



**ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY HAMBURG BRANCH E.V.**

## **Invitation to Special Lecture**

*You are invited to attend the following Special Evening Lecture*

### **"The Management of Programmes at Airbus"**

**Tom Williams FRAeS, Executive Vice-President Programmes, Airbus**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 19:00**

**The George Hotel, Barcastr. 3, 22087 Hamburg**

**The lecture will deal with all aspects of Programme Management at Airbus, including**

- management principles applied to commercial and military aircraft programmes under development, lessons learned, and next steps,**
- how the challenges were met to significantly increase the production rates of aircraft in series production and in future to decrease them again,**
- series production of military transport aircraft following the merger of MTAD with Airbus,**
- aircraft conversions from passenger to freighter versions, or to Corporate and VIP Jets,**
- after-sales activities, such as product support and cabin upgrades for a growing fleet of Airbus aircraft,**
- and finally aircraft disposal.**

**The lecture thus covers the full life-cycle of civil transport aircraft.**



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***Tom Williams was appointed Executive Vice President Programmes in July 2005 and is also a member of the Airbus Executive Committee.***

***After completing an apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce Aero Engines in 1972, Tom Williams went on to carry out increasingly senior roles in a number of UK manufacturing companies. In 1992 he was appointed Operations Manager for Cummins Engines, looking after all manufacturing at the company's 1,200-strong Scottish factory.***

***At the start of 1995 he became Manufacturing and Business Group Director for the Sensors activity of Pilkington Optronics - a joint venture with Thomson CSF of France.***

***He joined British Aerospace in 1997 as Site Director and General Manager at the Prestwick site of the company's Aerostructures division. Two years later he was appointed Operations Director - Internal Supply, within the company's Military Aircraft and Aerostructures Division and then Eurofighter Operations Director. In November 2000, he became Managing Director and General Manager of Airbus UK, a position he held until he became Airbus' Executive Vice President Procurement in 2004.***

***Tom Williams was born in 1952 in Glasgow. During his apprenticeship he gained an HNC in Production Engineering and in 1988 an MBA from Glasgow University. Married with one daughter, Tom is a keen football supporter and occasional golfer.***

***Important: If you wish to attend this lecture, please apply for an invitation by sending an email to the address below.***

**Note that limited parking is available on the roads around The George Hotel. Parking is possible in the hotel underground car park at a rate of 1,50€/hour.**

**Best regards**

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