



# **AGM & ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025**

## 29 APRIL | CRANFIELD UNIVERSITY

We're delighted to announce this year's ARPAS-UK AGM & Annual Conference will take place at Cranfield University - a leading institution in aerospace and autonomous systems, and a long-standing ARPAS-UK member. It's the ideal setting for a day of insight, discussion, and networking. We know travel isn't always possible, so the event will be hybrid, with the option to attend in person or online via Microsoft Teams.

Following the AGM, the programme will include talks and discussions across key industry themes. We'll hear from endusers and sector leaders on market adoption, with speakers including Sellafield Ltd and Esri UK, followed by policy and regulation from the DfT and CAA, and sessions on innovation and airspace. Interactive SLIDO will be run during the day to gather your views and questions.

We look forward to welcoming you - in-person or online - for what promises to be an engaging and valuable event!



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Unable to attend in person? Submit your Proxy Vote to the Chair via the Registration Form Need to cancel? You may transfer your place to a colleague or contact membership@arpas.uk



#### **LOCATION**

Address: Stafford Cripps Centre 2 - Central Ave - Cranfield - Wharley End - Bedford MK43 0AL Nearest train stations: Milton Keynes Central and Bedford



### **PARKING**

Parking: Please use the AIRC Car Park (Grid 5D on the campus map). Parking permits are available to all attendees and should be printed in advance and clearly displayed on the inside of your vehicle's windscreen. Permits can be obtained from the ARPAS-UK Operations Team.

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1100 PRE AGM & NETWORKING

Pre AGM Tea and coffee provided and pre AGM networking for a prompt start at 1130

1130 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | MEMBERS ONLY

AGM & Voting

1200 LUNCH & NETWORKING

Lunch A light lunch with refreshments provided and an opportunity to network

1300 INTRODUCTION

Annual Conference Graham Brown, Chairman & Anne-Lise Scaillierez, CEO of ARPAS-UK

**MARKET ADOPTION & END-USERS' FEEDBACK** 

Critical Infrastructure: Return of Experience from Sellafield Drone Team Amanda Smith, Sellafield Ltd, UAV Equipment Engineer - Programme Lead

The Challenges & Opportunities of Using Drones for Water Utilities Companies

Duncan Turner, Severn Trent Water, Drone Team Lead | + UAS Accountable Manager | Chief Engineer

Using AI to Enhance Aerial Insight & Data Exploitation with Esri UK

Mark Clews, Esri UK, Drones / UAV Lead

**Driving Market Adoption: Management Buy-in as Critical as Proportionate Regulation by ARPAS-UK** Graham Brown, Chairman of ARPAS-UK

Engaging on SLIDO on Market Adoption & End-Users' Feedback

**INNOVATION & AIRSPACE** 

Cranfield University - Innovation & Airspace

Alex Williamson, Cranfield University, UAV Manager

**UK SORA Mapping with VIA by Volant Autonomy** 

David Cleaver, Volant Autonomy, CEO

BREAK 30 MINUTES

BVLOS SIG: Getting BVLOS Approval from the CAA in Atypical Air Environment (AAE)

Aleks Kowalski, Director of ARPAS-UK - A panel on Lessons Learned with Andy Sproson of AutoSpray Systems and Graham Hegarty of Heliguy

Insights from Marshall on being an RAE-F

Graham Walker, Marshall

**GOVERNMENT POLICY & REGULATION** 

By Department for Transport DfT

Policy Priorities for Supporting the UK Drone Industry

Sofia Stayte, Department for Transport, Head of Future of Flight Policy

**Update from the Civil Aviation Authority CAA** 

Ed Clay, CAA, Head of Future Safety & Innovation Technical Strategy

Regulation SIG by ARPAS-UK

Anne-Lise Scaillierez, CEO of ARPAS-UK and David Thurston, Director of ARPAS-UK - A panel on Reg SIG activities with Craig Lippett of Eagle Eye Innovations and Rowley Corey-Wright of StirlingX

Engaging on SLIDO on Policy & Regulation and Innovation & Airspace

**SLIDO RESULTS & EVENT WRAP-UP** 

1730 END OF CONFERENCE

**End of Conference** A further opportunity for networking at the end of the day. Doors close at 1800.

