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Invitation to an RAeS lecture in cooperation with the DGLR and VDI

## The Great European Aviation Expansion in 1908

### Claudius La Burthe

Consultant to Airbus.  
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and ultra-light aircraft



Lecture  
followed by discussion

Entry free !  
No registration !

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**Location:** HAW Hamburg

Berliner Tor 5  
(Neubau), Hörsaal 01.12



1908 was undoubtedly the time for key events in aviation history. Prior to 1908, a large number of pioneers made numerous attempts to fly and only a few had success. During the year 1908, many of them converged to Paris and their first public demonstrations triggered an enormous public interest.

Disappointingly, most historians have only reported on the human and social aspects of the early days of aviation. The result is that our view to-day is sometimes distorted. This lecture aims at giving a technical analysis of those events. Rather than feeding the never ending dispute on "who invented what", evidence is shown of intense transmission of knowledge amongst early pioneers.

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