

## **Women in Aviation and Aerospace Conference 2009**

Friday 16 October

### **Programme**

#### **Networking – Making it Work for You**

09.30 *Registration      Coffee and tea*

10.00 **Welcome**

RAeS President Elect Air Vice-Marshal David Couzens

Conference Chair: Jane Middleton, Finance Director, Rockwell Collins UK

10.10 **Keynote Speaker**

Chris Browne, Managing Director, Thomson Airways

#### **Session 1: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES**

10.30 **Investigating Air Accidents - an engineer's view point**

Dr Nicola Symonds, Materials Failure Investigator, Ministry of Defence

10.50 **First steps towards a career in aviation and aerospace**

Lara Small, Capability Acquisition Engineer – Rotatives, Rolls-Royce Plc

11.10 **Launch of RAeS Women in Aviation and Aerospace group and its report**

Clare Walker, Chair, Women in Aviation and Aerospace Committee

11.30 *Coffee and Tea*

#### **Session 2: THE POWER OF NETWORKING**

Session chair: Kimberley Jackson-Diskin, Manufacturing Engineer, Malvern Instruments

11.50 **Making a success of a women's network within a company**

Marissa Dineen, UK leader of GE Women's Network

12.10 **Networking around the world to raise funds for the RIAT Flying Scholarships for the Disabled in memory of Sir Douglas Bader**

Polly Vacher MBE, Round-the-World Pilot

12.30 Question & Answer session

12.50 *Lunch and visits to exhibitors' stands*

#### **Session 3: VIEW FROM THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND**

Session Chair: Captain Ellen Burridge, British Airways

14.00 **What to expect from the "pink and fluffy department"**

Katherine Bennett OBE, Director of Communications & Government Affairs, Airbus UK

14.20 **Handbags and Helicopters: life as a female SAR pilot**

Squadron Leader Nicky Smith, Transition Manager - Search and Rescue Helicopter Bid Team, Canadian Helicopter Corporation

14.40 Question & Answer session

#### **Session 4: HOW TO MAKE NETWORKING WORK FOR YOU**

Session Chair: Professor Helen Muir, Cranfield University

- 15.00 **20 top tips on how to network effectively to achieve your career goals**  
Elizabeth Donnelly, Skills Project Manager, A|D|S
- 15.20 **Speed Networking Session:** Your chance to meet and speak to as many delegates and speakers as possible in one hour
- 16.20 **Feedback and Conference round-up**  
Chairperson/President Elect
- 16.40 **Conference closes**