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Dear Mr. Desprez,

Please find attached the CV of Mr. **José Luis Aresti Aguirre**, in order to nominate him for "The Leon Biancotto Aerobatics Diploma".

Your sincerely,

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***Nomination for the Leon Biancotto Aerobatics Diploma  
José Luis Aresti Aguirre***

José Luis Aresti was born in 1917 and passed away in 2003.

He became a flyer in the 1930s in time to get involved in the Civil War. He became a pilot for the Republican Government; he was assigned the Polikarpov 1-16 Rata low-wing monoplane and within six months found himself flying demonstrations for his military chiefs. After the war, Aresti became a test pilot for the Air Ministry Flight Test Centre in Madrid, and founded several civilian pilot training schools in Spain, while flying airshows around Europe.

He was an outstanding pilot who was able to fly any type of aircraft and already in 1971 he had trained more than 2000 pilots. He acted as President of the International Jury at various World Aerobatic Championships. He was elected President of the Spanish Aeronautical Federation in 1966 and President of the FAI-CIVA in 1967. He was awarded many distinctions, the Spanish Sports Merit Gold Medal and the FAI Gold Air Medal included.

He created the Aresti Aerocriptographic System. This System allowed the agreement on the criteria at an international level among all pilots and judges of the aerobatic world. This is the reason why it was officially adopted by the FAI. This work was the result of many years of aeronautical experience and hard work.

Finally, we must mention the José Luis Aresti's Cup. It was created and given to the FAI with the purpose of being a symbol representing and consolidating the sportiveness and friendship of all pilots around the world.