlights, and one for Paramotor.

7.11.2.4. Nomination and Approval. Nominations will be considered by Commission Delegates based on a list of eligible candidates from the official FAI World Record database. This list will be distributed in time before the Commission Annual Meeting.

In other respects, procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, except that, notwithstanding the provisions of Statutes 9.1.2.2., the Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or crew more than once.

7.12. AWARDS FOR AMATEUR-BUILT AIRCRAFT

(Subject to approval by the FAI Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft Commission)

7.12.1. THE PHOENIX DIPLOMA AND GROUP DIPLOMA

7.12.1.1. History. These Diplomas were established by the FAI in 1978 and 1990 respectively.

7.12.1.2. Eligibility. They may each be awarded for the best reconstruction or restoration of a vintage (more than 30 year old) aircraft achieved by an individual amateur in the case of the Phoenix Diploma and by a group of any size or description (e.g. museum, sponsored group, society, company) in the case of the Phoenix Group Diploma.

7.12.1.3. Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma and one Group Diploma may be conferred each year.

7.12.1.4. Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions :

7.12.1.4.1. Nominations shall be valid only when accompanied by a file containing:

- *A description of the aircraft.*
- *Its history (it is desirable for the aircraft to be of some historical value).*
- *The name of the person or group responsible for the reconstruction or the restoration;*
- *The number of original aircraft built;*

(The above data shall be contained on one page).

- *At least one color picture and one black and white picture, minimum size: 18 cm x 24 cm, and the negative ;*
- *A 3 view drawing.*

7.12.1.4.2. The FAI Amateur-Built & Experimental Aircraft Commission, in making its selection, shall consider:

- *Age of the aircraft. The original prototype must predate the nomination by at least thirty years.*
- *Fidelity. The aircraft must be as faithful a copy of the original as possible.*

7.12.2. THE HENRI MIGNET DIPLOMA

7.12.2.1. History. Henri Mignet was a legendary French amateur aircraft builder, and designer of the popular 'Flying Flea'. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1984 upon a proposal by the FAI Amateur Built Aircraft Committee. The award commemorates and should remain in the spirit of Henri Mignet's "Aviation for all" philosophy.

7.12.2.2. Eligibility. This diploma may be awarded to an amateur aircraft builder or a group of builders, who have developed an aircraft of any category (including microlights) which has one or more of the following characteristics:

- *Low cost of operation and of building,*
- *Simple design (use of non-sophisticated design practices and techniques),*
- *Ease of construction and maintenance,*
- *Outstanding flying characteristics,*
- *Special features and innovative concept.*

- 7.12.2.3.** The proposal may involve any of the following:
- *use of "non aviation" engines*
 - *alternate fuels*
 - *use of alternate materials (non-aeronautical standards)*
 - *low noise levels*
- 7.12.2.3.1.** The aircraft should have received its certificate of airworthiness or equivalent.
- 7.12.2.4.** Frequency and Number. Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.12.2.5.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional conditions:
- 7.12.2.5.1.** Proposals shall contain:
- *a description of the aircraft – general characteristics including details of materials used, construction methods,*
 - *a history of its development and building,*
 - *the names of the designer(s) and the builder(s),*
 - *three view drawings and a minimum of three photographs taken from various angles,*
 - *a short report of flight tests.*

7.13.	AWARDS FOR ENVIRONMENT
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7.13.1. THE ANGELO D'ARRIGO DIPLOMA

- 7.13.1.1.** History: This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2013 following a proposal by the FAI Environmental Commission.
- 7.13.1.2.** Eligibility: It may be awarded to individuals or organisations that have contributed significantly to the defense of and respect for the environment affected by air sports. The activities may include: scientific researches, private, public or commercial events or activities, developed or promoted directly by Pilots, sport flying Clubs, NACs or Public or Private bodies as Small and Medium Enterprises.
- 7.13.1.3.** Frequency and Number: Only one Diploma may be awarded each year.
- 7.13.1.4.** Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes.