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2017 FAI Young Artists Contest: Winners announced

Lausanne, Switzerland, 12 April 2017 – **The winners of the 2017 FAI Young Artists Contest have been announced. They include two youngsters from India and one from Russia.**

Working to the theme of 'Beyond the clouds', children from across the world were invited to take part in the competition, which is open to 6-17 year-olds from all FAI Member countries.

As well as the theme of Beyond the Clouds, the junior artists had a brief to work to: "We see almost every aspect of clouds, except what they look like from above. Above the clouds is a space known only to those who dare to break the bounds of Earth ... grab your favourite art supplies and turn your imagination loose."

Each year the competition honours the best paintings from youngsters in three age categories: Junior (6-9 years old); Intermediate (10-13); and Senior (14-17).

This year, the competition saw entries from 16 countries, including: Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, India, Japan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA. Switzerland and Belarus received more than 1000 entries, and Turkey more than 7000.

India's Mohd Ubaid won the Junior category; Amaan (IND) won the Intermediate; and Elizaveta Timoshenko (RUS) won the Senior category.

To take part, FAI Member countries must first organise either a national competition or another process of selection. The winning paintings from each country are then submitted to the FAI International Jury.

A different theme is chosen every year to inspire the young artists and reflect the many different facets of air sports.

Winners are awarded special FAI Young Artists medals and diplomas.

WINNERS 2017

Juniors (ages 6-9)

1. Mohd Ubaid (IND)
2. Mohammad Uzair (IND)
3. Lidia Pankowska (POL)

Intermediate (ages 10-13)

1. Mr Amaan (IND)
2. Ms Mehwish (IND)
3. Hanna Tomaszuk (POL)

Seniors (ages 14-17)

1. Elizaveta Timoshenko (RUS)
2. Sky Waters (USA)
3. Ece Güler (TUR)

About the FAI Young Artists Contest:

www.fai.org/about-fai/fai-young-artists-contest

The FAI Young Artists Contest has been organised every year since 1986. It is an international art contest with a theme of air sports for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 17.

Drawings in high resolution:

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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).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Drones, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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