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Montgolfier Diploma 2015 Nomination
A major contribution to the development of the sport of Ballooning in general

Mathijs de Bruijn
The Netherlands

Mathijs has devoted his career in facilitating and improving the Hot Air Balloon Competition in the Netherlands, Europe and all over the world:

- * Within the CIA Rule Subcommittee he redesigned the AXMER, the regulations for the Hot Air Balloon Competitions according to Lufthansa Basic Operation Manual of the Boeing 737;
- * Author of the first edition of the CIA Competition Operations Manual, road map for directing ballooning competitions;
- * In 1982 he organized the first German Championship according to CIA rules and regulations. Because of his drive, passion and personal commitment Germany could evolve as one of the main and most important Hot Air Balloon Competition nations;
- * His experience and efforts were also advantageous for the competition level in the national ballooning championships in the Netherlands;
- * He has spread ballooning knowledge as competition leader and has trained local officials all over the world;
- * He has put a lot of energy, money and time in the first development and introduction of the GPS device, the way of using it, the proper software, appropriate 3-dimensional tasks (donut and pie), online GPS practice guide and last but not least competition regulation that came with it;
- * Development and internet introduction of the scoring programme Bscoring, a scoring programme, which is very convenient to use.
- * Delegate for the Netherlands in the CIA during 30 years;
- * As a succesfull competition pilot and prominent competition leader he has placed the European ballooning at the leading edge of the Hot Air Ballooning worldwide.
- * Due to his efforts ballooning could achieve a world-wide higher and uniform level.

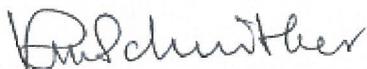
Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the DBCC and KNVvL afd. Ballonvaren
Bert Stuiver, chairman Dutch Balloon Comptition Club
Ronald Termaat, Director Dutch Royal Aeronautical Association
Sanne Haarhuis, alternate delegate the Netherlands

Statistical facts

- * Alternative CIA delegate for Netherlands to CIA for 2 years. 1984 and 1988
- * CIA delegate for Netherlands to CIA for 27 years: 1989 to 2016
- * CIA Vice President for 10 years. 1992-1999 and 2004 to 2005
 - Member of the CIA Rules Subcommittee for many years
 - Chairman of the CIA Scoring Working Group for many years
 - * Event Director of the CIA AX World Championships: 2010 and 2014
- * Event Director of the CIA European AX Championships: 2005, 2013 and 2015
- * Event Director of the Coupe Gordon Bennett: 2000 and 2003
- * Competition achievements
 - AX World Championships: Competed 11 times from 1979 to 2004
Ranked top ten 1998 and 2002
 - AX European Championships: Competed 14 times 1980 to 2011
Second place 1982 and 1988
Third place 1980 and 1986
Top ten 1990, 1992 and 2003

Also competed in numerous national championships in Europe

Kind regards,



Ronald Schnitker,
President

