



1 December 2016

## Official invitation to National Aero Clubs (NACs)

Dear Ms. / Mr. President,

Under the sanction granted by the FAI Ballooning Commission (CIA), the Swiss Aero Club (AeCS) and the Swiss Ballooning Federation (SBAV/FSA) have great pleasure in inviting you to take part in the

### **61<sup>st</sup> Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship**

#### Details of the event

*Name of the event:* 61<sup>st</sup> Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett  
FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship

*Organizing Body:* Association Gordon Bennett Fribourg 2017

*Location:* Gruyères, Fribourg (Switzerland)

*Dates:*

06/09/17:	Early bird
07/09/17:	Registration, general briefing and opening ceremony
08/09/17:	Take off
09/09/17:	Alternative date for take off
10/09/17:	Alternative date for take off
15/09/17:	Welcome back party
16/09/17:	Closing ceremony and awards banquet

#### Entry fee

*Amount:* Entry fee: 750 euros  
Deposit: 500 euros (for equipment loans – e.g. logger – and apartment)

The entry fee must be paid before the end of the individual registration deadline, 15 April 2017 (11 p.m. UTC)  
The deposit must be provided at check-in

*Included:* Hydrogen, sand, water, 2 pilot packs, 1 apartment for 4 people (from Thursday 07/09/17 to Sunday 17/09/17), 4 tickets for the opening ceremony, 4 tickets for the welcome back party, 4 tickets for the closing ceremony and awards banquet, catering on launch day for 4 people

*Entry fee refund policy:* 750 euros for cancelation before 15 April 2017  
500 euros for cancelation between 15 April 2017 and 30 June 2017  
No refund for cancelation after 30 June 2017



## Invitation

*NACs invited:* All eligible National Aero Clubs are invited

*Number of entries:* Maximum 3 teams for each eligible NAC (max. 25 entrants)

Acceptance of this invitation must be confirmed no later than 31 January 2017 (11 p.m. UTC) using the link below:

[www.gordonbennett2017.ch/registration](http://www.gordonbennett2017.ch/registration)

Individual registration forms will be sent to competitors on 1 February 2017 (4 p.m. UTC). The forms must be returned and the entry fee paid no later than 15 April 2017 (11 p.m. UTC).

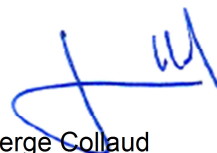
Sincerely yours



Walter T. Vogel  
President of the Swiss Ballooning  
Federation



Marc André  
Delegate Switzerland FAI / CIA



Serge Collaud  
Managing Director Gordon Bennett  
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