

## **Newsletter #4: HUMS2009 Program Looking Excellent; Registration Package Soon.**

Thanks to a record number of abstracts submitted and the high quality of those abstracts, the Sixth DSTO International Conference on Health and Usage Monitoring (HUMS2009, [www.dsto.defence.gov.au/hums2009/](http://www.dsto.defence.gov.au/hums2009/) ) has accepted a record number of papers. Hopefully, the authors are even now working on those papers as the deadline for papers requiring full peer review is 3rd November; these authors come from England, Wales, Poland, France, Spain, South Africa, Canada and USA as well as Australia.

The abstracts accepted covered a range of HUMS related areas including Condition Based Maintenance (CBM) and describing the latest technologies, applications, and research, with application to fixed and rotary aircraft, marine and land vehicles.

Unfortunately we can not guarantee that any specific paper you may wish to see will actually be presented but I believe we can assure you of a fine conference.

In the same arrangement as used in 2005 and 2007, HUMS2009 forms part of the Thirteenth Australian International Aerospace Congress (AIAC13) along with 13th Australian Aeronautics Conference, the 7th Australian Pacific Vertiflite Conference on Helicopter Technology, the 3rd Australasian Unmanned Air Vehicles Conference and the 2nd International Helicopter Safety Team - South Pacific Regional Conference.

More details of the AIAC13 are available from the website at [www.aiac13.com](http://www.aiac13.com). The registration for the Congress and accommodation bookings will be available from that website soon, certainly within the next month. All authors are expected to register. Please note that all \$ amounts mentioned will be in Australian Dollars (A\$); there has been a sharp reduction in the value of the A\$ over the last two months so those in USA and UK for example will see a marked drop in the cost of the Congress and accommodation.

Registration for the Congress will allow attendance at papers from any of the conferences; these are all at the same venue, viz. the Melbourne Convention Centre at the corner of Spencer and Flinders Streets Melbourne on the Tuesday (10th March 2009) and Wednesday (11th March) and the Avalon Airport site of the Australian International Airshow ([www.airshow.net.au](http://www.airshow.net.au)) on the Thursday (12th March). Your AIAC13 registration will provide admission to the airshow on the Thursday which is a trade day.

Our confirmed HUMS2009 sponsors, Dytecnica, Semia, Impact Technologies, ETMC Technologies, TAE, DSTO and QinetiQ have been added to the HUMS website and along with Congress Sponsors will have their logo in the Registration Brochure. Any sponsors that come onboard later will have their logos included on all remaining material and websites.