



Dear Readers:

Welcome to the Spring 2021 issue of the ICUAS Association Newsletter.

Despite the COVID-19 challenges that we still face, we remain optimistic about our plans for the annual Conference, ICUAS'21. We proceed as planned; we believe that we are fully prepared such that the conference will be, again, a great success.

As you know, the 2020 Conference was delayed until September, while the 2021 Conference will take place at the same location and venue, in Athens, Greece, on June 15-18.

We are delighted to report that we have received 259 contributed/poster papers, the 3rd highest number of submissions. This is encouraging and allows for us to be optimistic about the acceptance, growth, respect, and appeal this annual meeting has earned. We commit to working even harder to serve our technical society in the best possible way, and to continuously provide updated information about the state-of-the-art in unmanned aviation.

All submitted papers went through a rigorous peer review process, where each paper had at least three (3) reviews. In addition, the Program Chairs, assisted by other members of the Organizing Committee, provided a fourth review for each paper. This process resulted in accepting 205 papers for presentation and inclusion in the Conference Proceedings. Table I shows the results per country.

As last year, ICUAS'21 will be hybrid, allowing for physical and virtual presentations. We will continue with regular updates via e-mails and on the conference web, and we are certain

that we will run a successful conference following all safety rules and protocols that will be in place this coming June.

We encourage you to actively engage and participate in the conference, virtually or physically. Moreover, do not hesitate to reach out to us for any information you may need.

ICUAS'21 LOGISTICS

ICUAS'21 is a four-day event with Tutorials and Workshops on the first day of the Conference (15/06), followed by three days of technical sessions (16-18/06). In addition, there are five Keynote / Plenary lectures by experts in their respective fields:

1. *Refined Anti-Disturbance Control and Applications for UAVs: Green, Immunity and Survival*, Lei Guo, Beihang University, Beijing, China.
2. *Mitigation of Inflight Icing on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles*, Tor Arne Johansen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.
3. *Resilient Fault-Tolerant Control for Multiagent UAV in Formations: Reinforcement Learning for Robust Synchronization*, Frank L. Lewis, The University of Texas at Arlington.
4. *From Optic Flow Sensors to Optic Flow Based Guidance*, Franck Ruffier, CNRS - Aix Marseille Université.
5. *An Around-the-World Review of Drone Regulations*, Dawn Zoldi, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of P3 Tech Consulting.

Details about the technical conference may be found at www.uasconferences.com

Visa requirements

Greece is a member of the European Union (EU) and one of the Schengen Area countries – the world’s largest visa-free zone. Individuals may click directly <https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/> and follow instructions for visa requirements.

Note that the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides detailed information on current visa requirements or find the nearest Greek Embassy or Consulate. Citizens of some countries need an entry visa for Greece. If you need a visa, make sure to apply for one well in advance.

To find out whether you need a visa to travel to Greece, follow the steps:

1. Go to the Hellenic Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, <https://www.mfa.gr/en/>
2. Scroll down to the end of the page and find **Services**.
3. Click on **Visas**.
4. Click on **Visas for Foreigners travelling to Greece** and follow instructions.

Visa Assistance

The ICUAS Association will provide a detailed invitation letter to all registered participants who need to apply for a visa. If you plan to participate in the 2021 ICUAS, please email your request with your full affiliation and name as it appears in your passport to: kvalavanis@gmail.com



Moreover, once you complete your hotel room reservation at *Divani Caravel*, the ICUAS point-of-contact will send you a confirmation letter for visa purposes. Please email your request to Mr. Spyros Maganiotis at: maganiotis@divanis.com

Protocols for Arrivals in and Departures from Greece

According to the most recent official information, Greece will open its borders on May 14/15. We will keep on providing regular updates about the overall situation. You may click on <https://travel.gov.gr> for details. All travelers must complete the Passenger Locator Form (PLF) for the duration of their stay in Greece, including point of entry and departure, the duration of previous stays in other countries, and the address of their stay in Greece. One PLF should be submitted per family.

- Travelers will receive a confirmation email upon submission of the PLF.
- Travelers will receive the PLF with their unique Quick Response (QR) code on the day of their scheduled arrival in Greece and will be notified via email.
- Travelers boarding or embarking on the previous day of the arrival will be allowed to do so upon showing the confirmation email, since they will receive their QR code during their flight or voyage.

If anything changes, we will provide updates on the conference web.

TABLE I: SUBMITTED - ACCEPTED PAPERS PER COUNTRY

	RECEIVED	ACCEPTED
USA	51	45
India	23	15
Brazil	18	13
China	16	11
Italy	15	12
France	12	11
Singapore	12	7
Mexico	10	9
Germany	9	9
Canada	8	8
Norway	8	6
Denmark	7	7
Spain	7	7
UK	7	6
Czech Republic	5	5
Botswana	4	3
Cyprus	4	4
Greece	4	3
Russia	4	2
Argentina	3	3
Croatia	3	2
Japan	3	2
Korea, South	3	1
Poland	3	2
Sweden	3	3
Turkey	3	1
UAE	3	3
Australia	2	1
Belgium	1	1
Egypt	1	0
Latvia	1	0
Lebanon	1	1
Morocco	1	1
Oman	1	0
Portugal	1	1
Saudi Arabia	1	0
Taiwan	1	0
Totals	259	205

EVENT | WOMEN IN ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY
EVENT DATE: MAY 20TH, 2021 | 9:00AM - 10:30AM PDT / 12:00PM - 1:30 EDT

Wisk Aero, Women and Drones, and the Canadian Advanced Air Mobility Consortium in collaboration with 20 other organizations, are hosting an online conversation around how to build the most inclusive, responsible, and successful Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) industry possible. Numerous studies have shown that the more diverse a workforce is, the more prosperous it is. The current aerospace and aviation industries have worked hard to create greater equity and diversity over the past decade, with a variety of challenges limiting their efforts. This event, as one part of an annual three-part series including LGBTQ+ and Indigenous people, strives to move this conversation forward as we build this new industry together. Given the lessons learned from aviation, we can build equity and diversity into the foundation of the new Advanced Air Mobility industry, creating a more profitable, sustainable and equitable industry. This event will start off with a keynote fireside chat, followed by breakout

conversations on four important topics hosted by industry leaders who believe in this work.

KEY LINKS

- 1. Registration page** | Eventbrite page (LinkedIn event page redirects to eventbrite)
- 2. Campaign hashtags:** #WiskAero #WomeninAAM #Uplift #CanadianAAM
- 3. Keynote Speaker Bio:** Anna Kominik and Sharon Rossmark
- 4. Media Assets:** Click here (Updated in this folder as needed)
- 5. Organization Social Media Handles**
 - a. Twitter:** @WiskAero, @WomenandDrones @CanadianAAM
 - b. LinkedIn:** Wisk Aero, Women and Drones, Canadian Advanced Air Mobility

UAS policy expert and attorney, Dawn Zoldi (Colonel, USAF Retired) officially becomes the first female President and CEO of UAS Colorado.

Dawn Zoldi (Colonel, USAF Retired) is a licensed attorney, a 28-year U.S. Air Force veteran, and the founder and Chief Executive Officer of P3 Tech Consulting, connecting people who have a passion for advanced tech platforms with the plans, programs, policies, and information they need to succeed. Ms. Zoldi was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1992, commissioned in the Air Force in July 1993, and served 25 years of active duty as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps (military attorney). She then spent two years with the Office of the Air Force General Counsel as the Business Matters Attorney for the U.S. Air Force Academy and an additional one on faculty as the Deputy Director of the Academy's Center for Character and Leadership Development. She is an internationally recognized expert on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and advanced air mobility (AAM) law and policy and a recipient of the Woman to Watch in UAS (Leadership) Award 2019.

*Founded in 2013, UAS Colorado is the State's only non-profit business league committed to promoting and improving the aerospace industry by supporting the safe integration and use of UAS throughout the state for the benefit of the public. Consistent with its mission is "To champion the Colorado unmanned aircraft ecosystem,"

UAS Colorado creates a UAS industry structure and identity, advocates for public policy, promotes the safe, professional operation of UAS conducts public awareness campaigns, and supports commercial, government and private uses of UAS.

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