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## ICAS Congress held for the first time in South America

For the first time in the more than 60 years of the International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences (ICAS), its biennial Congress is held in South America. The city of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, will host the 31<sup>th</sup> ICAS Congress from 09 to 14 September, 2018. "We are expecting more than 600 participants from around 40 countries who will present over 500 papers during the Congress. ICAS President Dr Susan Ying expects a fantastic Congress: "We are very excited to have the Congress in Brazil! We look forward to meeting attendees from around the world and to participating in state-of-the-art topic discussions".

The Associação Brasileira de Engenharia e Ciencias Mecanicas (ABCM) as the ICAS member organisation in Brazil is planning and organising this Congress for the last four years. The Congress attracts not only participants but also leaders from industry, academia, and government groups who will share their vision of aeronautical technology development as well as the policies and rules enabling the development.

The Congress will open on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September at the Expominas Conference Center in Belo Horizonte and will directly continue with the ICAS Daniel & Florence Guggenheim Lecture on "Product development challenges in the Commercial Airplane Market" delivered by Dr Humberto Pereira of Embraer, the leading aircraft building company in Brazil. In addition to the award lectures, other highlights include multiple plenary lectures on recent programmes and scientific developments. In particular, we are introducing a marquee program element, the Technology Leadership Forum (TLF) for this congress. This is a new panel forum with globally respected panelists who are innovators and leaders of the thematic topic area. The particular TLF theme is "Intelligent and Autonomous Technology".

The Congress will close with its traditional Banquet in the Automobil Museum in Belo Horizonte, where many of the prestigious ICAS awards and prizes will be issued.

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