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FAI
Secretary General
Mr. Max Bishop
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Subject: Nomination for FAI Montgolfier Diploma

Dear Secretary General,
dear friend Max,

the Aero Club of Austria nominates Mr. Gert Scholz for the FAI Montgolfier Diploma for major contributions to the development of the sport of ballooning in general.
Gert Scholz has been active in several areas of ballooning since 1977, thus celebrating the 30th anniversary as a balloonist in 2007.

Following are some of his contributions to the sport of ballooning:

Administration:

Head of the ballooning Section in the Aero Club of Austria, 1979 – 1988
CIA Delegate, respectively Observer at the CIA meetings in Paris, Montreal, Dresden, Marbella, Istanbul, Venice, Lausanne and Saloniki.
ONF Delegate (since 1991, National Sporting Commission)
Int. Jury at Hot Air Balloon Europeans in Lezno, Poland, 1988
Steward at the 6th Hot Air Airship in Gatineau, Canada 1998
Jury Member at some championships in Austria

Innovations:

Gert Scholz implemented the Austrian Nationals in 1980.
That was an important milestone for ballooning to become a competitive sport in Austria.

Organisation of several balloon events:

Gert Scholz introduced – together with Josef Starkbaum – the first Winter Hot Air Balloon Competition in the Alps worldwide in 1979: the “BP Gas Alpine Balloon Trophy”. In 2008 the “BP Gas Trophy” takes place for the 29th time and the 30th BP Gas Trophy is already planned for 2009.

Gert Scholz is organiser of all 29 “BP Gas Trophies”:

1979 -1983	Filzmoos
1984 -1988	St. Gilgen
1989	Rohrmoos
1994	Zell am See

1990-92, 95-98	Ramsau/Dachstein
1999-2006	Murau
2007, 2008	Europa-Sportregion Zell am See – Kaprun

Furthermore, Gert Scholz has organised:

1986	5 th Hot Air Balloon	Europeans,	Schielleten, Stubenberg am See, A
1987	8 th Hot Air Balloon	Worlds,	Schielleten, Stubenberg am See, A
1992	7 th Gas Balloon	Worlds,	Obertraun, A
1996	10 th Hot Air Balloon	Europeans,	Schielleten, Stubenberg am See, A
2000	7 th Hot Air Airship	Worlds,	Schielleten, Stubenberg am See, A Bad Tatzmannsdorf, A
1988	32 nd Coupe Gordon Bennett		Bregenz, Austria
1989	33 rd Coupe Gordon Bennett		Lech am Arlberg, Austria
1990	34 th Coupe Gordon Bennett		Lech am Arlberg, Austria
1991	35 th Coupe Gordon Bennett		Lech am Arlberg, Austria
1994	38 th Coupe Gordon Bennett		Lech am Arlberg, Austria

8 times Austrian Nationals from 1980 on
9 times Para Ballooning Cup

1996 Organisation of the **CIA Plenary Meeting** in the City Club, Voesendorf, Austria
2001 Co-organiser of the „**Flugtag – 100 Jahre Österreichischer Aero Club**“

Sporting activities:

2-times Gas Balloon World-Champion, copilot with Josef Starkbaum

1982	2 nd Gas Balloon Worlds, Bern, CH	4 th .place
1988	5 th Gas Ballon WM in Augsburg, D	1st place
1990	6 th Gas Ballon WM in Tyndall, USA,	1st place
1992	7 th Gas Ballon WM in Obertraun, A	3 rd place

Coupe Gordon Bennett 9 take offs, **6 victories in a row**, copilot with Josef Starkbaum

1984	Zürich, CH - Montalivet, F	780 km, 38:04 hrs/min	2 nd place
1985	Genf, CH - Toulon, F	342 km, 21:09 hrs/min	1st place
1986	Salzburg, A - Paasdorf, A	272 km, 19:11 hrs/min	1st place
1987	Seefeld, A - Titograd, YU	852 km, 34:16 hrs/min	1st place
1988	Bregenz, A - Skopje, YU	1.111 km , 41:09 hrs/min	1st place
1989	Lech, A - Debrecen, H	911 km, 37:33 hrs/min	1st place
1990	Lech, A - Schiave, I	693 km, 33:20 hrs/min	1st place
1991	Lech, A - Nabrad, H	927 km, 41:18 hrs/min	2 nd place
1992	Stuttgart, D - Kielce, PL	872 km, 46:12 hrs/min	3 rd place

As Gert Scholz is celebrating his 30th jubilee as a balloonist in 2007, the FAI Montgolfier Diploma would be an appropriate present.

With best regards



Alois Roppert
President Austrian Aero Club