

PRESS RELEASE

THE INAUGURATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN AEROSPACE SOCIETES (CEAS)

The inaugural General Assembly of the Council of European Aerospace Societies (CEAS) took place in Brussels on 6th December 2006. The Council, a non-profit umbrella organisation, aims to develop a framework within which the major aerospace societies in Europe can work more closely together. The eight founding members of the Council are:

- The «Association Aéronautique et Astronautique de France» (AAAF);
- The «Asociacion de Ingenieros Aeronauticos de Espana» (AIAE);
- The «Associazione Italiana di Aeronautica e Astronautica» (AIDAA);
- The «Deutsche Gesellschaft für Luft und Raumfahrt Lilienthal-Oberth» (DGLR);
- The «Nederlandse Vereniging voor Luchtvaarttechniek» (NVvL);
- The «Royal Aeronautical Society» (RAeS);
- The «Flygtekniska Foreninge Svensk Forening for Flygteknik och Rymdteknik» (FTF);
- The «Schweizerische Vereinigung für Flugwissenschaften» (SVFW).

Following its establishment as a legal entity conferred under Belgium Law and the approval of the Statutes at the General Assembly, the new organization will begin its operations on 1st January 2007 and will be headquartered at the Brussels offices of the DLR.

The CEAS mission is to add value at a European level to the wide range of services provided by the constituent member societies, allowing for greater dialogue between the latter and the European institutions, industry, government and academia. Specific linkages will be sought with the EC (European Commission), ASD (Aerospace and Defense industry association, ex AECMA), ACARE (Advisory Committee for Aeronautics Research in Europe), EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) and ESA (European Space Agency). In addition, the new Council will focus on education and training, and how best to encourage high-talented students and engineers to choose a career in aeronautics and space. →

BIOGRAPHY OF SIR COLIN TERRY :

Sir Colin is a Chartered Engineer and was Chairman of the Engineering Council UK (ECUK) and was also a Board Member of the Engineering Technology Board (ETB). He became Chairman of Meggitt plc in July 2004



Colin TERRY

and is an advisor to several international aerospace companies. Latterly, he was Group MD of Inflight Engineering Services Ltd at Stansted. Prior to that, he had a long career in the Royal Air Force, attaining the rank of Air Marshal and Chief Engineer (RAF), Head of Logistics and Commander in Chief of Logistics Command.

Sir Colin has been an RAeS Council Member since 1999 and Fellow since 1994. He was educated in Bridgnorth Grammar School in Shropshire and the Royal Air Force Colleges of Henlow, Cranwell, Bracknell and RCDS. Sir Colin has an Honours Degree from Imperial College in Aeronautical Engineering. He holds a current PPL and, having trained as a military pilot, he has been a Flying Officer in the RAF VT(T) on an Air Experience Flight since 1999 and has flown cadets since 1986. Appointed a KBE and CB (and awarded the OBE for service in the Falklands).

Reporting to the Council will be two Branches, one focused on Aeronautics and the other on Space. By engaging professionals in a number of Technical Committees in each sector, the Branches will provide a European focal point in the respective areas.

A bi-annual Conference is planned to provide a forum for discussion of public policy, science and technology topics. The conference organisation will rotate between the national member societies.

The first, organised by the DGLR, will be held in Berlin from the 10th to the 13th of September 2007.

Three kinds of publications are foreseen :

- A quarterly liaison bulletin;
- A periodic technical journal of the Aeronautics Branch;
- A periodic technical journal of the Space Branch.

The Council will be governed by a Board of Trustees, with representatives from each of the member Societies. The officers of the Board, as elected on 6th December 2006, are as follows :

- Sir **Colin TERRY**, President;
- **Jean-Michel CONTANT**, Vice-President, publications and external relations ;
- **Ulf OLSSON**, Vice-President, Awards and membership;
- **Julian SIMON CALERO**, Vice-President, finance;
- **Dieter SCHMITT**, Executive Director;
- **Alain GARCIA**, Head of the Aeronautics Branch;
- **Constantinos STAVRINIDIS**, Head of the Space Branch.

In addition, the following were also appointed on 6th December 2006 :

- **G rard FOUILLOUX**, head of the PCC (Programme Coordination Committee);
- **Jean-Pierre SANFOURCHE**, editor-in-chief of the quarterly CEAS Bulletin.

In the first half of 2007, the Board will concentrate on two main tasks:

- elaboration of the Strategic Plan;
- definition and Constitution of the different Committees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CONTACT DETAILS:

Sir **Colin TERRY**

President of the CEAS

Megitt plc

Tel. : +44 (0)1844 273 456

Colin.terry@cgaero.fsnet.co.uk

www.meggitt.com

Prof. **Dieter SCHMITT**

Executive Director of the CEAS

AIRBUS S.A.S.

Tel. : +33 (0)5 61 93 25 82

Dieter.schmitt@airbus.com

Alain GARCIA

Head of CEAS Aeronautics Branch

AIRBUS S.A.S.

Tel. : +33 (0)5 62 11 05 01

Alain.garcia@airbus.com

Dr. **Constantinos STAVRINIDIS**

Head of CEAS Space Branch

ESA/ESTEC

Tel. : +31 71 565 3993

Constantinos.Stavrinidis@esa.int

