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**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.

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| **YEAR** | **GAS** | **HOT AIR** | **ROZIER** | **CONTRIBUTION** |
| 2015 | Troy Bradley (USA) and  Leonid Tiukhtyaev (RUS) | None | None | Mathijs deBruijn |
| 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 |
| 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) |
| **YEAR** | **GAS** | **HOT AIR** | **ROZIER** | **CONTRIBUTION** |
| 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  Benoït 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. Steve Fossett (USA) | Alan Fraenckel (ISV) (posthumous)  & Victor Fraenckel (USA) |
| **YEAR** | **GAS** | **HOT AIR** | . | **CONTRIBUTION** |
| 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) |
| 1991 | Don Cameron (GBR)awarded 1992 | none | . | none |
| 1990 | none | none | . | Gustav Samsel (FRG) |
| 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 (FRG) | John Petrehn (USA | . | Joseph Kittinger (USA)  (awarded by FAI Council) |
| 1983 | Joseph Kittinger (USA) | Joseph Starkbaum (AUT) | . | Horst Hassold (FRG) |
| 1982 | Nikki Caplan (USA) | Edward Chapman (USA) | . | Dick Wirth (UK) (posthumous) |
| 1981 | John Shoecraft (USA) | Michel Arnould (FRA) | . | Jan Balkedal (SWE) |
| 1980 | Gerd Aderman (FRG) | 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 (FRG) | Nigel Tasker (GBR) | . | Gunter Pesch (FRG) |
| **YEAR** | **PERFORMANCE** | . | . | **CONTRIBUTION** |
| 1976 | Paul Edward Yost (USA) | Bruce Comstock (USA) | . | Don Cameron (GBR) |
| 1975 | Anthony Smith (GBR) | Kingswood Sprott (USA) | . | Sydney Cutter (USA) |
| 1974 | Helma Sjuts (FRG) | . | . | Eddie Allen (USA) |
| 1973 | Deiter Grieshaber (FRG) | . | . | Tracy Barnes (USA) |
| 1972 | Julian Nott (GBR) | . | . | Walter Locher (FRG) |
| **YEAR** | **PERFORMANCE or CONTRIBUTION** | . | . | . |
| 1971 | Karl Stefan (USA) |  |  |  |
| 1970 | Hans Dolpp (FRG) |  |  |  |
| 1969 | Peter Pellegrino (USA) |  |  |  |
| 1968 | Wolfgang Haueisen (FRG) |  |  |  |
| 1967 | Alfred Schulz (FRG) |  |  |  |
| 1966 | Ernst Krauer (SUI) |  |  |  |
| 1965 | Fritz Braun (FRG) |  |  |  |
| 1964 | Fred Forrer (SUI) |  |  |  |
| 1963 | Nini Boesman (NED) |  |  |  |
| 1962 | Don Piccard (USA |  |  |  |
| 1961 | Constance Wolf (USA) |  |  |  |
| 1960 | Fred Dolder (SUI) |  |  |  |
|  | Charles Dollfus (FRA) |  |  |  |
|  | George Ernest (Gerry) Long (GBR) |  |  |  |
|  | Ernst Frank (FRG) |  |  |  |
|  | H. Kipfer (SUI) |  |  |  |
|  | Philippe Quersin (BEL) |  |  |  |
| 1959 | Zbigniew Burzynski (POL) |  |  |  |
|  | H.G. Cannegieter (NED) |  |  |  |
|  | Ernest Demuyter (BEL) |  |  |  |
|  | Alfred Eckert (FRG) |  |  |  |
|  | Ernst Huber (SUI) |  |  |  |
|  | Franciszek Janik (POL) | Needs research to confirm |  |  |
|  | Bruno Potthast (FRG) |  |  |  |

\* Before 1990 (October 3) there were 2 Germanys.

* West Germany, officially Federal Republic of Germany (FRG)
* East Germany, officially German Democratic Republic (GDR)

**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.