



*The Parachuting school of Lyon-Corbas, under the aegis of the French Federation of Parachuting, is organising the National Assembly of Female Parachutists in the Lyon-Corbas aerodrome (69) on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Three days of meetings, discussions, parachuting and complicity between sky divers and parachutists. From beginners or world champions, all sharing one passion: parachuting.*

### **Lyon Corbas, a lush setting for women of the air**

Nature is queen in the Lyon-Corbas aerodrome. This aviation camp of over 100 hectares is classified as a National Zone of Interest for Ecology, Flora and Fauna (ZNIEFF).

Female parachutists will be hard pressed to rival the stationary flight of the lark, the precise landing of the Eurasian Curlew, the elegant figure of a diving falcon, or the gliding flight of the barn owl; all of these creatures inhabit these fields.

Will they be able to make their parachutes whistle more beautifully than the nasal song of the Corn Bunting nesting in these plains, the principal factor which earned this region the status of ZNIEFF? That being said, they will all without a doubt land delicately, with elegance, close to the curiously-named wild orchids known as the Burnt-tip, Military, Giant, Bee or even Monkey?

What future is in store for this stunning natural area right at Lyon's doorstep? Continuing aerial activity, bringing old wings and parachuting together, could participate towards the upkeep of this natural space, help protect it from urbanisation and make it the green lung of tomorrow for greater Lyon. This 'green' future is actually largely upported by Corbas.

### **Scramble? You said Scramble!**

The spirit of this women's reunion is to raise the awareness of professional parachutists' importance and their role (senior management, profession, competition etc.) within professional parachuting.

Emphasis will be put by the French Federation of Parachuting, chaired by Marie-Claude Feydeau – one of the few women to be elected to the head of a French sporting federation – on the links to be created between beginners, seasoned parachutists and high-level competitors.

A speed meeting, in the style of 'speed dating', will be organised with the aim of creating links, through friendship, between beginners and seasoned practitioners in a short space of time. These links should be reinforced during competitive parachuting (Scramble), putting together beginners and either experienced or high-level competitors. The goal is to make these bonds long-lasting, the experienced parachutists becoming "godmothers" to the beginners.

The participation of several confirmed parachutists and even world champions during a conference on the sharing of experiences will have the same goal: making long-lasting relationships and spinning a veritable web of connections between beginners and seasoned parachutists. This therefore inciting novices to discover their passion amongst all disciplines of parachuting: then, to follow through.

The French Federation of Parachuting has an equally strong desire to open parachuting to physically disabled people. In Corbas, tandem sky diving will be offered by members of the "Vive la chute" club to deaf and near-deaf women. However these will also be available to the general public.

These three days of parachuting will take place under the banner of conviviality, good humour and female solidarity.



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