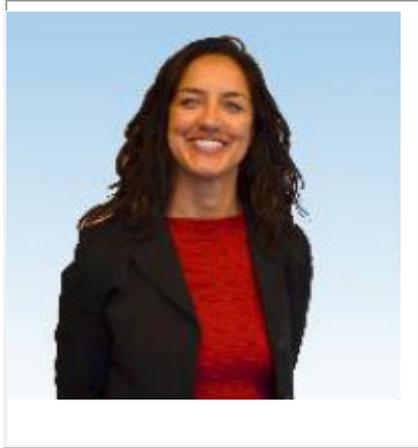


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## CEO Update



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to 2015! We hope it has been a wonderful start to the year for you. Wellington is very quiet, with many people still on holiday – but it's been a big week for us as we progress some pretty significant issues – more on this soon!

In case you missed it, here's a chance to see our Highlights of 2014 again [[here](#)]

Next week is another big week as we gear up for RPAS Seminar next Friday and then Wings over Wairarapa (details below). We look forward to seeing you there.

We hope you get a chance to enjoy some perfect summer weather this weekend. And we'll be back to our usual extensive format next week. Until then!

## Domestic News

### 2015 Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) Symposium



Aviation NZ will be supporting the RAeS RPAS seminar on Friday 16 January 2015 in Masterton. The seminar is Shared Skies and the intention is for manned operators to have an open dialogue with the growing RPAS community about how we want to share the skies together going forward. In partnership with Callaghan Innovation, UAVNZ, and Aviation NZ the 2015 symposium will be a forum for the RPAS industry, RAeS members and associates to:

- learn about RPAS regulations and policy
- engage with the wider aviation community
- share knowledge about industry best practice network with technology and business partners

The symposium will be held at the Copthorne Hotel and Resort (Solway Park) Wairarapa on Friday 16th January in conjunction with the Wings Over Wairarapa air show. An industry tradeshow and demonstrations will be held at the air show (Hood Aerodrome) on the 17th and 18th January. Wings Over Wairarapa are offering a 15% discount to symposium attendees who purchase tickets as a package deal.

***2015 RPAS Symposium registration extended until 15th Jan. Package deal for WOW tickets ends 31st December. You will still be able to buy your tickets to the show online at [Ticketdirect.co.nz](http://Ticketdirect.co.nz) after 31 December but not at the discounted rate.***

Details of the seminar speakers are below and the registration form is [attached](#).

- **Associate Minister of Transport – Craig Foss**
- CAA and RPAS Policy Development – Graeme Harris  
CAA Director
- Manned aviation perspectives – John Sinclair - (NZAAA and NZHA Executive Officer)
- RPAS integration and the NAP - Mike Haines (Airways)
- Project ResQU (sense and avoid technology development) - Duncan Campbell (ARCAA)
- UAV Insurance and liability – Arden Jennings Boston Marks
- Panel session – Industry perspectives
- The future of RPAS in NZ – Samantha Sharif CEO  
Aviation NZ



#### **UAS/UAV business opportunity**

The Ministry of Primary Industries has issued a ROI to identify potential providers for a feasibility study including research and development of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) that can be used in biosecurity applications i.e. Detection, Surveillance and Eradication of Unwanted pests and diseases. The three project elements are: Research and development of UAS(s) that will provide biosecurity surveillance for unwanted pests and diseases; Reporting on the effectiveness of the UAS(s) for its intended use and effective uses of the UAS(s) in other biosecurity situations; and a pilot study within the parameters of a controlled environment. GETS reference 17352 and RFx ID: 7705392. ROIs close 16 February. More info through GETS and [david.williams@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:david.williams@mpi.govt.nz)

## **International News**

## Networking opportunities internationally

There are 5 international events in the next 6 months which will have participation from NZ. If you are interested in getting involved in these events or would like to network with the NZ participants, let us know ([admin1@aia.org.nz](mailto:admin1@aia.org.nz)) and identify the events of specific interest:

- The APATS Aviation Education and Training Symposium, **10 and 11 February, Seoul, Korea.** Company with NZ subsidiary exhibiting
- The Australian International Airshow and Aerospace and Defence Exposition, **24 February to 1 March, Avalon, Victoria, Australia.** New Zealand stand run by NZ Defence Industry Association and Safeair.
- HAI Heli-Expo, **2 to 5 March, Orlando, United States.** NZ companies visiting and exhibiting.
- The China Aviation Training & Education Summit (CATES), **9 and 10 April, Shanghai, China.** Possible NZ speaker and sponsor
- Indonesian Aviation Training and Education Conference, **10 and 11 June, Jakarta, Indonesia.** Possible Aviation NZ stand and conference attendance. At least one NZ company known to be attending.



### Any interest in Myanmar/Burma?

Myanmar is facing a challenging future in terms of developing an aviation policy that encourages safe economic growth, developing infrastructure to support the growth of aviation and seeing improved performance by domestic air operators while a fledgling GA industry gasps life, and more international companies provide services to the country. International tourist numbers increased from 750,000 in 2008 to 1m in 2012 and 4m in 2014. About 4m passengers are carried annually by 8 domestic airlines although traffic is not growing strongly. We know there is some NZ aviation engagement with Myanmar. We may have an opportunity to get some basic research done but will want to focus this around specific interests. If you are working in Myanmar, or would like to, let us know on [admin1@aia.org.nz](mailto:admin1@aia.org.nz) and we'll be in touch.