

THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

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Founded in 1866, this year sees the 125th anniversary of The Royal Aeronautical Society, the oldest aeronautical society in the world. Founded for the general advancement of Aeronautical Art, Science and Engineering, the Society is the main focus for all those professionally engaged in the aerospace industry.

As the only multidisciplinary society dedicated to the entire sphere of aerospace disciplines, it draws its 18 500 members from all sectors of the aerospace community. The Society acts both as a Learned Body and as a Professional Institution responsible for standards for, and promoting the interests of, Chartered Engineers, Incorporated Engineers, Engineering Technicians and European Engineers.

The Society's headquarters are at 4 Hamilton Place, Hyde Park Corner where facilities for members include what is regarded by many as the world's foremost aeronautical library, an impressive lecture theatre and various meeting rooms. An important recent addition to the facilities is the Rolls-Royce Suite which includes a lounge where members can enjoy the ambience of the Society, light refreshments and stimulating company!

The Society has a comprehensive lecture and conference programme which covers a broad spectrum of topics involving speakers of the highest calibre. Many of the conferences and lectures take place at Hamilton Place but the Society also lives and breathes through its numerous Divisions and Branches based throughout the UK and overseas. The Society also runs short courses and sponsorship programmes, bestows prestigious medals and awards, and accredits degree and training courses, to name but a few of its activities.

The Society also publishes *Aerospace*, a monthly magazine which is delivered free to all members and is available on subscription to non-members. It is unique in providing its readers with up-to-date information on the industry as well as keeping them in touch with Society events. It is a highly regarded publication with a readership that extends far beyond the Society's members.

One of the Society's many strengths is the close links it enjoys with the industry, acting not only in a consultative role but also in the planning and execution of joint ventures. It is also all set to move into 1992 having forged strong ties with its sister organizations in Europe and the US. Several successful collaborative events have already been held and many more are planned for the future.

Whilst the Society is immensely proud of its impressive history, it is also very aware that as the industry changes so do the needs of its members and, with its forward-looking approach, the Society is well placed to meet the challenges of the next 125 years and beyond.

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