



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE Ballooning Commission

Montgolfier Ballooning Diploma

The Montgolfier Diploma was created in 1960. The first two years several diplomas were awarded for performance or contributions to the sport in the years before 1960. From 1972, two diplomas were available each year. One for an outstanding performance and one for contribution to the development of the sport of ballooning in general. After 1975, two performance diplomas were available, one for gas and one for hot air balloonists. A third performance diploma, for Rozier balloon pilots, became available, from 1992.

YEAR	GAS	HOT AIR	ROZIER	CONTRIBUTION
2017	Nicolas Tieche and Laurant Sciboz (SUI)	Bill Smith (USA)	none	Jean-Claude Weber (LUX)
2016	Kurt Frieden and Pascal Witprachtiger (SUI)	Sebastian Msuya (CAN)	Fedor Konyukov (RUS)	Ales Kubicek (CZE)
2015	Troy Bradley (USA) and Leonid Tiukhtyaev (RUS)	none	none	Mathijs De Bruijn (NED)
2014	none	Sandra Rolfe (CAN)	none	none
2013	none	none	none	Stella Roux Devillas (FRA)
2012	none	none	none	Paolo Bonanno (Italy)
2011	none	Stefan Zeberli (SUI)	none	none

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2010	none	John Petrehn (USA)	none	Albert “Bert” Padelt (USA)
2009	Cheri White (USA)	Sven Goehler (GER)	none	David Levin (USA)
2008	none	Pierrick Duvoisin (SUI)	none	Mako Oiwa (JPN)
2007	David Hemplemann-Adams (GBR)	Richard Jaworski (USA)	Troy Bradley (USA)	Gert Scholz (AUT)
2006	Philippe De Cock and Ronny Van Havere (Belgium)	Dr. Vijaypat Singhania (India)	none	none
2005	Bob Berben and Benoît Siméons (Belgium)	Andy Cayton (USA)	Greg Winker (USA)	Pat Brake (USA)
2004	Mark Sullivan (USA)	Markus Pieper (GER)	none	Arnost Honig (CZE)
2003	Dr. Coy Foster (USA)	Troy Bradley (USA)	David Hempleman-Adams (GBR)	Mark West (USA)
2002	Jean-Francois Leys (FRA) and Vincent Leys (FRA)	Vic Johnson (USA) and Larry Simburger (USA)	none	none
2001	Astrid Gerhardt (GER)	Oscar Lindström(SWE)	none	Albert Cramer (GER)
2000	none	Jon Kolba (USA)	Kevin J. Uliassi (USA)	Jean Sax (BEL)
1999	Richard Abruzzo (USA) and Dr. Carol Rymer Davis (USA)	Uwe Schneider (GER)	Bertrand Piccard (SUI) and Brian Jones (GBR)	Masashi Kakuda (JPN)
1998	none	none	none	Josef Starkbaum (AUT)

1997	none	David Bareford (GBR)	none	Mark Sullivan (USA)
1996	none	none	none	Hans Akerstedt (SWE)
1995	Alan Fraenckel (ISV) and John Stuart-Jarvis (ISV) (both posthumous)	William E. Bussey (USA)	J. Steven Fossett (USA)	Alan Fraenckel (ISV) (posthumous) & Victor Fraenckel (USA)
1994	none	Jetta Schantz (USA)	Steven Griffin (AUS)	Tim Cole and Dennis Brown (USA)
1993	Wilhelm Eimers (GER)	Alan Blount (USA)	John Wallington and Dick Smith (AUS) awarded 1995	Saburo Ichiyoshi (JPN)
1992	David Levin (USA)	Chris Dewhirst (Australia) and Andy Elson (GBR)	Thomas Feliu and Jesus Gonzales- Green (ESP)	Les Purfield (GBR)
YEAR	GAS	HOT AIR	.	CONTRIBUTION
1991	none	none	.	none
1990	Don Cameron (GBR) awarded 1992	none	.	Gustav Samsel (FRA)
1989	none	none	.	Thomas A. Sheppard (USA)
1988	none	Michio Kanda (JPN)	.	Charles 'Dewey' Reinhard (USA)
1987	none	Per Lindstrand (SWE)	.	Ernst Iselin (SUI)
1986	Henk Brink (NED)	Coy Foster (USA)	.	Debbra Spaeth (USA)
1985	none	none	.	Malcolm Forbes (USA)
1984	Franz-Josef (JoJo) Maes (GER)	John Petrehn (USA)	.	Joseph Kittinger (USA) (awarded by FAI Council)
1983	Joseph Kittinger (USA)	Joseph Starkbaum (AUT)	.	Horst Hassold (GER)
1982	Nikki Caplan (USA)	Edward Chapman (USA)	.	Dick Wirth (UK) (posthumous)
1981	John Shoecraft (USA)	Michel Arnould (FRA)	.	Jan Balkedal (SWE)
1980	Gerd Aderman (FRA)	none	.	Carol Davis (USA)

1979	none	Chauncey Dunn (USA)	.	Richard Brown (USA)
1978	Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, Larry Newman, (USA)	Philip Clark (GBR)	.	Geoffrey Green (HKG)
1977	Wulf Bergner (GER)	Nigel Tasker (GBR)	.	Gunter Pesch (GER)
1976	Paul Edward Yost (USA)	Bruce Comstock (USA)	.	Don Cameron (GBR)
1975	Anthony Smith (GBR)	Kingswood Sprott (USA)	.	Sydney Cutter (USA)
YEAR	PERFORMANCE	.	.	CONTRIBUTION
1974	Helma Sjuts (GER)	.	.	Eddie Allen (USA)
1973	Deiter Grieshaber (GER)	.	.	Tracy Barnes (USA)
1972	Julian Nott (GBR)	.	.	Walter Locher (GER)
YEAR	PERFORMANCE or CONTRIBUTION	.	.	.
1971	Karl Stefan (USA)			
1970	Hans Dolpp (GER)			
1969	Peter Pellegrino (USA)			
1968	Wolfgang Haueisen (GER)			
1967	Alfred Schulz (GER)			
1966	Ernst Krauer (SUI)			
1965	Fritz Braun (GER)			
1964	Fred Forrer (SUI)			
1963	Nini Boesman (NED)			
1962	Don Piccard (USA)			
1961	Constance Wolf (USA)			
1960	George Ernest (Gerry) Long (GBR)			

	Fred Dolder (SUI)			
	H. Kipfer (SUI)			
	Ernst Frank (GER)			
	Philippe Quersin (BEL)			
	Charles Dollfus (FRA)			
1959	Bruno Potthast (GER)			
	Alfred Eckert (GER)			
	H.G. Cannegieter (NED)			
	Ernst Huber (SUI)			
	Ernest Demuyter (BEL)			
	Zbigniew Burzynski (POL)			
	Franciszek Janik (POL)			

1959 - 2017: 142 different individuals have received a Montgolfier Diploma. Red lettering indicates the two time recipients and yellow highlighting indicates three time recipients.

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.

Eligibility, Frequency and Number.

Four Montgolfier Diplomas may be awarded annually, one to recognise each of the following :

- *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Gas Ballooning ;*
- *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Hot Air Ballooning ;*
- *the best sporting performance in the previous Montgolfier year in Roziere Ballooning*
- *A major contribution to the development of the sport of Ballooning in general.*

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

Nomination and Approval. Procedures

shall be as described in Chapter 10 of the FAI Bylaws subject to the following additional conditions :

Each FAI Member may submit the names of four candidates, one in each of the categories defined in 12.2.1.2 above.

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.

In the event a Diploma is awarded to a team, each team member will receive a Diploma.

The Montgolfier Diploma may be awarded to the same individual or team more than once, but not in the same category.