FAI Awards – Nomination Form
FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)

(one form per nomination)

Submitted by – *the FAI Statutes 9.1.3.2*			
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Name of the Award	**Description**	**Nomination**
The Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma *the FAI By-Laws- 7.3.1*	*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.*	☑

Nomination for			
First Name	Reinhard	**Family Name**	Ruck
Birthdate	1945-07-05	**Email Address**	famruck@web.de

Citations* for the Nomination *(Shall not exceeding 250 words based on the FAI By-Laws 7.2.1)* **Will be uploaded to FAI Database and presented at fai.org*	For more than fifty years, Reinhard Ruck has rendered distinguished, sustained service to powered flight within General Aviation—nationally and internationally. As a multiple World Championship competitor and an international judge, he brought exemplary fairness, technical mastery, and calm authority to the flightline and the jury room alike. At home, he has supported the full spectrum of motor flying events for decades—organizing, mentoring, advising, and quietly ensuring that competitions run safely, to standard, and with a spirit of sportsmanship. His influence reaches beyond results and rankings: through his guidance of officials and crews, his commitment to rules clarity and consistent application, and his tireless encouragement of young pilots, he has strengthened quality, safety, and talent development across our community. Colleagues consistently describe Mr. Ruck as principled, reliable, and generous with his time and expertise—an example of integrity in action. After stepping back from active duties for health reasons last year, his legacy is evident in the many people he has coached, the processes he has improved, and the trust he has earned over decades of service. The FAI General Aviation Commission's Charles Lindbergh Diploma honors enduring contributions that advance our sport and its values. In every respect—longevity, impact, and exemplary conduct—Reinhard Ruck fulfils these criteria. Awarding this Diploma to Mr. Ruck appropriately recognizes a lifetime of effective, selfless leadership in motor flying and will inspire future generations to uphold the same high standards. We respectfully submit this nomination with profound gratitude for his exemplary service.
Additional information about of the nominee **Add the links website/social media, photos, articles etc.** *(All in relation while practicing his/her sport or achievement he/she is nominated for)*	

*All nominations must be received at the FAI Secretariat in electronic format **latest 60 days before** the Commission Plenary Meeting based on the FAI By-Laws 7.1.2.*
Please submit your nomination to commissions@fai.org

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Dear Members of the FAI General Aviation Commission,

It is my honor to nominate **Mr. Reinhard Ruck** for the **Charles Lindbergh Diploma**. For **more than fifty years**, Mr. Ruck has served the **powered flight (motor flying) community** with extraordinary dedication, consistency, and integrity—**internationally and nationally**.

As a **competitor** at numerous **World Championships** and as an **international judge**, Mr. Ruck has helped shape the sport within General Aviation through exemplary fairness, technical expertise, and a deep understanding of regulations and values. Nationally, he has supported **all significant sporting events** for many years—whether as organizer, mentor, advisor, or reliable pillar behind the scenes—contributing meaningfully to **quality assurance**, **safety**, and **talent development**.

Mr. Ruck embodies the very virtues the **Charles Lindbergh Diploma** seeks to recognize **long-standing service** to General Aviation, **improvement of sporting practice**, and **positive impact** on the community. His contributions have been **sustained, effective, and exemplary**, across roles and over decades, with remarkable personal commitment.

In the past year, Mr. Ruck stepped back from active duties **for health reasons**. This does not diminish his **lifelong achievements** in motor flying. On the contrary, it underscores how timely and appropriate it is to honor his **outstanding commitment** at this level.

The FAI GAC's Charles Lindbergh Diploma is intended to recognize **enduring, substantive merits**. Mr. Reinhard Ruck fulfills these criteria in a particularly compelling way. I am convinced that awarding him the diploma would be a strong and fitting **recognition of service**, and an inspiration to future generations in our sport.

Sincerely,
Arnold Grubek / Chairman of the German Power Flying Association / German Aero Club
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