



# Air Navigation



## CONVENTION 2026

## SKIES AHEAD

**Guiding the Next Aviation  
Professionals through  
Innovation and Opportunity**



March 19th–March 20th

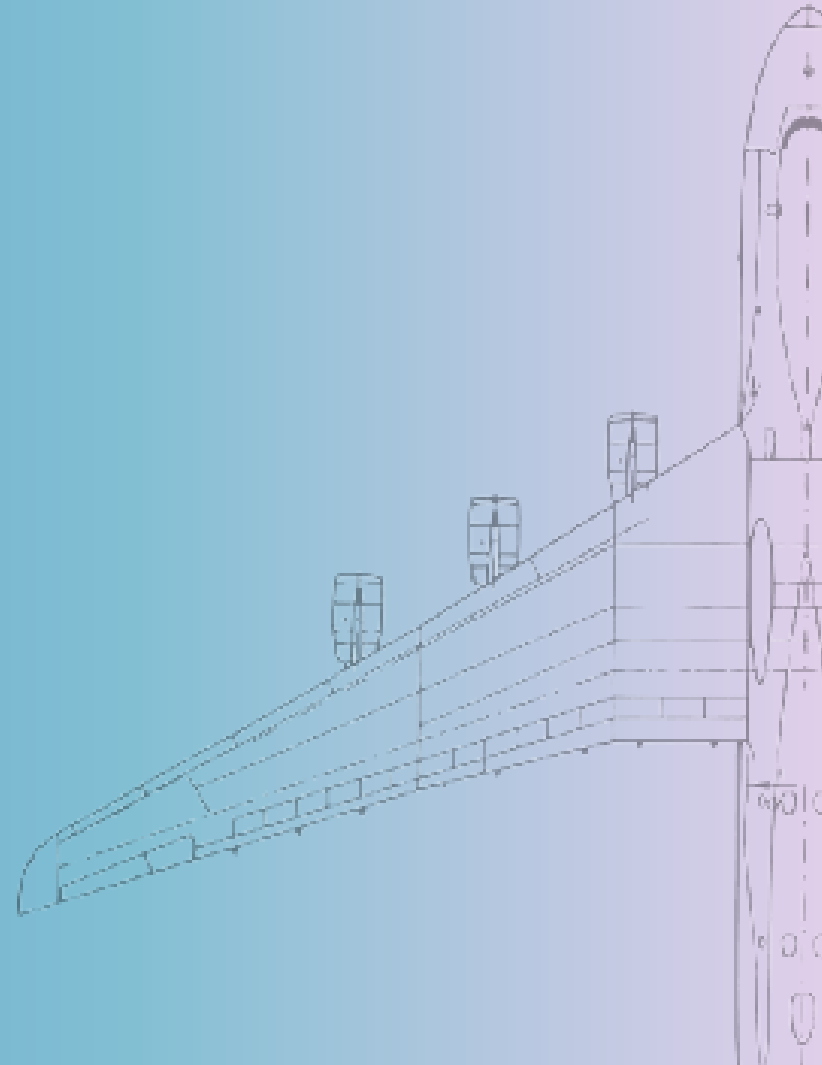


8:00–16:30 EEST



Romanian American  
University Conference Hall

**By students For students**



# DAY 1 – 19<sup>th</sup> of March

## Skies Ahead

**8:00–09:00:** Registrations and Welcome Coffee

**09:00–09:30: Session 0: Welcome and Opening Session**

**09:00–09:10:** Opening the convention – **Prof. Octavian Thor Pleter**

**09:10–09:30:** Welcome Speech – **Lect. Camelia-Monica Gheorghe, Prof. Habil. Costel Negricea**

**09:30–12:30: Session 1: AI – The new buzz or reality? How we drive innovation from now on**

**09:30–10:00: Keynote Speaker – Mr. Alex Bristol**

**10:00–10:30:** How to develop an ATC simulator prototype in one day – **Mr. Răzvan Mărgăuan**

**10:30–11:00:** Teaching AI to fly: Humans still lead – **Prof. Riccardo Patriarca**

**11:00–11:30:** Coffee and Networking Break

**11:30–12:00:** Challenging the Immune System: Driving Innovation in Air Navigation Service Provision – **Ms. Birgit Reinhofer-Mitterer**

**12:00–12:30:** How to use AI for SW developments in ATM – **Mr. Tafoor Raja**

**12:30–14:00:** Lunch and Networking Break

**14:00–17:15: Session 2: When System Meets Reality: Implementing Technologies in Real-World Airspace**

**14:00–14:30:** Pushing the frontiers of human-AI teaming in aviation: Lessons from the HAIKU and JARVIS projects – **Dr. Barry Kirwan**

**14:30–15:00:** Using AI in SW Development @ JLG – **Mr. Florin Mijea**

**15:00–15:30:** Coffee and Networking Break

**15:30–16:00:** Taking out the pilot from the equation – A game changer – **Mr. Hugo de Blauwe**

**16:00–16:30:** Frequentis Project Presentation – **Mr. Cătălin-Sergiu Cristea**

**16:30–17:00:** Students Internships – Internships insights and further studies experiences from AIRNAV students

**17:00–17:15:** Wrap up of Day 1 and Introducing Day 2

## Speakers



**Prof. Octavian Thor PLETER** – Faculty of Aerospace Engineering

**Lect. Camelia-Monica Gheorghe, PhD** – Dean School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, RAU

**Prof. Habil. Costel Negricea, PhD** – Rector of RAU

**Mr. Alex Bristol** – former CEO of Skyguide Switzerland

**Prof. Riccardo Patriarca** – Sapienza University

**Ms. Birgit Reinhofer-Mitterer** – Innovation Manager, Austro Control

**Mr. Răzvan Mărgăuan** – Head of Architecture, EUROCONTROL MUAC

**Mr. Tafoor Raja** – Head of Aviation and Account Manager for EUROCONTROL ATOS

**Dr. Barry Kirwan** – ret. Manager Human Factors, EUROCONTROL

**Mr. Florin Mijea** – Chief Business Development, JLG Consulting

**Mr. Hugo de Blauwe** – Founder and CEO of Inflight, Belgium

**Mr. Cătălin-Sergiu Cristea** – Frequentis



# Speakers

**Mr. Dorin Prunariu** - Romanian cosmonaut, Aerospace Engineer and the only Romanian citizen to travel into space

**Mr. Antonio Licu** - Head of Technical Division, EUROCONTROL

**Mr. Sebastian Daeunert** - ret. Chief Investigator and Safety Manager, Frankfurt TWR

**Dr. Maria Kovacova** - University of Zilina

**Mr. Benjamin Cramet** - Manager NM Lab, EUROCONTROL Network Manager

**Mr. Kenneth Chircop** - Executive Director, DRONAMICS Europe Airlines

**Mr. Radu Berceanu** - CEO, AVI Aircraft

**Mr. Alessandro Cordaro** - Sales Director International Organizations, CEGEKA

**Mr. Daniele Ruscio** - Senior Human Factors Engineer, Deep Blue

## DAY 2 - 20<sup>th</sup> of March Skies Ahead

**08:30-09:00:** Welcome Coffee

**09:00-09:10:** Recap of Day 1, opening Day 2

**09:10-09:30: Keynote speaker - Dorin Prunariu**

**09:30-12:30: Session 3: Smarter Systems, Safer Skies? Who is really in control?**

**09:30-10:00:** Aviation Safety and Technology pace - are we capable to cope with the AI race? - **Mr. Antonio Licu**

**10:00-10:30:** Surprises of Automation - West Air Sweden Accident - **Mr. Sebastian Daeunert**

**10:30-11:00:** Coffee and Networking Break

**11:00-11:30:** Are AI and Just Culture compatible? - **Dr. Maria Kovacova**

**11:30-12:00:** An AI General Perspective - how EUROCONTROL deals with Artificial Intelligence - **Mr. Benjamin Cramet**

**12:00-12:30:** Why now is the time to lead in European RPAS integration (introducing the Dronamics Black Swan) - **Mr. Kenneth Chircop**

**12:30-14:00:** Lunch & Networking Break

**14:00-17:00: Session 4: Inside the Process: From Concept to Published Flight Procedure**

**14:00-14:30:** Challenges of aircraft manufacturing - **Mr. Radu Berceanu**

**14:30-14:50:** Challenges as an IT supplier - **Mr. Alessandro Cordaro**

**14:50-15:10:** Sponsor presentation - **DEEP BLUE** - **Mr. Daniele Ruscio**

**15:10-16:45:** Procedure Design Interactive Workshop with **RAS Procedure Design**

**16:45-17:00:** Wrap up of ANC 2026 and announcing ANC 2027 / Closure

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