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## **Young Montreal glider pilot to participate in the Junior World Gliding Championships in Australia**

Montreal, QC, November 27, 2015 -- Emmanuel Cadieux, a young glider pilot of the Montreal Soaring Council, will represent Canada in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Junior World Gliding Championships of the FAI (Fédération Aéronautique Internationale) taking place December 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> in Narromine, Australia. He is the third junior pilot to represent Canada in these championships and the first to participate twice. This competition takes place every two years and brings together the best pilots of age 25 and younger from across the globe. Emmanuel participated also two years ago in the championship in Lezsno, Poland.

Cadieux travelled already to Australia a few weeks ago in order to practice flying in the local meteorological conditions. To be even better prepared he participated also in the Australian National Championships, that took place from November 9<sup>th</sup> till 20<sup>th</sup> in Lake Keepit, in the region between Sydney and Canberra. On the last day of the national championship he took the third place of the podium, after completing a flight of 347 km at an average speed of 105km/h. "It was a great day for soaring, with impressive thermals," said Cadieux. "A third place was a very nice way to finish this competition. I learned a lot during these three weeks in Lake Keepit and I'm looking forward to fly at the Junior World Championships in Narromine."

A gliding championship takes place over several days. Every day a flight plan of a few hundreds of kilometers is put forward by the organizers depending on the weather conditions. The gliders are equipped with a GPS recorder that allows at the end of the day to analyse the performance of each pilot. The pilots score points proportional to their average speed, with the winner of the day receiving 1000 points. The final ranking is made by the sum of the points scored on all contest days.

Gliders, or sailplanes as they are sometimes called, have no engine but stay aloft using rising air currents created by various weather phenomena. Heat from the sun creates thermals, bubbles of rising warmer air. Glider pilots fly in tight circles in these thermals to climb, much like eagles and hawks do. By flying from thermal to thermal, glider pilots can sustain their flight for hours and cover hundreds of kilometers. Soaring, as this form of motorless flight is called, is practiced in Canada by almost 1,500 pilots.

Montreal Soaring Council is one of the larger gliding clubs in Canada and flies since 1957 from its airfield in L'Original, a township near Hawkesbury, ON. The gliding club counts about 75 active members and operates almost daily from May till October. Montreal Soaring Council provides initial and advanced glider pilot training for its members as well as introductory flights to anyone interested to experience the thrills of motorless flight.

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## **References for the Junior World Gliding Championships**

*www.jwgc2015.com*

Official website of the 9th Junior World Gliding Championships in Narromine, Australia.

*emmanuelcadieuxjwgc2015.wordpress.com*

Emmanuel Cadieux's personal blog on which he reports his daily flying experiences.

## **References on gliding**

*www.montrealsoaring.com*

Website of the Montreal Soaring Council  
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*www.sac.ca*

Soaring Association of Canada, the organisation that represents all glider pilots and clubs in Canada.

*www.onlinecontest.org*

OnLine Contest (OLC), the world-wide decentralised soaring competition where glider pilots upload and compare the GPS flight recordings of their soaring flights.

## **Photo included with this news release**

- Photo – photo credit: Emmanuel Cadieux  
Emmanuel Cadieux in the glider with which he participates in the championships, a Schempp-Hirth Standard Cirrus, ready for take off from the airport in Lake Keepit, Australia, on November 8th, 2015.