

ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

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President's report, Sir Colin Terry



performed by the Divisions.

The Society, thanks to the help of our sponsors, was again well represented at the major air shows this past year and there was a healthy interest in membership.

But we must always register the sterling work of our UK Branches who provide so much of the underlying support.

My thanks and appreciation goes to them all.

Well, what is new? The fund-raising for the National Aerospace Library continues with vigour and I would thank all those who have contributed or made a commitment so far.

There is much to do but it is good to see that so many share our vision for this most worthwhile national cause. As I write, the extensive modification of the basement area in Hamilton Place is nearing completion and there is no doubt that, because of generous sponsorship, we will have a Business Suite which will be the envy of all.

We must never forget our prime role as a Learned Society, not only in an engineering sense but also across the broad spectrum of aerospace.

Over the year this has been signalled and reinforced with an excellent programme of lectures with first-class international speakers.

The ever popular Corporate Partners briefings have been filled to capacity demonstrating the Society's ability to attract the leading figures from industry and government.

It is good to see so much enthusiasm for our second Annual Conference in April which again has been made possible by the help of our sponsors.

Importantly, too, the presence of our Head of Research has allowed the Society to provide timely, well researched and succinct comment on the major issues facing the industry and I cite the excellent papers on competition, international trade and our recent submission to government following the publication of the Defence Industrial Strategy.

The Society has formed a UAV committee which has organised two successful conferences and obtained a number of sponsors.

I believe that we are really now punching at our weight

and our influence is growing as a result.

All that said, these activities would have been impossible without the huge energy and commitment of our Chairmen, Boards, Council and Branches and the high grade staff working with the chief executive.

I salute them for a most impressive performance.

If there is one area where I would commend us all to concentrate on it is the continuing drive to attract the young into the global aerospace industry, academia and, of course, the Society.

The superb work of the Young Members' Board can go so far but we must all, in whatever forum, continuously promote the excitement, challenges, contribution and rewards from being part of this great sector.

Finally, it has been my great honour and privilege to have been your President over the year — I am enjoying it enormously. Everywhere I have met huge kindness and dedication, and am confident that this well found, oldest and most eclectic aeronautical society can go from strength to strength.

As I enter the last few months of my Presidency, I am struck by four main themes that to me have characterised this year: global reach, innovation, excellence and energy.

The Society continues to grow towards the 20,000 membership level, thanks to the help of so many. During the year we successfully launched the Hamburg Branch and expect to have our inaugural meeting in Rome in May. The Republic of Korea is also fast appearing on the horizon with the aim of establishing closer ties. My recent visits to Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai and France show not only the strength of the Society there but also the excellent work being

Photo of the Society's staff taken in February 2006. From left:

Front row: Beverley Gaynor, Richard Jordan, Tanwa Idris, Emma Bossom, Andrew Little, Keith Mans, Doreen Warner, Bill Read, Becky Carey, Anne Tompkins and Bryan Cambray.

Middle row: Jean Wright, Aggi Bailey, Julia Austen-Brown, Prof Keith Hayward, Scott Phillips, Sarah Moore, Tim Robinson, Tony Homes, Lorraine Reese, Theresa Ananenu and Rosalind Azouzi.

Back row: Brian Riddle, Antonia Price, Andrew Moxon, Sam Phillips, Gareth Halstead, Jonathan Morris, Gerald McGrath, Chris Male and Wayne Davis.

Missing from photo: Gail Broadbent, Annabel Hallam, Deborah Hartwell, Steve Smith and Melissa Warner.



Chief Executive's report, Keith Mans



During the year, we continued to raise money for our library project and, while we were disappointed about the Heritage Lottery Fund turning down our initial bid for assistance, I am pleased to say that we are still in discussion with them and I still hold out the hope that we will be successful in the end.

Once again 2005 was a very busy year for the Society in general and all the staff here at 4 Hamilton Place in particular.

Our first Annual Conference for a considerable time took place in April and was a huge success. During the three days over 500 people attended from right across the aerospace community.

We were very grateful to all our sponsors for the huge amount of support they gave us and we are very much looking forward to the 2006 Conference which takes place on 4, 5 and 6 April, and already looks as if it will be even more successful.

Throughout 2005 the Conference programme worked well with a revamped department and a focus on marketing. This was not only evident from the increased numbers of people that attended our conferences but also the attendances at named lectures. Five years ago some of our named lectures were attracting fewer than 50 people, whereas in the past year none of them has attracted fewer than 100, and in some cases a lot more than that. I am certain this is partly because of the continued increase in membership of the Society which I will not dwell on this year, having covered in considerable detail in the February edition of *The Aerospace Professional*.

Alongside fund raising, we also moved the majority of our archive out of the basement into secure, damp-proof accommodation, provided for us by BAE Systems at no cost. This released space in the basement which is being converted into a Business Suite for use by members and employees of Corporate Partners — the latter paying a small daily charge, whereas for the former the use will be free. The completion of this Suite — the Airbus Business Suite, should be taking place as you read this review. It has been made possible only because of a generous donation by Airbus. I am sure it is going to be very popular with our members and our Corporate Partners.

We also decided in 2005 to carry out a major revamp of our website and again this is about to get under way.

Alongside these changes in what we have done, we have also had some staff changes. We said goodbye to our finance manager, Tony McManus, and our former conference manager, Christine Philbin. In the case of Christine, she has spent 2005 mainly working on the library project and strictly



Above: The panel on the first day of the 2005 Annual Conference.

Left: The commemorative tie to be given to all those who donate £50 or more to the National Aerospace Library Appeal.

speaking she finally retired at the beginning of 2006. Melissa Warner and Laetitia Laurent both went on maternity leave. In addition during the year Shumi Syed who worked in the Careers Department left us as did Salvatore Di Betta who departed in December. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Sarah Moore, our new professional standards manager and in July, Tony Homes, our new finance manager, arrived. Deborah Hartwell also joined us during the year to work alongside Annabel Hallam as admissions officer — Annabel having returned to work following the birth of her son. Emma Bossom joined the Conference and Events Department and Tanwa Idris replaces Shumi in the Careers Department.

Prof Keith Hayward, our

first head of research, joined us at the beginning of 2005 as did Gareth Halstead and Aggi Bailey, both the latter working in Venue Services, the former as an assistant replacing Robert Lee and the latter as manager replacing Laetitia Laurent.

I should not forget the steady stream of excellent Rolls-Royce graduate trainees that have been with us during 2005 and a big thank you to Brenda Gallagher, Celene Roche, Angus Macdonald and James Matthews for their contribution.

Some time ago we thought it would be a good idea to have a staff photograph as it turns out this has not been done in living memory, so what better way than to end my review in 2005 with a photograph (opposite) of my staff who have worked hard and made a huge contribution to a successful 2005 for the Society.

Staff: Anne Tompkins, PA to the chief executive; Andrew Little, deputy chief executive; Doreen Warner, PA to the deputy chief executive; Prof Keith Hayward, head of research; Gail Broadbent, corporate events manager; Antonia Price, media and PR manager; Jonathan Morris, general manager; Aggi Bailey, venue manager; Jean Wright, receptionist; Steve Smith, venue services assistant and Gareth Halstead, venue services assistant.



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Finance Board

Sir Donald Spiers, chairman

Finance Board as at 31 December 2005

Sir Donald Spiers (chairman), B. Watson (auditor as observer), A. Dawe, I.E. Donovan, J.M. Harper, K.H. Holliday, P. Riley, J. Sharman, K.D.R. Mans (*ex officio*), A. Homes (staff member).

Directors of Aeronautical Trusts Ltd as at 31 December 2005

Sir Donald Spiers (chairman), I.E. Donovan, K.D.R. Mans (company secretary).

Introduction

You will see in the following pages a summary of the 2005 Society Accounts and graphical representation of the major underlying figures and it is hoped that they will provide members a clearer understanding of the financial results for 2005 than those presented in the Society's Statutory Annual Accounts.

If any member has any concerns or queries about the accounts these can be taken up through myself or members of the Finance Board or directly with the chief executive or the

finance manager.

Unrestricted Funds also include funds of Aeronautical Trading Ltd that the Society may spend without attached conditions, subject, of course, to proper Council approval. All other funds are from bequests for specific purposes held by the Society in accordance with trusts established by the donor.

Sir Donald Spiers
Hon Treasurer

Finance Board

The Finance Board is responsible for the planning and oversight of all financial

matters. These include the long-term strategy for reserve funds and capital assets, the annual operating budget and capital expenditure plan, and the maintenance of internal financial controls and safeguards, and for awards made by the Education and the Medals and Awards Committees.

Highlights

- The operating profit was £46,224;
- Overall the results for the year were good. However, it should be noted that the

operating surplus has been reduced to reflect the adjustments required under SORP/FRS17 to account for the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme for the first time in 2005;

- 2004 accounts have been restated to reflect current accounting policies;
- Membership income is up by 3.2%;
- Corporate Partners income increased by 17.2% on last year after eliminating differences caused by a change in basis;
- External room hire and associated income is up by 24%;
- Overheads rose by 14.1% mostly in the room hire area which was in line with the increased income;
- Publication revenues fell by 16%. However, with a new advertisement agent taking over in 2006 it is hoped that revenues will increase in future years;
- The Balance Sheet has been adjusted to reflect new accounting policies under FRS17 on accounting for the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme. Even though the

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

For the Year ended 31 December 2005	Income Unrestricted	Funds Restricted	Endowments Subsidiary Charities	Designated Subsidiary Branches	Total 2005	Total 2004 Restated
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	3,154,605	97,385	25,095	60,909	3,337,994	3,057,886
Cost of generating funds	(255,896)	–	–	–	(255,896)	(221,974)
Net incoming resources available for charitable application	2,898,709	97,385	25,095	60,909	3,082,098	2,835,912
Charitable expenditure	2,755,345	79,986	18,329	92,311	2,945,971	2,712,478
	2,755,345	79,986	18,329	92,311	2,945,971	2,712,478
Net incoming resources before transfers	143,364	17,399	6,766	(31,402)	136,127	123,434
Transfers between funds	(74,287)	37,797	–	36,490	–	–
Net incoming resources after transfers	69,077	55,196	6,766	5,088	136,127	123,434
Net gains/(losses) on revaluation and disposals of investments	120,147	56,295	88,894	–	265,336	46,560
Net actuarial gains/(losses) on Pension Scheme	(143,000)	–	–	–	(143,000)	(234,000)
Prior year adjustment arising from first time consolidation of branches	–	–	–	–	–	71,389
Net movement in funds for the year	46,224	111,491	95,660	5,088	258,463	7,383
Balance at 1 January 2005	4,428,970	619,856	733,848	71,389	5,854,063	5,846,680
Funds at 31 December 2005	4,475,194	731,347	829,508	76,477	6,112,526	5,854,063

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2005

	Total 2005	Total 2004 Restated
	£	£
Fixed Assets	6,489,707	4,929,122
Current Assets	951,892	2,070,035
Less: Current Liabilities	(577,073)	(484,094)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	374,819	1,585,941
Net Assets excluding Pension Liability	6,864,526	6,515,063
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme Liability	(752,000)	(661,000)
NET ASSETS	6,112,526	5,854,063
Represented by:		
Restricted Reserves	731,347	619,856
Endowments	829,508	733,848
Designated Funds — Branches	76,477	71,389
Unrestricted Reserves		
Unrestricted Reserves	5,227,194	5,089,970
Unrestricted Reserves Excluding Pension Liability	5,227,194	5,089,970
Pension Reserve	(752,000)	(661,000)
Total Unrestricted Reserves	4,475,194	4,428,970
TOTAL RESERVES	6,112,526	5,854,063

Unrestricted Reserve Funds

	Balance at 1 Jan 2005	Movement of Funds 2005	Balance at 31 Dec 2005
	£	£	£
Designated — Pension Reserve	165,000	–	165,000
General Reserve— Functional Assets	3,836,323	(104,750)	3,731,573
— Free Reserve	100,000	–	100,000
Heritage Assets	425,000	–	425,000
Maintenance Equalisation Reserve	134,748	–	134,748
Designated for Scholarship Fund	19,267	(19,267)	–
Designated for Library	37,797	(37,797)	–
Designated Sundry Funds	19,386	–	19,386
Sinking Fund	352,449	299,038	651,487
Pension Fund — FRS17 Reserve	(661,000)	(91,000)	(752,000)
Total	4,428,970	46,224	4,475,194

Balance Sheet is stronger in 2005 reserves still need to be built up to meet the Society's funding objectives and to ensure that it can continue to meet the Pension Fund liabilities;

- In 2005 the year the Society appointed new investment advisers, Rensburg Sheppards Investments Management Ltd (formerly Carr Sheppards Crosthwaite). Their remit was to move the Society's cash based deposits to a

wider spectrum of investments to achieve greater long-term capital growth. During the year the Society invested a further £1.4m and by the end of the year the Society's total investments had gained £265k to stand at £2.3m. The Society investment strategy will be reviewed in 2006;

- £35,180 was raised towards the objective of establishing a National Aerospace Library.

entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Charities Act 1993 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and Trustees Annual Report of Royal Aeronautical Society for the year ended 31 December 2005

hayesmacintyre

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London WC1V 6AY, UK
Date: 13 March 2006

Trustees Statement

These summary financial statements are not the statutory accounts of the Society, but provide a summary relating to both the Statement of Financial Activities and the balance sheet. The financial statements, from which the summary is derived have been audited by haysmacintyre. The audit report was unqualified. The full accounts, annual report and auditor's report may either be downloaded from the Society's website <http://www.aerosociety.com/accounts2005.pdf> or obtained from the finance manager at 4 Hamilton Place W1J 7BQ, UK. The annual report and accounts, which were approved on 13 March 2006, have been filed with the Charity Commission.

Sir Donald Spiers, CB, TD, FREng, HonFRAeS — Hon Treasurer
Date: 13 March 2006

Independent Auditors' statement to the Trustees of Royal Aeronautical Society

We have examined the summarised financial statements of Royal Aeronautical Society.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the 'Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements within the full financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report. We also review the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

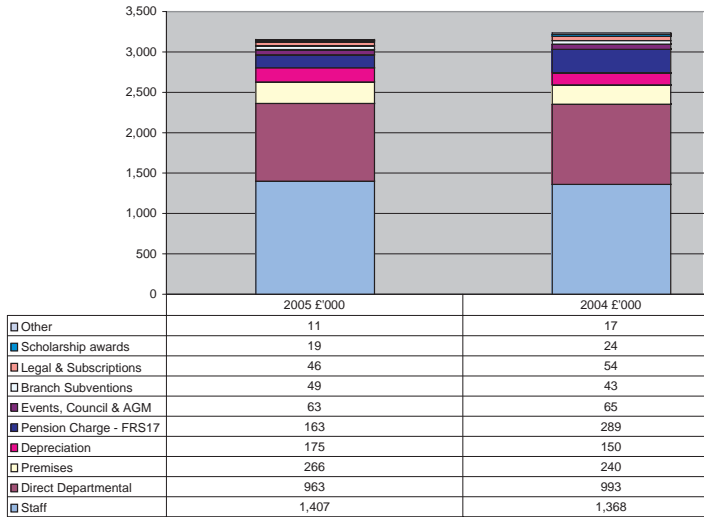
Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is a person

Income — 2005 and 2004

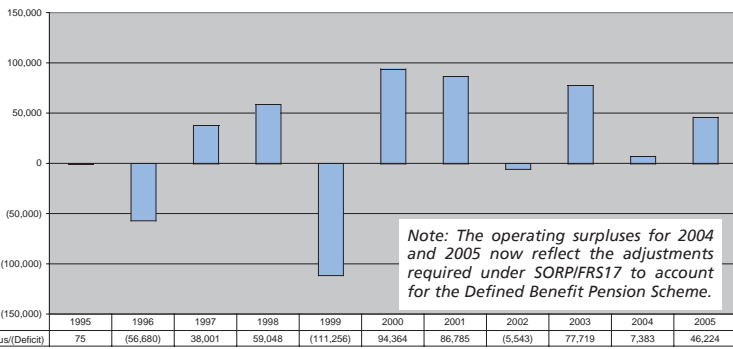


Total Income £3,155 £3,072

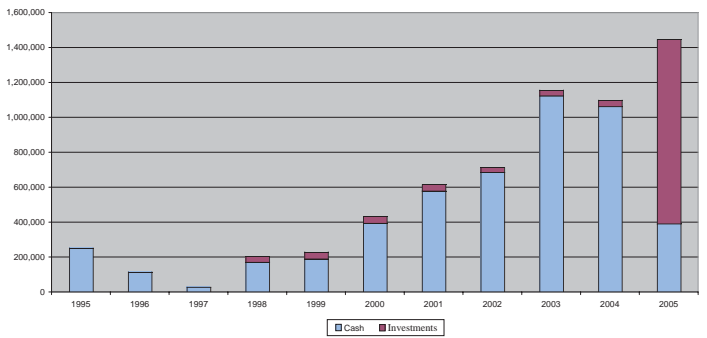
Expenditure — 2005 and 2004



Total Expenditure £3,163 £3,243



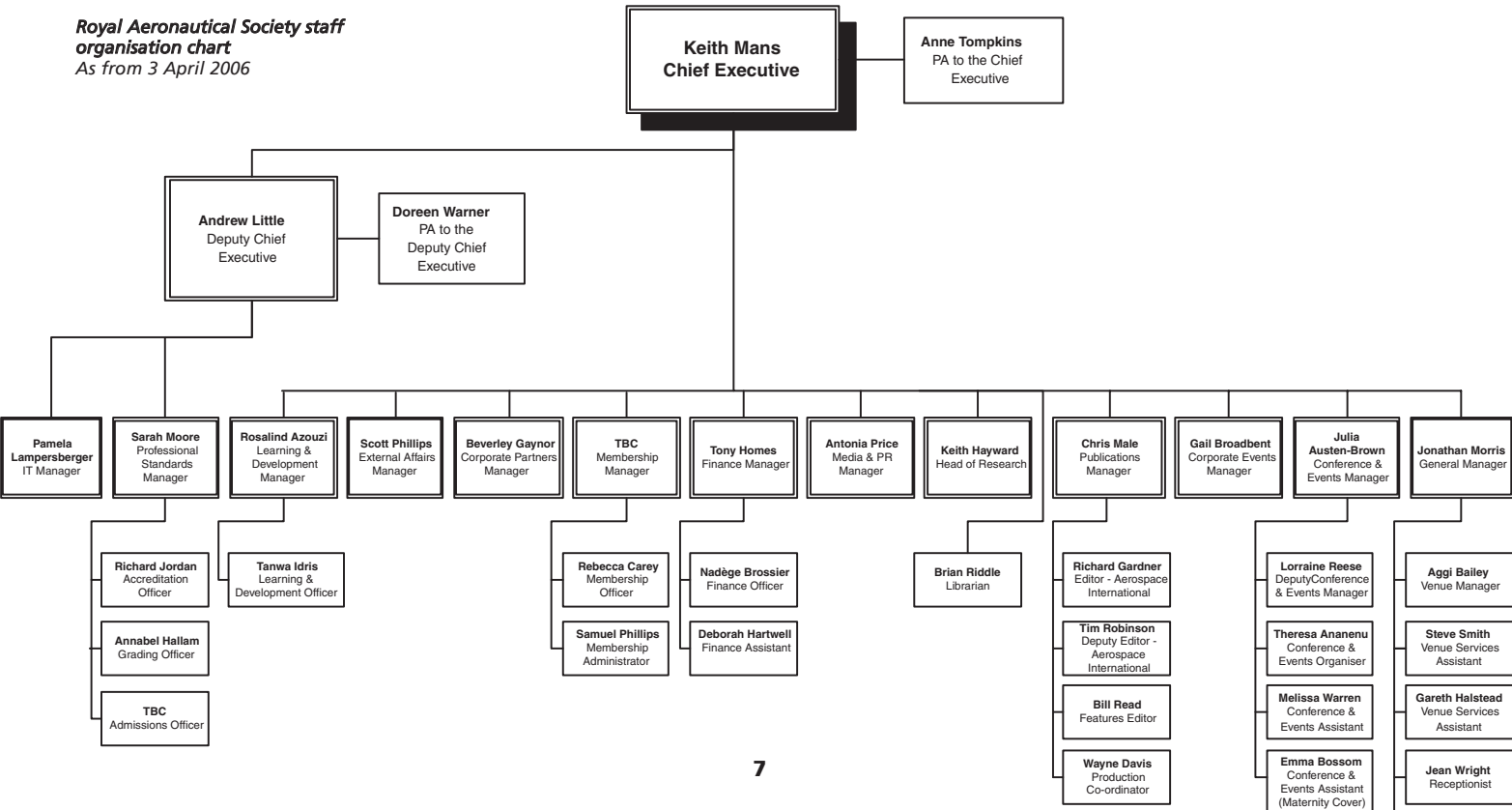
Surplus/(deficit)



Unrestricted funds — Cash and investments at year end.

Staff: Tony Homes, finance manager; Nadège Brossier, finance officer and Deborah Hartwell, finance assistant.

Royal Aeronautical Society staff organisation chart
As from 3 April 2006





External Affairs Board

David Marshall, chairman

External Affairs Board as at 31 December 2004

David Marshall (chairman), R. Barkla (Australia Division), R. Bradley, H. Dowson, B. Drewitt, C. Graeber, M. Hafeezuddin (Pakistan Division), G. Harris, B. Hunter, R. Lange, C. Purnell (South African Division), G. Robertson (New Zealand Division), G. Roe (Branches Committee chairman), A. Wood, K.D.R. Mans (*ex officio*), S.R. Phillips (staff member).

Celebrating Diversity

Some of the 2005 overseas Branch events that illustrate the Society's diversity and global reach:

The RAeS Paris Branch hosted a champagne breakfast during the Paris Air Show. The event on 16 June took place at the SIAE chalet (Salons Internationaux de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace — the Paris Airshow organisers) courtesy of the Commissaire Général of the Show, M. Louis Le Portz, FRAeS.

RAeS President, Sir Colin Terry, was joined at the reception by a number of senior executives from the French aerospace industry including Safran president, Jean-Paul Béchat, FRAeS. The Royal Aeronautical Society's international network of Branches were also well represented: Michel Harvey,

Chairman of the Paris Branch was pleased to welcome Branch chairmen from Hong Kong (Derek Cridland), Farnborough (Bill Tyack), Hamburg (Hans Altfeld), Toulouse (Hugh Dibley) and also the Australian Divisional President (Peter Nicholson).

Pierre-Henri Gourgeon, Air France President and Chief Operating Officer, delivered a lecture to the Paris Branch on 24 November entitled 'Stratégie commerciale d'Air-France'. Pierre-Henri Gourgeon explained the rationale of the acquisition of KLM by Air France, how the joint venture currently works and the advantage of operating from two hubs, Paris CDG and Amsterdam Schiphol. The event took place courtesy of Safran at its headquarters in central Paris. Jean-Paul Béchat, president of the Safran Group

attended the event and was also joined in the audience by chief executive officers representing Snecma, Messier-Dowty and Hispano-Suiza.

The Hamburg Branch held its inaugural lecture evening on 19 October. The event took place at the British Consulate by kind permission of Her Majesty's Consul-General, Tim Collard. A cocktail reception sponsored by Airbus Deutschland followed lectures by Capt Claus Cordes on 'Heinkel meets Rolls-Royce', and Capt David Rowland on 'Concorde — an Aerospace Success Story'. Sir Colin Terry and Hamburg Branch Chairman, Dr Hans Altfeld, also addressed the audience of 90 invited guests. The attendance list illustrated the great depth

and diversity of the aerospace community in Hamburg with numerous organisations and no fewer than 11 different nationalities represented at the event.

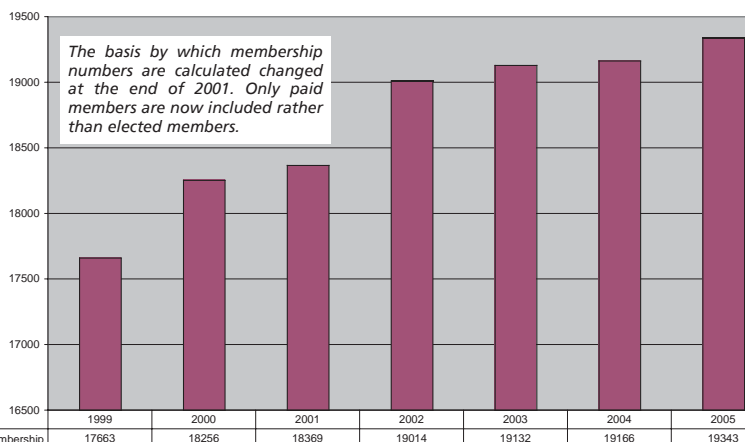
Washington DC Branch members gathered at the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC on 8 June to hear General T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, deliver an entertaining and extremely interesting talk on the logistics of supporting air operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

General Moseley was introduced by Richard Kirkland, vp international programs, Lockheed Martin. The UK Air Attaché, Air Commodore Phil Goodman, a member of the Washington DC's Branch's committee, delivered the vote of thanks. Washington DC Branch Chairman Stuart Matthews, President of the Flight Safety Foundation, closed the evening by thanking Lockheed Martin for sponsoring the reception and the Embassy of Australia for kindly hosting the event.

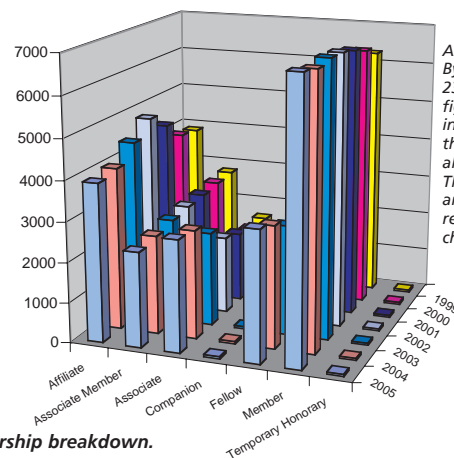
Branches Conference

The 95th Branches Conference took place on the 13/14 May and was kindly hosted by the Prestwick Branch. 46 delegates representing the host Branch, Hamilton Place, and 29 other Branches were present.

Membership graph.



The basis by which membership numbers are calculated changed at the end of 2001. Only paid members are now included rather than elected members.



As a result of the By-Law changes, dated 23 January 2003, the figure for Affiliates also includes Students, and the figure for Associates also includes Graduates. The data between 1999 and 2002 has been re-cast to reflect these changes.

Membership breakdown.

	Affiliate	Associate Member	Associate	Companion	Fellow	Member	Temporary Honorary
2005	3942	2372	2786	56	3251	6885	51
2004	4050	2469	2713	58	3046	6781	50
2003	4455	2581	2350	57	2755	6857	50
2002	4945	2699	1934	56	2652	6816	51
2001	4454	2699	1746	52	2575	6701	51
2000	3894	2767	1587	54	2470	6533	52
1999	3897	2808	1611	60	2415	6306	52

Staff: Scott Phillips, external affairs manager; Beverley Gaynor, Corporate Partners manager; Becky Carey, membership officer and Sam Phillips, membership administrator.

John Hopkins, Chairman of the Prestwick Branch, welcomed delegates with a brief history of aviation in Scotland and Prestwick in particular. The delegates then visited GE Caledonian (overhaul and maintenance of GE engines) or chose to visit the National Air Traffic Control Centre.

On returning to the conference venue in Troon, Graham Roe, Chairman of the Branches Committee, introduced the Conference and outlined the afternoon workshops. Before delegates split into the workshop groups, Graham Roe took the opportunity to present the Prestwick Branch with a certificate to celebrate the fact that 2005 was the fourth such conference hosted by the Prestwick Branch. The Branch had hosted previous conferences in 1996, 1985, and 1975.

The two workshops discussed at the 2005 conference were:

- What do the Branches want from the Branches Committee?
- What do Branches want from the annual Branches conference and forum?

That evening, the Depute Provost and South Ayrshire Council kindly hosted a Civic Reception prior to the Gala Banquet. During the evening, then RAeS President, Roland Fairfield, presented Prestwick Branch President Peter Berry with the 2004 Branches Award

(for outstanding service to the Branches of the Society) and also took the opportunity to present John Hopkins with his Fellowship certificate having recently upgraded from Member.

The 95th Branches Conference would not have been possible without the support of local aerospace companies nor the unselfish labour of the Branch Committee and their wives. Many thanks to all.

Divisions

RAeS President visited the Australian and New Zealand Divisions in a tour that stretched from 28 October to 7 November. In Auckland the programme included meetings with NZ President, Capt Neville Hay and NZ Division Councillors. In Brisbane a busy schedule included a meeting with David Gray (md Boeing Australia). In Sydney a meeting was arranged at Qantas with David Cox (executive general manager, ETOMS) and Capt Chris Manning (head flight operations and chief pilot). All RAeS flights on the tour by kind courtesy of Qantas.

During September the chairman of the EAB, together with the chief executive, Keith Mans, visited the RAeS South African Division in Pretoria.

Membership

Society membership at the end of 2005 was 19,343. This compares with 19,166 at the end of December 2004.

Following his Corporate Partner briefing, Sir Colin Terry, RAeS President, presented Dick Olver, chairman of BAE Systems, with his Companion certificate.



The Seattle Branch Joe Sutter black tie dinner and lecture at the Museum of Flight in November. From left: Roland Fairfield, RAeS Past President; Joe Sutter, HonFRAeS; Capt Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann, chief project pilot on the Boeing 777-200LR and lecturer; Stewart John, RAeS Council and Peter Gardner, Seattle Branch President.

The Society had a presence during the year at a number of air shows (Pilot Training Exhibition, Old Warden, RAF Cosford, RN Day at FAA Yeovilton, RIAT) as well as in-house conferences at Hamilton Place. Attendance at Careers events and the activities of the Young Members Board all helped to boost membership applications.

Existing members were encouraged to consider if their membership grade was appropriate to their current aerospace experience and for those who are engineers to seek formal recognition by applying for registration as Engineering Technicians, Incorporated Engineers and Chartered Engineers. A significant number of existing members have taken the opportunity to reassess their membership eligibility. If you have not yet looked at this aspect of your membership, contact the Membership Department, who will be pleased to provide further information.

As part of a review of membership costs and benefits we contacted some 3,500 members via e-mail with a questionnaire. The response was dramatic and rapid with over 300 responses in 48 hours. We will take forward suggestions we received but please be sure we have your e-mail address to help improve our communication with you.

Corporate Partners

The number of Corporate Partners at the end of 2005 stood at 120 (the figure was 119 for the end of 2004).

The Corporate Partner Seminar marked the start of the programme of corporate partner events for 2005. Speakers at this Seminar examined the prospects of the aerospace community for 2005 by focusing on the major projects and the underpinning financial position of the industry.

Following the Seminar, the Society delivered a programme of seven briefings over the year. Attendance at the briefings is exclusive to staff at Corporate Partner companies/organisations. Our guest speakers for 2005 were The Lord Garden, Martin Broughton, Iain Gray, Sir Digby Jones, Patrick Goudou, The Rt Hon Alun Michael, MP, and Dick Olver.

To date we have scheduled six Corporate Partner briefings for 2006 and these will be given by Karen Buck, MP, Sir Brian Bender, Professor Sir Gareth Roberts, Geoff Muirhead, Paul Barron and Professor Roy Anderson.

At the beginning of the year we sampled some 20 of our Corporate partners and found that they all valued the high level briefings most of all. To improve our communication with them Beverley Gaynor will take on the management of the scheme on a full time basis.



Learned Society Board

Capt David Rowland, chairman

Learned Society Board as at 31 December 2005

Capt D.C. Rowland (chairman), Prof P.W. Bearman, Dr G.T. Coleman, Prof K. Hayward, J. Loizou, B.L. Perry, K. Walsh, K.D.R. Mans (*ex officio*), J. Austen-Brown (staff member).

Two changes that have had a significant effect on the work of the Learned Society Board (LSB) were introduced at the start of 2005. The first was the restructuring of the Board into a smaller, more business focused body with a larger sub-committee, the Specialist Group Committee (SGC), to oversee the day-to-day activities of the Specialist Groups. The second was the successful merger of the Conferences, Corporate Events and Venue Services departments. There was also a change of chairman as Sir Colin Terry stood down as he approached the start of his Presidential year.

The 'new' LSB is much smaller than the 'old' one, with seven members (plus the chief executive) who bring with them their expertise in specific areas for which the Board has oversight responsibility, as well as their general contribution to the work of the LSB throughout the year.

Conferences and Events

2005 has been a successful year for the Society's conference and events programme. It would not be possible to hold such events without the hard work of the volunteer members of the Specialist Groups and other committees whose specialist knowledge ensures the relevance of the content and the suitability of the speakers, as well as identifying possible sponsors. At the same time, the event could not take place without the professional expertise of the Society's Conference, Events and Venue Services team. Both sides in this

partnership are consistently praised in the feedback received from conference delegates for maintaining the high standard for which Society events have a justifiable reputation.

In 2005 some 4,951 people attended RAeS events held at Hamilton Place — 33 lectures and briefings, and 28 conferences and evening events. This included the first, and very successful, Annual Conference in April. In financial terms, a challenging budget target was achieved. We would like to acknowledge, and record our thanks to those individuals and companies that have given sponsorship support for a wide range of events throughout the year.

Publications

There had been concern in recent years about the reducing number of papers being submitted for publication in the *The Aeronautical Journal*. This year has seen a closer relationship established between the Specialist Groups and the editors of the *Journal* and as a result the situation has improved considerably. There have been some changes to the design of the front covers of *The Aeronautical Journal* and *The Aerospace Professional*. Advertising for the three journals was put out to tender and new agents selected and from 1 March 2006 McMillan-Scott will be the sole advertisement agents.

Library and Archive

This year has seen the removal of the archive material that

was formerly kept in the basement, to a better location and work progresses to establish the National Aerospace Library. The Society's collection will be at its core, with the library at Hamilton Place as a prominent component. Fund-raising for the project started towards the end of 2005 and members will have seen the invitation to make a contribution to the library fund in the December copy of *The Aerospace Professional*. More details can be obtained from the chief executive.

Website

The LSB started 2005 with a fundamental review of the website in response to consultations with individuals and groups of members. We



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Light Aviation
Management Studies
Propulsion
Rotorcraft
Space
Structures & Materials
Weapon Systems & Technology

Prof Norman Wood
Charles Haddon-Cave, QC
ACM Sir Michael Graydon
Maurice Hudson
John Saull
Air Cdre Duncan Mitchell
Brian Thrussell
Capt Ralph Kohn
Wolf-Dieter Hass
Paul Rees
Kit Mitchell
Carey Edwards
Frank Low
Lee Balthazor
David Faddy
Andrew Bradley
Keith Reid
Pat Norris
Dr Malcolm Nash
Brian Shepard

needed to understand what we were intending to achieve by having a website; how was it working; how could it work better to support the Society's activities and what value should it be able to add to the service given to members and the interest shown by visitors? A new technical specification, that will improve both the operation and appearance of the site, was written and this was put out to tender at the end of the year. Looking ahead, the changes will be put in place soon, and there will be a new, additional member of staff to manage the operation of the 'new' site.

Papers and consultation responses

2005 has seen the publication of several Specialist and Discussion Papers. Better processes for approving papers

has ensured topicality and promoted debate and our thanks go to the volunteer members who give their time to produce these documents. The LSB has co-ordinated the Society's responses to several consultation requests from government or Parliament during the year with the invaluable help of members and Specialist Groups.

Marketing

Finally, at the end of 2005, the Learned Society Board started a review of the Society's marketing activities both in general and specifically with reference to conferences and events. The aim is to ensure as far as possible that the Society better understands the needs of members, and communicates effectively with both members and the wider community.



Sir Colin Terry, RAeS President, congratulates Professor David Southwood, director of science, European Space Agency, following his 2005 Wilbur and Orville Wright lecture 'Mars, Titan and beyond'.

Staff: (Conference and Events Department) Julia Austen-Brown, conference and events manager; Lorraine Reese, conference and events deputy manager; Theresa Ananenu, conference and events organiser; Melissa Warner, conference and events assistant and Emma Bossom, conference and events assistant (maternity leave cover). (Library) Brian Riddle, librarian. (Publications) Chris Male, publications manager; Richard Gardner, Editor, *Aerospace International*; Tim Robinson, deputy editor; Bill Read, features editor and Wayne Davis, production co-ordinator.

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Young Members' Board

Carl Warren, chairman

Young Members' Board as at 31 December 2005

C. Warren (chairman), S. Liddle (secretary), A. Dawe (treasurer), W. Beaumont, A. Carlisle, B. Chan, L. Chin Ern, H. Dowson, T. Etheridge, L. Foat, C. Folkard, L. Forrer, I. Herbert, H. Kim, J. Lee, S. Scott-Hayward, A. Smart, S. Vaitkevicius, P. Williams, M. Wilson, B. Zewde, B. Gaynor (staff member), R. Azouzi (staff member).

The year 2005 proved to be another demanding but successful year for the Young Members' Board (YMB). Over the course of the year the YMB has organised two successful conferences, assisted in organising the Ballantyne lecture, given a large number of roadshow presentations as well as representing the views of the younger members at all levels within the Society.

The Board is composed of 20-25 young members from across the aerospace industry. Without these volunteers and the support that they receive from their institutions and companies it would not be possible to maintain the activities of the YMB. If you interested in getting involved with the Board or know of someone who may be then please contact us at youngmembers@raes.org.uk. In particular, greater representation by student members of the society would be welcomed.

Events

The first YMB event of 2005 was the Annual Conference, entitled 'Does size matter?'. The conference asked whether size matters for the future development of the aerospace industry, particularly focusing on the A380, airport development and the future for careers in the industry. The presentation by Mike Toms of BAA was particularly timely as it coincided with the High Court ruling on future airport development at Stansted, adding some extra excitement to the day.

In March the YMB supported

the careers and conference departments in the running of the Ballantyne lecture. This proved to be another successful event, attended by 123 young people and their teachers. The day, entitled, 'Aerospace engineering: invention and innovation', looked at the variety of ways in which aerospace careers allow for innovative thinking and how young people could get involved. The speakers included the Chief of Air Cadets, a former YINI placement student and representatives from Microturbo and QinetiQ.

The 2005 roadshow season ran from September to November with more than 20 institutions visited by YMB members and society staff. The planning for the roadshow presentations represents a substantial logistical exercise for the Board. This year's roadshow season was deemed to be a success with in excess of 1,000 undergraduate students receiving the presentation and the Society receiving a substantial number of applications as a consequence.

Ordinarily, the final event of the YMB calendar is AeroChallenge. However, early in the year the Board decided to swap the dates of the Annual Conference and AeroChallenge. As a consequence, the second Annual Conference of the year took place in November. The theme of the conference, entitled 'A life worth living', was the lifecycle of aerospace systems. A number of high quality speakers from all sectors of the industry spoke about product conception,

development, launch, in-service support and disposal. In addition, in parallel with the conference presentations, the careers department ran careers advice sessions throughout the day. The event was a great success and was attended by over 130 young members.

Communications

The YMB has a number of electronic communications methods including the website, the e-group and YMSList. The YMB also has a monthly column in *The Aerospace Professional*. Articles are always welcome for this column. If you are interested in expressing an opinion or writing about something of interest to other young members, contact youngmembers@raes.org.uk.

In March the YMSList e-mail service was re-launched with a new streamlined, graphical look. The monthly e-newsletter aims to promote events and opportunities of interest to the young members of the society. To receive YMSList send an e-mail to ymslist@raes.org.uk with 'add ymslist' in the subject line.

In October the YMB web-pages were reviewed and substantially updated as a precursor to the major society web page update. The pages contain the latest information of interest to young members.

The electronic discussion group has seen an increase in members and we would encourage people to use this tool as a means of discussing topics which are of interest to them. Members can sign up to the e-

group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/raesym> or you can e-mail raesym-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. As the Society has Divisions and Branches across the world, it is worth remembering that, when you subscribe to this discussion group, you are reaching a global audience.

Careers

During 2005 the Careers Centre continued to act as the key contact point for aerospace and aviation careers enquiries for individuals and organisations in the UK and overseas, with around 1,000 requests for information such as our job profile leaflets, aerospace-related course listings and company listings. New literature introduced included a guide to useful aerospace websites for job hunters, a UK aircraft maintenance company listing, aptitude testing links and an interview preparation guide.

The 1-2-1 guidance service received a particularly good take-up with around 125 individual appointments in 2005 of which around 60 used the service for the first time. Most users were members of the Society, particularly current students and recent graduates but others included experienced professionals and non-members.

Our strong relationship with *The Independent* continued, working closely with its team on the careers magazine *Everything Aerospace* which featured many RAeS members. We extended the relationship by collaborating on the London Air Show and RIAT events and on the new version of the professional paper, 'So you want to be a pilot', written by the RAeS Flight Operations Group in association with GAPAN. These new arrangements mean the document is now available as a free publication to the public with over 20,000 copies printed.

To conclude, we hope to build upon the successes of 2005 and make 2006 an even better year. The YMB will continue to represent the views of young members across the Society and ensure that their voice is not lost within the Society.



Professional Standards Board

Dr Mike Steeden, chairman

Professional Standards Board as at 31 December 2005

Dr M.F. Steeden (chairman), L.R. Balthazor, M. Bell, R.J.C. Betts, R.H. Blockey, AVM D.C. Couzens, L.B. Dingle, Prof G.T.S. Done, P.J. Durrant, Eur Ing H. Humphries, H. Leach, J.C. McKenna, AVM C.W. Ness, M.L. Penn, P.G. Richards, Sir Donald Spiers, K.D.R. Mans (ex *officio*), S. Moore (staff member).

The EC^{UK} registration audit cycle

With the end of 2005 so too passes the mid-point in the five-year cycle associated with the Society's EC^{UK} Registration licence. The last formal EC^{UK} audit of the Society's CEng, IEng and EngTech processes and procedures took place in November 2002. The next is due in late 2007. The EC^{UK} Audit Panel adopted a 'light touch' approach in 2002. Since then the Society's excellent Professional Standards' staff and members of the PSB and its supporting community of volunteers have invested a very substantial amount of work in developing, continuously improving and auditing relevant policy and procedures documentation and practice.

That I can only now happily report closure in June 2005 on the schedule requirements arising from the 2002 audit attests both to the rigour of these processes and the professionalism and commitment of all those involved. During the second half of 2005 the PSB has already begun to focus attention on preparations for the 2007 audit. Our own internal audit programme for 2006 is a key element in these preparations. It has therefore been a considerable relief to see that the exemplary standard of leadership and professionalism set by AVM Peter Henderson in leading our internal audit team is to continue now AVM David

Couzens has taken on the task.

Tomlinson Report

During 2005 the PSB has continued closely to monitor the Tomlinson Report on educational reform and the ensuing Government White Paper '14-19 Education and Skills'. In advising Council on the issue the Board has taken the view that the Government response in the form of the White Paper had moved the debate forward inclusive of the issue of the vocational versus academic divide. The Board will be monitoring any further developments in this area.

Mutual Exemption Agreement

In May 2005 the Society and the Institution of Engineers Australia signed a Mutual Exemption Agreement offering reciprocal recognition for membership and facilitation of registration as a competent practitioner. December saw the first MRAeS/CEng registration via this agreement. The Australia Division expects to see more applications being submitted by this route and Professional Standards staff will monitor any significant increase in applications.

Professional Review interviewer training

A condition of the EC^{UK} audit in 2002 was that all Professional Review interviewers must be UK-SPEC trained. Accordingly, in May,

Peter Richards and Peter Collier facilitated a training session for experienced interviewers who had not received training under UK-SPEC. This resulted in a 50% increase in the Society's pool of trained interviewers. This significant increase in interviewers has benefited the Society in terms of having more people available to conduct interviews and has also eased the burden on interviewers.

Policy and Procedures Manual

Work was started in 2005 and will continue during 2006 to ensure that the Policy and Procedures Manual is fully UK-SPEC compliant by the end of 2006.

More on EC^{UK}...

30 September saw the closure of the Senior Route to CEng and IEng. The Society received its last applications via this route in July and successfully processed seven candidates who were interviewed in September and were subsequently registered by EC^{UK}.

The Society advertised the ETB Registrants' Panel Elections in *The Aerospace Professional* in early 2005. This was the first fully electronic Panel election. Turn-out was disappointingly low, resulting in concerns to learn lessons that would enable the community to become more fully engaged in the electoral process in future. The PSB reviewed the way in which the Society had sought

to inform Registrants of election details both through the web-site and *The Aerospace Professional*. Action is to be taken as a result to offer the 2006 Registrant's Panel election, which will take place 1-29 March 2006 (again electronically), a higher profile. All Registrants who are members of the Society will be encouraged to participate (for more details see www.etechb.co.uk/registrants or via www.aerosociety.com).

Chartered Scientist

Further to the Society being issued with a licence to award Chartered Scientist registration from The Science Council, 2005 has seen the first registrations under this licence. Additional work was undertaken during the year to improve the application pack and guidance given to candidates. The Society will be actively promoting CSci to its membership in 2006.

Continuous improvement

All the above issues have contributed to the process of continuous improvement across the PSB and its committees. As in 2004, committee succession planning has been a major focus and I am pleased to say that we have seen a steady increase in new members. At its meeting on 17 October, the Professional Standards Board agreed that the PSB and its sub-committees would instigate a three-year review period for membership based on auditable attendance

Staff: Sarah Moore, professional standards manager; Annabel Hallam, grading officer and Richard Jordan, accreditation officer.

and value inputs.

On the Professional Standards Board itself, we have welcomed Howard Leach, Lloyd Dingle and Richard Blockley.

On the Corporate Grading Committee we have welcomed Franklin Spencer as the new EC^{UK} representative. The Committee continues to monitor its succession planning issues and is looking to recruit one or two new members during 2006.

On the Non-Corporate Grading Committee we have welcomed Major Ian Cooper from REME and Lt Steven Gilmore RN from the MoD.

On the Corporate Accreditation Committee we have welcomed Bill Brookes as the new EC^{UK} representative.

On the Non-Corporate Accreditation Committee, new members are Wg Cdr Gethin Hill and Ray Flower, the latter from KLM Engineering. In January, Lloyd Dingle succeeded Peter Collier as Chairman. Peter contributed significantly to the success of the Committee and to the Society in general over many years. He remained a valued member of the NCAC throughout 2005, retiring at the end of the year. I know you will all join me in wishing Peter a very happy retirement.

On the Licensed Engineers' Committee, Howard Leach succeeded Ron Forrester as Chairman. Ron has been an exceptional ambassador for aircraft maintenance and, in particular, for Licensed Engineers, and I am delighted that he wishes to remain a member of the LEC.

The Professional Standards Department welcomed the return of Annabel Hallam in July, following her maternity leave. Annabel returned in a part-time capacity and has been re-titled Grading Officer. In November 2005, Deborah Hartwell was appointed to the part-time post of Admissions Officer. The original full-time post of Admissions Officer has been divided so that Deborah deals with applications and enquiries, and Annabel is responsible for the Grading Committees and Professional Review Interviews. As the year ends Sarah Moore looks back on an exceptionally successful first year as the Society's Professional Standards Manager. Sarah took over from Paul Bailey almost exactly a year ago, settling down seamlessly into her new role. She is to be congratulated on her highly valued contribution to the work of the PSB team.

Continuing to increase the breadth and diversity of the

Professional Standards team is at the core of our continuous improvement effort. As last year I would therefore again encourage members interested in participating to contact either myself directly by e-mail at mike.steeden@sbac.co.uk (or by telephone on +44 (0)20 7091 4524), or Sarah Moore, Professional Standards Manager by e-mail at sarah.moore@raes.org.uk (or by telephone on +44 (0)20 7670 4323).

More to watch for in 2006...

2006 will see the Board continue to monitor the Government's White Paper on educational reform. In connection with this and developments in relation to the Bologna Declaration and the National Qualifications Framework, the Board is planning to hold a seminar to discuss grading and vocational qualifications at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Board is also considering the possibility of holding a Professional Standards conference, possibly in Q4 2006. Expressions of interest to Sarah Moore would be welcome.

Thanks and valedictory

I would like, as in previous Reviews, to thank all those

who have contributed to the work of the Board and its Committees during 2005. Particular thanks and best wishes are due to those who have stood down during the year.

Changes to PSB sub-committee membership have already been noted above or are in prospect. In every case both thanks and appreciations are due to the departing members who have given freely of their time and commitment. I welcome their successors.

On a personal note, 2006 will find me 'time expired' as a member of Council. I must therefore stand down both from Council and my chairmanship of the PSB. The experience of leading for the Society on Professional Standards has been both challenging and rewarding. It has also been a privilege to be associated with an aspect of the Society's work that exemplifies all that is best in terms of the standards and integrity of the engineering profession in aerospace. My thanks to all those who have given so freely of their advice, support, wise counsel and friendship.

Medals and Awards



Left: The Huygens Project Team receive the Society Silver Medal Team Award and (right) the JSF Manufacturing Development Team receive the Society Bronze Medal Team Award from Sir Colin Terry prior to the 2005 Wilbur and Orville Wright lecture.

Honorary Fellowship

SIR MICHAEL COBHAM, life president, Cobham

PROF RHONA FLIN, accompanied by award of the Roger Green Medal

Society Silver Medal

PROFESSOR DAVID SOUTHWOOD, director of science, ESA

Bronze award

DAVID OGILVY
DR MICHAEL BIRD
RAYMOND CURTIS

Society Bronze Medal

DR SIMON JANVRIN, former chief medical officer, CAA

TEAM

Silver award

ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS DESIGN TEAM

Society Bronze Medal

DR JACK PIKE, APECS

Society Gold Medal Team Award

A380 WING DESIGN TEAM, Airbus UK

Dr Simon Janvrin receives his Society Bronze Medal.



Society Silver Medal Team Award

THE HUYGENS PROJECT TEAM, ESA

Society Bronze Medal Team Award

JSF MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT TEAM, BAE Systems

INDIVIDUAL

Gold award

ALAN THIRKETTLE, accompanied by award of the Geoffrey Pardoe Space Medal

Silver award

ANDREW STRACHAN, accompanied by award of the Alan Marsh Medal
CAPT IAN WATKINS, accompanied by award of the Flight Simulation Medal

Bronze award

AVIATION MEDICINE FLIGHT

WRITTEN PAPER PRIZES

Gold award

PROF J.E. GREEN, chairman of sub-group, Greener by Design, accompanied by the Hodgson prize

Silver award

R.E. GORDNIER and M.R. VISBAL, accompanied by the Busk prize

Silver award

Y.B. SUZEN and P.G. HUANG, accompanied by the Ackroyd Stuart prize

Bronze award

K.D. JONES, C.J. BRADSHAW, J. PAPADOPOULOS and M.F. PLATZER

Bronze award

J. BOUDET, V.N.D. AUTEF, J.W. CHEW, N.J. HILLS and O. GENTILHOMME

Bronze award

F. NITZSCHE and D.G. OPOKU, D.G. OPOKU also awarded the Hafner VTOL prize

YOUNG MEMBERS CATEGORY

Alan Marsh Award

For technical promise in the rotary wing field (the award consists of a scroll and five hours' dual helicopter flying training)

MICHAEL COUCHMAN
ANDREW RAMAGE

Herbert Le Sueur Award

Awarded to Young Members where studies or experience will be enhanced by attending the European Rotorcraft Forum or similar event

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What?

Despite the UK's prominent role in the development of aerospace over the past 150 years, we have no national archive. The Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS), the world's oldest and most respected aerospace society, plans to establish a National Aerospace Library (NAL) and archive, using, as its core, the existing RAeS library already regarded as one of the world's foremost aerospace collections.

Where?

It is proposed that the NAL will be located at Farnborough, ideally in the Grade 1 listed historic 24ft wind-tunnel complex in the Aviation Heritage section of the new Farnborough Business Park. Once the library is established, it is the Royal Aeronautical Society's intent to link it electronically to other aerospace collections, both in the UK and abroad, so offering a comprehensive portal to enthusiasts, researchers and scholars.

When?

All the at-risk material has now been removed from the basement of 4 Hamilton Place and placed, with recently acquired historic material from the CAA and SBAC, in accessible storage at Farnborough. Later this year, the nucleus of the National Aerospace Library will be formally established at 4 Hamilton Place. Work is already underway to restore the wind-tunnel building exterior. A working group has been formed to co-ordinate fund-raising and oversee the project itself. The RAeS would like to establish the NAL by the end of 2008 to coincide with the centenary of the first powered flight in Britain.

Act now!

If we are able to raise money quickly then the Library could be established in time to celebrate the centenary of flight in the UK

There are a number of ways that members could contribute including, at a relatively modest level, recognition of their help permanently displayed in the library. If you are a UK taxpayer, we hope that you will complete the gift-aid form that ensures that the project benefits from an additional 28% from the tax-man. Of course, all contributions will be very welcome but we have suggested a three-level contribution which we hope you will support:

- Personal Sponsor Gold over £250**, name on library Sponsors' wall in perpetuity and commemorative tie.
- Personal Sponsor Silver £100**, name in Sponsors' book on display in NAL and commemorative tie.
- Personal Sponsor Bronze £50**, commemorative tie.

You may also wish to consider a staged payment over a number of years. Although we would need your cheque or credit card agreement for this first payment, future instalments, with your agreement, could be collected by adjusting your annual Direct Debit membership payments. To make your donation please use the form below.

Please fill in this form to make your contribution

Bronze

Silver

Gold

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Signature Date

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The enclosed donation of £.....

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Beginning in January 2007 and until this mandate is cancelled by me please collect £..... (this amount is fixed) as an annual donation to NAL.

Tick as appropriate

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