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Subject: Call for Paper for the EASA “Rotorcraft and VTOL Symposium” 10th – 12th November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The rotorcraft community is facing unprecedented challenges; safety of helicopter operations is even more critical now in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, and restarting the activity brings a number of new challenges.

This Symposium will provide a unique forum where Authorities, Industry, Operators, Pilots, Safety Investigators, Researchers and all those with an interest in rotorcraft safety worldwide can share and exchange ideas, take stock of the progress made and review lessons learnt so far from the Covid19 crisis.

The Symposium will be held on:

**10 - 12 November 2020
at the Koelnmesse, Hall 8
Messeplatz 1,
D-50679 Cologne, Germany.**

The Rotorcraft and VTOL Symposium is the European reference event to discuss developments in the rotary wings domain and their safety objectives and achievements. This year, the Symposium will be integrated in the new EUROPEAN ROTORS VTOL Show & Safety Conference. For more than a decade the EUROPEAN Rotorcraft and VTOL Symposium’s success has been based on the quality of the presentations and the variety of the subjects addressed.

This year’s edition will feature a few changes and additions:

- The format will be 3 half-days to enable participants to benefit from newly organised trainings and workshops and to visit the fair,
- For the Symposium’s Helicopter session, a strong focus will be put on the European responses to the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on safety and business-related risks,
- For the hybrid and electric VTOL session, EASA experts will present the current status of the Means of Compliance to support the Special Conditions in VTOL,



- The outcome of the Rotorcraft Safety Roadmap will be presented as well as the updated European Plan for Aviation Safety (EPAS) to reflect the latest European priorities,
- The Symposium will also include a Safety Promotion Workshop organised by the European Safety Promotion Network Rotorcraft (ESPN-R) in cooperation with the International Helicopter Safety Foundation (IHSF) and the US Helicopter Safety Team (USHST). The Workshop will provide an overview of these teams' priorities and cooperation in line with the EASA Safety Roadmap's objective to reinforce Safety Partnerships. The Workshop's theme of the year will be Hoist Operation Safety with an interactive session highlighting the ESPN-R Hoist Operations Task Force's latest deliverables and plans.
- A Safety Promotion event will also take place in the show premises, moving around different stands and interacting with visitors. The theme will be a perfect end-to-end Helicopter flight from Preparation, Walkaround, Take-Off, Cruise Flight, and Emergencies, to Landing and Debrief.

I invite you to submit proposals for presentations for the session on 12 Nov, consisting of a title, presenter name and affiliation, and an abstract (between 100 and 300 words) by **10 July 2020** to Clément AUDARD, EASA CT.3 - Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) Department via e-mail at vtol@easa.europa.eu. Subjects to address are current challenges and future developments in the field of Airworthiness and Certification Standards, Research & Development, safety initiatives and safety enhancement actions, and recent developments in the community including the COVID-19 crisis. Following a review of the proposals, EASA will notify the authors of the selected papers.

Registration, conference documentation and information on accommodation will be available on the [EASA website](#) (Events).

I am looking forward to welcoming you at the Symposium in November.

Yours faithfully,



David Solar