



**FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE
INTERNATIONALE
Ballooning Commission**

Hall of Fame Nomination

Paolo Bonanno



Nationality: Italy

Date of Birth: 19/07/1944

Paolo Letterio Bonanno born in Capodistria, now in Slovenia, but at the time Italian territory, the 19th July 1944. In 1980, after betting with some friends, he said he would build and fly a hot air balloon in only 15 days. Twelve days later he was airborne. Every single part of the balloon was built by him envelope, burner, basket. From then after Paolo started to project and engineer various aspects of the balloon industry always having safety in mind, introducing innovative ideas well appreciated all over the world. For his great contributions to our sport he received the Montgolfier Diploma in 2013 and the BBAC award in 2014 for the development of safety systems. He is the winner of seven Italian Championships and has participated to many World, European and WAG Championships.

Achievements, honours and awards: Montgolfier Diploma 2013, BBAC award 2014