



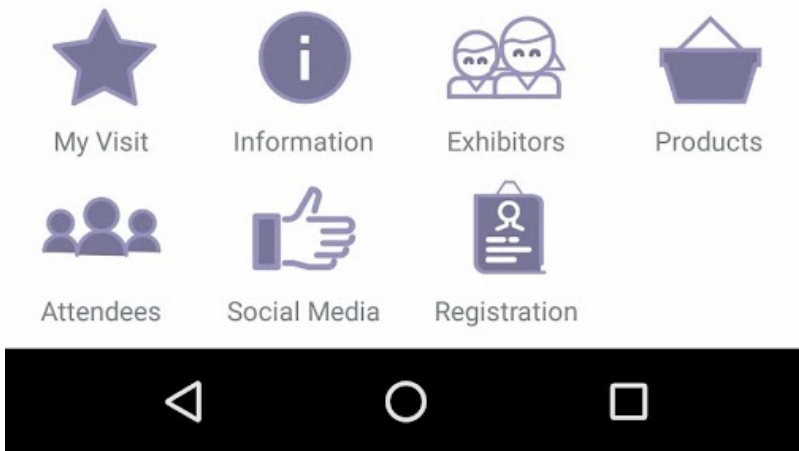
PROPELLING SAFETY TO THE FORE AT HELITECH INTERNATIONAL 2016

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While the helicopter accident rate continues to decline, tragic accidents this past year continue to push safety to the forefront for the global helicopter industry. Helitech International will host some of the industry's leading figures to share their knowledge and assess the opportunity to further improve safety across all of the industry's sectors – from aerobatic display to managing the threats posed by UAVs.

Helitech International's free to attend Safety Workshop, hosted by the European Helicopter Safety Team (EHST) and the International Helicopter Safety Team (IHST) will take place on Thursday 13 October. The programme sets to tackle the current safety issues head on and will feature presentations from HeliOffshore, Netherlands Aerospace Centre, Helicopter Association International (HAI) and EHST.



Ensuring aerobatic display safety

Aerobatic displays are closely governed by safety rules and the Flying Bulls operate a range of aircrafts with flight operations that are unique and demanding. Rainer Wilke, Helicopter Aerobatic Pilot at the Flying Bulls will deliver the keynote speech of the Safety Workshop to focus on how these unique air displays are carried out in the safest way possible and give insight into the steps to take to ensure all operations meet safety regulations and deliver a safe environment for all those involved.

The evolving threats to safety

The (continuing) growth of wind energy production demands attention to the safety aspects for the industry. Richard Bakker, R&D Engineer at Netherlands Aerospace Centre, will lead a session to touch upon the evolving presence of wind farms, and more specifically their risk for helicopters.

The agenda will also see Francois Lassale, Operations Director at HeliOffshore, take to the stage to discuss how the offshore sector of the helicopter industry is improving safety by sharing data, experiences and learning, and by aligning behind a global safety strategy.

Francois commented: "We bring together manufacturers, operators, regulators and others to enhance safety by focusing on those actions that will make the greatest difference at the frontline. Helitech International is a great opportunity to bring our industry's experts together to share knowledge and progress our safety programme, and this helps us to achieve and sustain ever-higher levels of safety."

Showcasing the latest in safety advancements

Alongside the seminar and workshop programme, some of the most advanced safety platforms, systems, equipment components and services will be displayed by international exhibitors such as Airtelis, HR Smith Group of Companies, FlightSafety International UK Ltd.

Among the latest safety procedures to be displayed at the show, Tyromont Alpin Technik will be showcasing its latest helicopter rescue bags for various rescue operations, while Heli Hook, a leading producer of premium products for external load transportation will be unveiling its newest cargo hook.

John Hyde, Event Director, Helitech International, commented: "The role of safety in the rotorcraft industry will be a key focus at this year's show. We are currently experiencing a shifting landscape as new risks emerge and regulations change to tackle the recent spike in tragic incidents head on. By continuing to host a dedicated Safety Workshop, presented by industry experts, we hope to keep attendees informed and help them to maintain safe operations, while addressing some of the ambiguous regulations that can cause confusion for operators."

Helitech International takes place at the RAI Amsterdam from 11-13 October 2016. For further information, please visit www.helitechinternational.com.

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