



# Enter the FAI Young Artists Contest and have your share in the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015!

Lausanne, Switzerland, 25 July 2014 – Are you a young artist aged from 6 to 17 ? Would you like to have your share in the greatest and most exciting air sports event - the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 in Dubai ? No need for you to have a pilot licence or to jump from an airplane. Just let your creativity flow and make your painting talent shine to compete in the 2015 FAI Young Artists Contest whose theme is "Create a poster for the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015".

Entries will be divided into three age groups: junior category (ages 6-9), intermediate category (ages 10-13 years and senior category (ages 14-17).

The winners for each group will be awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze Medals.

The winning paintings will be exhibited in Dubai during the FAI World Air Games for all the spectators to admire.

"How could we not include the young people in the Federation's most important and biggest event? They are our future," FAI Sports & Marketing Director Markus Haggeney said. "Entering the FAI Young Artist Contest will give them the opportunity to step into the exciting world of air sports and the FAI World Air Games."

## How to participate?

To enter the contest, young people must first contact the <u>FAI Member in their country</u> and check with them the deadline to submit their drawing. They must then send their artworks to their FAI Member.

The participating FAI Members will each make a selection of the three best artworks in each category and send the chosen artworks to the FAI by 1 April 2015.

Interpretation of the 2015 theme - "Create a poster for the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015"

In December 2015, the top air sport athletes from around the globe will travel to Dubai, UAE, to compete in the largest air sports event in the world, the FAI World Air Games. Over a period of 12 days, spectators will enjoy special locations with outstanding views of the Palm Jumeirah and the skyline of Dubai while watching world class competitions and air shows fill the sky in a dazzling display of manoeuvres that can only take place above the ground.

Airplanes and gliders will amaze the crowd with spins, loops, and dives in the aerobatic games, while powered planes will show their skills in an air navigation race. There will also be radio controlled aerobatics: the same spins, loops, and dives, but at a much smaller size. Additionally, Indoor Aero Musicals will be featured.

People will look up to see colourful hot air balloons and airships dotting the sky. These graceful craft, around for over 200 years, will be displayed next to the latest experimental aircraft flown in from around the world.

Spectators will feel the excitement as hang gliders compete for aerobatic ability while paragliders show off their aerobatic and landing accuracy abilities. They will see parachutists not only practice their

accuracy landing but work together in incredible formation skydiving and on their canopy piloting, whereas others will showcase their skills in the indoor wind-tunnel.

Last, but certainly not least, they will see microlights and paramotors compete in slalom races as helicopter pilots show off their craft in slalom and accuracy competitions.

All of this and much, much more will be at the FAI World Games 2015. Your assignment: grab your favourite art supplies and create a poster that captures the excitement and possibilities of the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015. Good luck, and remember, the sky is the limit!

### **About the FAI Young Artists Contest**

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

FAI Members make arrangements in each country for a national competition, or similar process of selection, for young people resident in their countries. The national winners are then submitted to the International Jury. A different theme is chosen every year to inspire the young artists and reflect the many facets of air sports. The theme for 2014 was "Flying to Save Lives".

- Theme of the FAI Young Artists Contest
- Rules for the FAI Young Artists Contest
- History of FAI Young Artists Contest Winners
- Guidelines for FAI Young Artists Contests

#### **About the FAI World Air Games**

The World Air Games, conducted under the rules of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), is the premier international multi-discipline air sports event fielding the world's top Air Sports athletes.

The FAI's primary goals for this event are to determine "FAI World Air Games Champions"; to showcase air sports to the general public and promote public participation in air sports by attracting new participants to air sports disciplines; to promote FAI events to other sports organisations and create an attractive platform for TV, media and other external stakeholders.

The past editions of the Games took place in Turkey (1997), Spain (2001) and Italy (2009).

FAI World Air Games dedicated pages on the FAI website

#### About the FAI

The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI (<a href="www.fai.org">www.fai.org</a>) was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation.

FAI activities include Balloons and Airships, Power Flying, Gliding, Helicopter flight, Parachuting, Aeromodelling, Aerobatics, Hang Gliding, Microlight and Paramotor flying, Amateur Building of aircraft, Manpowered flying, Paragliding and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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