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**Indiana to Host 2018 Indoor Free Flight World Championship**  
*West Baden Springs Hotel chosen as site of competition*

MUNCIE, IN – The Academy of Model Aeronautics is pleased to announce that during the FAI/CIAM Plenary meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, the US was named as the host of the 2018 FAI F1D World Championship for Indoor Model Aircraft. The competition will be held at the West Baden Springs Hotel, in West Baden, IN, March 18-23.

The USA Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, recently submitted a bid to host the competition in the atrium of the West Baden Springs Hotel. The hotel will also provide lodging and meals for the competitors, officials, and contest workers from around the world.

The atrium of the West Baden Springs Hotel has been the site of numerous national and international indoor duration contests, including the 1980 F1D FAI World Championship Indoor. Many national and world records have been set in the atrium.

In 2006, the hotel site was renovated and reopened as a full-service luxury hotel. For the past four years, a two-day indoor contest has been held there in the early spring. The contest attracts model pilots from across the US—some being top US F1D fliers.

The 2016 FAI F1D World Championship for Indoor Model Aircraft was recently held in Romania. To learn more about the competition and the FAI, visit [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org).

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation's collective voice for approximately 188,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the US and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreational and educational purposes. For more information, visit [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org).