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FAI Announces Winners of the 2015 FAI Young Artists Contest

Lausanne, Switzerland, 5 May 2015 – **The FAI is pleased to announce the list of the winners for the 2015 FAI Young Artists Contest. An international jury selected the three best paintings for each of the categories: Junior (ages 6-9), Intermediate (ages 10-13), Senior (ages 14-17). Their authors will receive FAI gold, silver and bronze medals.**

Junior Category:

1. Xinyun ZHOU (USA)
2. *ex aequo*:
Sakuya WATANABE (Japan)
Xinyi ZHANG (USA)

Intermediate Category:

1. Jasmin YOON (USA)
2. Yana SERGEYCHIK (Russia)
3. Ozan MERCAN (Turkey)

Senior Category:

1. Xiao HU (China)
2. Xincheng ZHOU (USA)
3. Juria HIROSE (Japan)

The theme for this year's competition was "Create a poster for the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 on the occasion of the FAI flagship event which will take place from 1 to 12 December 2015.

"When choosing the FAI World Air Games as this year's theme we hoped to make thousands of young people aware of this fantastic competition. We also saw it as a great opportunity for them to learn more about the sports featuring in the event programme and the exciting city of Dubai. Looking at the wonderful paintings we received, I am delighted to see that this objective has fully been reached!" said FAI Young Artists Contest Coordinator Suzie Gebb.

The FAI Young Artists Contest was first organised at a national level in 18 member countries of the FAI: China, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Nepal, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and USA. The national winning paintings were then sent to the FAI Head Office, where the jury selected the international winners.

The winning paintings can be viewed in a presentation video on the [FAI Youtube Channel](#) or in [an FAI photoset on Flickr](#). They can also be downloaded in high resolution from the [FAI Cloud](#).

The FAI warmly congratulates the winners of the 2015 FAI Young Artists Contest and thanks the FAI Members for their participation.

The theme for the 2016 edition of the contest will be disclosed in the next few months.

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 organise either a national competition or another similar process of selection for the young people resident in their respective countries. The national winning paintings 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.

- [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 World Air Games 2015 has been awarded to the United Arab Emirates and will be held in Dubai. This multi-discipline event will be organised by the Emirates Aerosports Federation under the patronage of the Crown Prince of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and will take place from 1 to 12 December 2015.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed on 4 June 2014 by Dr. John Grubbström, FAI President, and His Excellency Nasser Al Neyadi, President of the Emirates Aerosports Federation.

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).

- www.worldairgames.aero

About the FAI

The [Fédération Aéronautique Internationale \(FAI\)](#), also known as the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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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