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World's best gather in Strasbourg for Indoor Aerobatic World Championships

2017 FAI F3P World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft: 19-25 February 2017
The competition rounds starting Tuesday will be broadcasted live on Youtube

Strasbourg, France, 20 February 2017 - **More than 50 of the world's best indoor aerobatic model-aircraft flyers have arrived in Strasbourg, France, for a week-long competition that will see a new world champion crowned king of the indoor skies.**

The opening ceremony of the FAI F3P World Championship for Indoor Aerobatic Model Aircraft took place in the Rotonde Gymnasium, in Strasbourg on Sunday.

More used to hosting conventional hall sports like basketball or badminton, the venue is instead playing host to dozens of incredible indoor radio-controlled aerobatic model planes for the whole week until Saturday 25 February 2017.

Fifty-two competitors from Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany Italy, Japan, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Russia, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the USA are competing for world titles in F3P.

F3P is precision aerobatics in a very restricted space. The discipline demands fine control of the very smallest movements. Pilots put their remote-controlled model planes through a series of complex aerobatic figures over a number of different routines.

Competitors must perform consistently and at a high level throughout the week to walk away with a win.

Many eyes will be on Austrian Gernot Bruckman who is the current master of the discipline. A double world champion he will be looking for a third win in Strasbourg.

The championship is organised by Federation Française d'Aéromodélisme (FFAM) with the support of Comité Régional d'Aéromodélisme Alsace (CRAM Alsace).

The official Opening Ceremony took place on Sunday 19 February 2017, with the final competition rounds on Friday 24 February.

An Aerobatic Freestyle show set to music, plus a spectacular indoor air show will take place on Saturday 25 February. It will give the opportunity to spectators of all ages to discover more about this discipline – no previous knowledge is needed to appreciate the skill and passion of the pilots.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Competition website, including live tracking, results and daily reports: www.f3pwc2017.fr

Live broadcast: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiwg6hKHqZ3rFkhMVktMiZA/videos>

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About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation (www.fai.org), 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).

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