

INVITATION TO DASIA 2018

DASIA 2018

29th to the 31st of May 2018 (Tuesday to Thursday)

Oxford (UK)

Hotel Macdonald Randolph (special price before 30th of April 2018)

**Forward proposed presentation papers and proposals for "DASIA Open Panel" topics
at the latest 31st of January 2018**

**Forward all proposals (incl. presentation papers and "DASIA Open Panel" topics),
requests (incl. for product exhibition stands) and enquiries to
dasia2018@eurospace.org**

DASIA history and 2018 details at <http://eurospace.org/dasia-conference.aspx>

Dear DASIA friends and potential participants, many of you will know the potential topics, focus groups and format of DASIA as it has now matured since the first DASIA in 1996 and last was executed successfully in Gothenburg, Sweden with 139 participants and including 13 product exhibitors.

DASIA topics and focus groups: DAta Systems In Aerospace covers sessions of presentation and discussion concerning development, operation and management of data handling related systems – h/w and s/w - for aerospace related operations, but also for non-aerospace related systems with similar requirements for reliability, automation, and performance, e.g. automotive, transport, communication, and remote sensing applications.

Paper Presentations

This is the by far dominating activity at DASIA. The conference is shaped into topic oriented presentation sessions as determined **after** the paper selection based on the **open call** for papers. Each presentation will take 30 minutes including discussion.

Panels/workshops:

Two panel sessions in plenum are presently foreseen:

- A "normal" panel where a small group of specialists are presenting their views on a chosen topic combined with discussion between themselves and with the audience. The topic is decided by the DASIA Program Board and will be a technical or managerial strategy under consideration, development or establishment at ESA and/or European space companies.
- A more workshop oriented panel called "DASIA Open Panel" that will include preferred topics proposed and presented by participants as resulting from an open call for topics and will allow extended Q&A time. Please refer below for a description of the "DASIA Open Panel".

Invited presentations

Topics of major general interest for present systems or for future developments will be presented by invited speakers.

Product exhibitors

Coffee breaks will take place just outside the conference rooms and here you will also find the stands of product exhibitors.

Conference dinner and entertainment

Wednesday evening you are invited to be transferred/guided to a secret place in a secret manner in order to enjoy a secret dinner and entertainment.

DASIA Open Panel

The DASIA management always looks for possible improvements and interesting changes to the conference format. Feedback from participants is a vital trigger in this context. It is normally implicit in the name **"panel"** that a small group of specialists are presenting their views on a focus topic combined with discussion between themselves and with the audience. It has been argued – also after the panels of DASIA 2017 – that the presentations of the panel members were dominating, leaving very little time for discussion with the audience. One major reason for this situation is the wish of the DASIA management to ensure panels with well prepared presentations and a sufficient number in order to respect the views of all major parties. Allowing for extensive Q&A also brings the risk of the effects of audience passivity due to lack of preparation. Audience passivity might however, also be due to the lack of interest in the panel topics. In order to go "safe" and secure substance, panel topics are very often selected from the technical or managerial strategies under consideration, development or establishment at ESA and/or major European space companies. But these strategies have often been presented already at other occasions, resulting in less interest for several members of the audience. Moving panel execution in stead in the direction of "real workshops" presents a structural risk, but the DASIA management here suggests a "compromise" that hopefully will constitute the approach for at least part of the panel-activity at DASIA 2018:

We shall call it "DASIA OPEN PANEL"

The operations associated to the "DASIA Open Panel" are planned as follows:

Step 1: It will be attempted to take the interests of participants into account in a better way by already now requesting input from potential participants concerning their wishes for topics, with an attached short description of their view of each of the topics proposed.

Step 2: The DASIA Program Board will then select at least two panel topics from the resulting accumulated list of wanted topics. Related topics may be grouped together. The selection will include the most preferred topics.

Step 3: Information on the selected topics with the associated received views will be forwarded to all potential participants with a request for final feedback on these topics in form of final short descriptions of their views.

Step 4: At the conference an initial view on a selected topic will be presented in a short presentation (max. 10 min.) preferably by the originator(s) of the topic. This presentation will be followed by max. 3 very short presentations (max. 4 min.) of other views on the same topic, selected and coordinated from the feedback views. Finally the topic session will allow good time for ad hoc Q&A exchange with the audience.

So, please forward at the latest January 31st 2018 your wishes for "DASIA Open Panel" topics with your associated short descriptions of your "view" on each and may be also your proposed presentation paper(s) and we shall hopefully meet at DASIA 2018 in OXFORD.

28. November 2017

The DASIA Management