

WORLD AROUND 2017

RUSSIA / POLAND



An international **Russian-Polish crew** will perform **Round-the-World Flight** in April-June, 2017.

Start - 7th of April, Friday, 2017, 10:00 LT from Konakovo, Russia

Helicopter - Bell-407

Main missions of the flight:

- **Friendship** between nations through sport,
- Promotion of the **Helicopter Sports** in the world,
- Setting **FAI record** on the first leg - Russia-Poland



CREW

Maxim Sotnikov, Russia - Pilot-in-command, commander of the expedition. Age 59. Logged 2600 hours on R-44 and Bell-407. First Vice-President of the Federation of Helicopter sports of Russia, member of the Russian National Helicopter team. Nuclear physicist by education, PhD in physics, now is engaged in real estate development business. World Champion in 2 events, bronze-winner in World Overall (2012). Three times Overall Champion of Russia. More than 30 gold awards in Open Championships in Europe. Awarded a Paul Tissandier Diploma for his remarkable services to the cause of Aviation and Sporting Aviation.



Marcin Szamborski, Poland - co-pilot. Age 44. Rated for R22, R44, R66 and Bell 407, total flying time on helicopters - 2500. Commercial helicopter pilot and instructor, co-owner of Salt Aviation - aviation school and air taxi company. Vice-president of CIG FAI. Vice president of Aviation Association "Helisport", one of the organizers of 15th World Helicopter Championship in Poland (2015). Captain of Polish National Helicopter Team. Silver-winner in World Air Games (2015). Graduated from Social Psychology University. Former skydiver with 1200+ jumps experience. Father of 3 kids.

Natalia Sotnikova, Russia - navigator. Age 61. Started to fly helicopters in 2009, rated for R44 and Bell 407, total time on helicopters - 400 hours. Nuclear physicist by education, PhD in physics, worked as a scientist in Moscow State University for more than 20 years. Specialist of the Russian National Helicopter team. Maxim and Natalia travel a lot by helicopters, both for holidays and for participating in International Helicopter Championships and competitions. Natalia usually responds for the route planning and photo materials.

Mikhail Movshin, Russia - crew member. Age 44. Professional pilot-instructor on rotary (3100 hours) and fixed wing (1300 hours). Rated for AW-119 Bell-407, Bell-429, R-66, R-44. Experience in complex flights in high-risk environments, in high altitude mountain, Arctic and desert flying operations. Mikhail will change Natalia during over Atlantic ocean flight.

