

ICAS AWARDEES 2026

Please find the ICAS Awardees 2026 below. These Awardees have been carefully selected by the ICAS Honors and Awards Sub-Committee, decided by the ICAS Executive Committee and endorsed by the ICAS Council.

ICAS - Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Award

The Distinguished Lectureship Award is intended to recognise and honour a scientist or engineer of eminence who in a long and productive career has made a significant contribution to progress in aeronautics.



Recipient: Adnan Raghdo

Citation: Adnan Raghdo is an accomplished engineering leader and corporate executive with 35+ years in the aerospace industry. He is renowned for his strategic vision and pivotal role in advancing engineering..

ICAS – von Karman Award for International Cooperation in Aeronautics

Its purpose is to acknowledge exceptional achievement in international cooperation in the field of aeronautics, being awarded to a project or programme in which two or more countries are major participants and which is characterised by substantial technical achievement, scientific or technological advance or benefit to society.

Recipients: The Swedish Brazilian Cooperation in Aeronautics

Citation: A unique model for an extensive bilateral partnership in aeronautics research & innovation involving all actors from basic university research to institutes, industry, air forces, funding organizations and government ministries also expected to serve as a role model for other branches.

ICAS - Award for Innovation in Aeronautics

Its purpose is to recognize contributions of an individual or a team in effectively integrating a suite of advanced technologies, combined with new design and/or manufacturing processes, to create a new aeronautical system with significant worldwide impact.

Recipient: Veronique Roca



Citation: Véronique Roca's role as Lead Engineer for the Beluga XL project showed her to be a leader of extraordinary technical rigor and visionary management. Her dedication ensured a successful program delivery, generating a transformative upgrade to Airbus's cargo transport capabilities. Now, as Senior Chief Engineer in Airbus Commercial Aircraft, Véronique is setting new standards for innovation and leadership in aerospace engineering.

ICAS – Maurice Roy Medal

Its purpose is to honour persons of distinction who have an exceptional record in fostering international cooperation between scientists by their personal participation and involvement in aeronautics.

Recipient: Jeff Slotnik



Citation: "For exceptional leadership uniting international researchers to advance CFD, high-lift aerodynamics, and certification by analysis through open collaboration and shared vision."

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ICAS - John J. Green Award

Its purpose is to honour young persons of distinction who are demonstrating an exceptional record in fostering international cooperation between scientists by their personal participation and involvement in aeronautics.

Recipient: Rafael Sousa Martins

Citation: Dr. Rafael Sousa Martins has advanced international aeronautical research through pioneering work on plasma physics, lightning effects on aircraft, and advanced airborne sensors. He initiated and leads major multinational collaborations—including the IFAR project ELECTRI-FLY with ONERA, NASA, JAXA, NRC, NLR and DLR—delivering new understanding of cloud electrification and lightning risk. His leadership in France–Japan (ONERA–JAXA) and France–USA (ONERA–MIT) partnerships has produced impactful experiments, publications, and award-winning results, exemplifying scientific excellence and international cooperation in aeronautics."



ICAS - John McCarthy Student Awards

The Award or Awards, consisting of a certificate and a stipend, will be given to the author (or authors, should there be more than one who satisfies the qualifying criteria) of the paper the quality of content and presentation of which is judged to be the best or second best of those presented at the Congress.

Recipients: 1st place Nikki van Luijk, Netherlands
2nd place Ben van Magill, Australia

ICAS – IFAR Award

The purpose of the ICAS-IFAR Award is to honour an individual who has made a significant contribution to Aeronautical Science within his/her doctoral thesis (PhD or equivalent). For the first time the ICAS-IFAR Award is presented to two awardees.



Recipient: Christoph Mertens, The Netherlands

Citation: "Developing novel measurement technology for aerodynamics and aeroelasticity across wind tunnel and flight test environments"



Recipient: Mathieu Lugrin, France

Citation: Advancing the understanding of hypersonic laminar-turbulent transition through combined ground, flight, and numerical testing

ICAS Award for Distinguished Service to ICAS

To honour an individual who has made a significant contribution or provided an exceptional service that helped to advance the vision and goals of ICAS. This contribution or service should be provided as a member of the ICAS organisation including Committees or Subcommittees, the Council, and the local Congress organising committee. The recipient of this Award could receive this award more than one time.



Recipient: Bruno Stoufflet

Citation: Bruno has supported ICAS over many decades in all kind of from many perspectives. He served in the ICAS Programme Committee and many Sub-Committees. Bruno was the leading connection to representative of the France Member Organisation 3AF as well as connecting ICAS to the Air and Space Academy AAE.



Recipient: Dimitri Mavris

Citation: Dimitri has excelled in his role as Past President and has attracted numerous new Member and Associate Member organisations to ICAS. He is an extremely active ambassador to for our organization.



Recipient: Karl Rein-Weston

Citation: Karl started as a member to of the jury of for the Student Paper competition exactly 2 decades ago in Hamburg, Germany. He has chaireds the McCarthy Award committee since the ICAS Congress in Brisbane 2012 and does this with an outstanding passion and focus.

ICAS Honorary Fellows

The ICAS Council may grant the status of "Honorary Fellow" to individuals who in the opinion of the Council have distinguished themselves by virtue of their exceptional personal contributions, or through exceptional service to the objectives of ICAS.



Recipient: Dimitri Mavris

Citation: Professor Dimitri N. Mavris is being honored with the status of ICAS Honorary Fellow, which is the highest recognition of the International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences, for his exceptional continuing dedication and services to advance aeronautical engineering practice and sciences, and his visionary leadership, towards the consolidation and expansion of ICAS role in the world of aeronautics.