



## FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE Ballooning Commission

### Hall of Fame Nomination

## Tiukhtyaev, Leonid



**Nationality:** Russia

**Date of birth:** July 21, 1956

Leonid, 60 years old from Moscow, Russia is a highly accomplished hot air and gas balloon pilot. Flying since 1996, he is the only lighter-than-air pilot in the world to have flown hot air, gas, and Roziere balloons, and hot air, gas, and Roziere airships. He was the President of Balloon Federation of Russia ( 2012 -2016) and has participated in many long distance gas balloon races in the United States and Europe including the prestigious America's Challenge balloon race (Silver medalist on 2012) and the Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett (participated in 2010, 2012 and 2014).

Leonid was awarded the Santos-Dumont Gold Airship Medal and FAI Gold Badge with three diamonds, Mongolfiere diploma ( 2016) and Harmon Trophy ( also 2016). Since 2008, Leonid is the undisputed leader of the ballooning project called "Russian Records Factory."

Up to 2014, Leonid has established 8 World Records ( airships BX and BA class).

In January 2015 with Troy Bradley ( USA) set two world records on gas balloon - distance 10 710 km. and duration 160 h. 34 m. – during great flight by «Two Eagles» balloon from Saga ( Japan) to Baja California ( Mexico)

By profession, Leonid is a businessman and writer. At home, Leonid is the loving grandfather of four grandchildren.