

Presenters' biographies

Brian Barrett

Brian trained as an engineer in the UK Royal Air Force and worked in military aircraft maintenance before taking up a career in civil aviation. Since then he has held senior positions with Dan Air Engineering, FFV Aerotech, British Midland, Airline Rotables, AMP and Tech-Log.

With over 30 years in aviation, his experience covers civil and military aircraft maintenance and commercial management of civil airframe and component maintenance contracts. He has particular experience of component exchange programmes where he developed complex mathematical models for component provisioning, forecasting and costing.

He has set up and operated hangar and warehouse facilities and been involved in the specification, selection and implementation of several inventory management computer systems.

He designed the 2-day and 3-day management of aircraft materials courses and has carried out numerous open and in-house courses. He has addressed international conferences and seminars on a range of topics including contract management, logistics and training.

Brian now works as Projects Manager with AMP and Tech-Log providing training and consultancy services and undertaking a range of project management assignments.

Roger Kidd

Roger started his aviation career in the UK Royal Air Force and has worked in the aviation industry for over 40 years. He moved into civil aviation as a licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer working for Dan Air subsequently working for a number of other airlines including Bahamasair, Orion, and TEA (UK) where he was Chief Engineer.

For 12 years he specialised in quality management in the airframe maintenance and component support business holding senior positions in FFV Aerotech, and Airline Rotables limited. He also spent some years as a freelance consultant specialising in quality management systems and technical auditing services.

He has acted as an advisor, written company expositions and overseen the implementation of quality and operational procedures in order to obtain JAA, CAA and FAA Repair Station approvals.

He has implemented ISO 9000 and AS 9120 in several companies drafting the company manuals and procedures and training the internal auditors. He was part of the team that drafted the AS9120 Quality Management Standard for aircraft parts suppliers and he has been a registered ISO 9000 Aerospace Auditor. He continues to fulfil the role of Quality Director for the European Aviation Suppliers Organisation (EASO).

Felicity Argent

Felicity studied at Trinity College Dublin (Aerospace Psychology Research) and began her career with FLS Aerospace (SR Technics), sourcing components for aircraft on check. She successfully co-ordinated the Human Factors programme for SR Technics UK managing a team of seven and has gained an invaluable insight into the challenges and pressures faced by aircraft operations and all those involved, either directly or indirectly.

Felicity is a specialist aviation safety consultant and training expert with 17 years' aviation experience involved in training over 2000 people in the UK and overseas. As a qualified lean six sigma and Prince2 practitioner, Felicity has worked with civil and military aviation to improve cultures, processes and systems that achieve significant performance gains and cost savings.

Other areas of expertise include Error Management, Safety Management Systems, Fuel Tank (CDCCL), Electrical Wiring Interconnection Systems (EWIS) and Introduction to Aviation.

In addition to her Human Factors, Felicity also consults in the area of component management and has worked with many international airlines, liaising with engineers, technicians, planning, technical records, quality departments, freight forwarders and AOG desk personnel.

Felicity now runs her own training business, Argent Advancements.