



**Minutes of the AAU Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
at  
Reaction Engines Limited, Culham Science Centre, Oxon OX14 3DB**

**Present:** Mark Hempzell (Reaction Engines Limited), Dr Thurai Rahulan (Chairman, Salford), Dr Mike West (Treasurer, ex-Coventry), Chris Neal (Merlin), Keith Moodie (Health and Safety Lab), Dr Chris Toomer (West of England), Mrs Eileen Rahulan (ex-Salford).

**Apologies:** Professor Costas Soutis (Sheffield), John Farley OBE (President), Dr Mike Jacobs (ex-Birmingham), Dr Ken Hart (Hertfordshire), Dr Harry Colson (Emerald), Dr John Barnes (Past President), Dr Alex Chong (Glamorgan), Mrs Charley Crocker (AAU Communications Officer), Professor Moji Moatamedi (Narvik).

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Aerospace and Defence Knowledge Transfer Network, Salamanca Square, 9 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SP, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

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

**Matters Arising from Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

The £200 prize sponsored by the AAU for the most innovative design at the annual Aircraft Design and Handling Competition held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Coventry University was awarded to the team from the University of Bristol. All other items were covered in the main agenda.

**Treasurers Report**

£\*\*\*\* & £\*\*\*\* in the Current & the Business accounts respectively.

**Events**

The programme of events for 2010 and 2011 are:

- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Dr John Barnes Trophy presentations/awards followed by Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting at RAF Cosford.
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Committee Meeting followed by technical workshop on aerospace research programmes at Cardiff University

- Apr Committee Meeting followed by Universities Seminar by RAeS's Flight Simulation Group at RAeS Hamilton Place, London
- Fri 08<sup>th</sup> July Committee Meeting followed by technical workshop on aerospace research programmes at Narvik University College, Norway
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Dr John Barnes Trophy presentations/awards followed by Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting at Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster Sheffield (ex RAF Finningley)

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

The judges who have been appointed are Professor Moji Moatamedi, Dr Thurai Rahulan and Councillor Paul Hogan. Three Universities who will be taking part are Sheffield, West of England and Salford.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010: Futures day at the Farnborough International (FI 2010)**

Chris Neal reported that FI 2010 was in general successful with distribution of the lanyards displaying the web address along with the business cards but that there was room for improvement. He recommended immediate registration of interest with Aerospace, Defence Security for FI 2012. It was not known what additional benefits could have been achieved if the Aerospace & Defence Knowledge Transfer Network option had been taken.

Chris Neal also mentioned that the attendance at the meetings could be better and indicated that the members do not know what the AAU is doing and what we stand for. Chris Toomer suggested visiting each member university and company in person but as always, the problem boiled down to the resourcing of volunteer staff who could spare the time in addition to winning support for travel & subsistence from their individual managers. Chris Neal will address these issues and generate a business plan for consideration by the members.

### **Inventory of the four free-standing AAU Banners**

The one kept by the Thurai Rahulan and used at this meeting was handed over to Chris Neal on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 for use by Mrs Charley Crocker as it was felt that the Communications Officer should be in possession of one. Throughout its life, this banner had been regularly deployed on numerous occasions at many seminars. Chris Toomer and Paul Hogan are in possession of the surviving two banners. The fourth one has unfortunately gone astray possibly at the RAeS Hamilton Place and is believed to be lost forever.

### **Any Other Business**

None

### **Next meeting**

Aerospace Odyssey: Student Presentations, Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting  
1030 for 1100 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010 at RAF Cosford

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