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Medals galore at the FAI World Air Games

- *Gold for Australia in the Semi Scale Pylon Racing
- *Latvia triumphs in the Combat Model Aircraft event
- *Paragliding Aerobatics and Aircraft Building medals awarded

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 9 December 2015 – **Six brand new FAI World Air Games champions were crowned yesterday at the Skydive Dubai Palm Dropzone in Dubai.**

Bruce de Chastel, from Australia, stepped up to accept the gold for the Aeromodelling F3T, or Semi Scale Pylon Racing, competition.

"This is the peak," he said. "I didn't even dare to dream about this. It's too much."

Latvian Aleksandrs Prokofjevs was awarded the gold medal in the F2D Combat Model Aircraft contest.

"Thanks to my dad, who builds the best planes in the world," he said.

And acro paragliders Tim Alongi (FRA), Théo de Blic (FRA) and Horacio Llorens (ESP) climbed to the top of the podium to receive their gold medals for the Solo and Synchro Paragliding Aerobatics events.

New Solo champion Alongi, 24, put his success down to taking a few risks on the day.

"I took some risks performing manoeuvres I've only done a few times before, and it paid off," he said. "I just try to fly my own style."

Llorens, one half of the victorious Twisted Boys synchronised team, said that it was about keeping your nerve under pressure.

"You have to fly as well in competition as you do in training," he said.

The ceremony also included the presentation of prizes for the Aircraft Building event.

Winner Luca Magni (ITA), whose medal was collected by Alfons Hubmann, constructed a fully functioning aircraft in just three-and-a-half days with his team.

For full results of all the competitions, look at the Live Scoring on the FAI World Air Games Dubai website: <http://wagdubai.ae/scores/ScoreSheet>.

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About the FAI World Air Games

The FAI World Air Games, conducted under the rules of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), is the premier international multi-discipline air sports event fielding the world's top Air Sports athletes.

The FAI World Air Games 2015 has been awarded to the United Arab Emirates and will be held in Dubai. This multi-discipline event will be organised by the Emirates Aerosports Federation under the patronage of the Crown Prince of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and will take place from 1 to 12 December 2015.

Ten air sports are programmed: Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Aerostats, Amateur-Built Aircraft, General Aviation, Gliding, Microlights & Paramotors, Parachuting, Paragliding and Rotorcraft.

The FAI's primary goals for this event are to determine "FAI World Air Games Champions"; to showcase air sports to the general public and promote public participation in air sports by attracting new participants to air sports disciplines; to promote FAI events to other sports organisations and to create an attractive platform for TV, media and other external stakeholders.

The past editions of the Games took place in Turkey (1997), Spain (2001) and Italy (2009).

About FAI

The [Fédération Aéronautique Internationale \(FAI\)](#), also known as the World Air Sports Federation, 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).

FAI activities include Balloons and Airships, Power Flying, Gliding, Helicopter flight, Parachuting, Aeromodelling, Aerobatics, Hang Gliding, Microlight and Paramotor Flying, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Manpowered Flying, Paragliding and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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