

# 2010 Montgolfier Diploma Nomination

for

## *Contributions to the Sport of Ballooning*



**Brigitte Fouache and Marnix Dobbelaere**  
from Gent, Belgium

The basis for this nomination is the many years of contribution that Marnix and Brigitte have made to the sport of ballooning, in Belgium, Europe and the World.

### **General :**

Brigit and Marnix come from the Observer Corps of Hot Air Balloon competitions and started serving in these functions some 15 years ago. Their enthusiasm was soon noticed and they were increasingly invited as officials in international competitions. Nowadays an international competition without their help is hard to imagine.

### **Only this year (2010) they served as officials in:**

Belgian / Dutch Nationals, Ny Hotten, Belgium.

South African Nationals, Bethlehem South Africa

Luxemburg Championships, Luxemburg

Hot Air Ship Championships, Dole France.

Austrian / German Nationals, Waidhofen, Austria.

French Championships, France.

Wartseiner Montgolfiade, Warstein, Germany.

FAI World Championships, Debrecen, Hungary.

Honda Cup, Tochigi, Japan.

Brigitte and Marnix are married and typically travel from one competition to the next in their little camper van. Brigitte usually functions as Office Manager but excels also in other functions like Gps Logger handling, debriefing etc. Marnix usually functions as Target Team leader and his positive attitude radiates to the other officials and volunteers so that they all have the feeling of being part of the team.

Brigitte and Marnix never complain and take up all the work that comes along with organizing a mayor event. I hope they will be around in competition ballooning for some time to go and spread their positive vibrations to others so the sport will continue being a fun thing to do.

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