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Susanne Schödel has been the Secretary General of FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, since 2014. A 44-year-old from Germany, she combines experience in air sports, management of non-profit making organisations and political matters.

Since obtaining her glider pilot's license at the age of 25, she has perfected her skills to reach the top level in her sport and break world records, while working as a volunteer instructor for youngsters. She has also held a license for powered planes since 1998.

In addition to her activities in air sports, she held several positions in non-profit making organisations, including that of Managing Director of the German affiliate of Susan G. Komen, a major US cancer charity, thus gaining wide-ranging knowledge of administrative matters and extensive experience in work with volunteers. Moreover, she has deep insight into politics and the public sector, having worked for several years for the Ministry of Social Affairs in Hessen, Germany.