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ICAS Congress held for the first time in Korea

For the first time in the almost 60 years of the history of the International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences (ICAS), its biennial Congress was held in Korea. The city of Daejeon hosted the 30th ICAS Congress from 25 to 30 September, 2016. “Everyone was overwhelmed by the organisation and hospitality in Korea”, announced ICAS President Dr Christian Mari of France. We had more than 600 participants from almost 40 countries who presented almost 450 papers during the Congress.

The Korean Society for Aeronautical & Space Sciences (KSAS) as the ICAS member organisation in Korea succeeded in planning this Congress over the last four years and attracting not only numerous participants, but also six CTOs of leading aeronautical companies to make presentations on “the airframer’s vision of the future” and “the requirements of equipment using leading edge technology”.

The official opening ceremony on 26 September included speeches from Mr Sun-Taik Kwon, Mayor of Daejeon, and KSAS President Dr In Hee Hwang. This was immediately followed by the ICAS Daniel & Florence Guggenheim Lecture delivered by Prof. Seung Jo Kim on “Design, Development and Flight test of Vertical Take-Off and Landing UAV”, which featured his Cyclocopter Project.

Other highlights during the congress included multiple plenary lectures on recent programmes and scientific developments, as well as two award lectures: the first was on the JSF Lift System – the ICAS Paul Keuk Chang Award for Innovation in Aeronautics, and the second was on the Airbus 350 XWB Programme – the ICAS von Kármán Award for International Cooperation in Aeronautics.

The Congress closing ceremony included the handing over of the ICAS Presidency to Dr Susan Ying of COMAC, China, and the introduction of the venue for the 31st ICAS Congress, which is Belo Horizonte, Brazil in September 2018.

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