



**Minutes of the AAU Meeting held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**At**

**The Gas Turbine Research Centre, Cardiff University, Port Talbot.**

**Present:** Dr Thurai Ruhalan (Chairman, Salford), Paul Hogan (Treasurer, London Met), Professor Moji Moatamedi (Narvik), Dr Mike Clee (Swansea), Professor Carol Featherstone (Cardiff), Dr Chris Toomer (UWE)

**Apologies:** John Farley OBE (President), Dr Mike West, Dr Simon Prince ( secretary), Steve Wright, Dr Harry Colson, Keith Moodie, Dr Nigel Moss, Paul Fisher, Dr Alex Chong, Dr Ken Hart, Dr Mohamad Askari, Dr Andy Lewis, Chris Neal (Merlin Flight Simulation Group).

**Minutes of the previous meeting held at RAF Cosford 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

**Matters Arising From the Previous Minutes**

Email to be sent to Chris Neal to bring AAU banner and lanyards to University seminar at RAF Benson on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

## **Treasurers Report**

Paul Hogan has now taken over from Dr Mike West and he reported the latest balances to Ctte. as at 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011

It was decided to standardise our accounting year for memberships, possibly starting either on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 or 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 taking into account the financial years for the AAU and Universities.

## **Web Site**

It was decided to review our contract with Sparticle for web site maintenance for the time being and to check out our domain obligations.

Following the resignation of Charlie Crocker, the Communications Officer, it was decided not to seek a replacement for her but to ask Mrs. Tanya Hogan to act as an initial point of contact for the AAU. This is not a permanent position, being paid on an hourly basis. Her contact details will be circulated to you all by email shortly.

## **2011 programme of events**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2011** University Seminar at RAF Benson. They will be looking for presentations on all aspects of flight simulation research and development. Members are requested to note that lunch has been booked by the AAU and it will be appreciated if you could confirm your attendance, via email, by end of March. If any interested students wish to attend, they may do so, but in view of security considerations they must register their attendance in advance. Lunch may be purchased at £14.00 pp.

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2011** Committee Meeting at Narvik University College, Norway, hosted by Professor Moji Moatamedi. All members who intend to travel there are strongly encouraged to book their flights and accommodation A.S.A.P.

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2011** AGM and committee meeting to be held at Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster, followed by Dr John Barnes Trophy presentations and awards.

### **Dr John Barnes Trophy Competition**

The judges will be Dr Mike Clee, Professor Carol Featherstone and Dr Chris Toomer. Prizes to be allocated as before; 1<sup>st</sup> Place £500, Runners up £250 each.

### **Any Other Business**

Options for AGM venues for 2012 were discussed. RAF Cosford was mentioned as a possibly due to its central location as was Air Atlantique at Coventry Airport. However, members are welcome to put forward other suitable venues for consideration.

**House of Commons Dinner** – This is being proposed as a special meeting with senior politicians and academics sometime in September 2011. The aim is to raise not only the profile of the AAU but also register our concerns for Aerospace education. Please register your interest now as places will be limited. This event will hopefully be hosted by Gerald Howarth, the MP for Farnborough and a long standing supporter of the Aerospace sector. Also it is hoped that both the Secretary of State for Higher Education and Industry will be present. The dinner will be followed by a Q&A session.

### **Next Meeting**

Technical Workshop 10:30 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011, at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire