

UTC's Jim Rudd Opens 2016 ASIP Conference in San Antonio

UTC's Jim Rudd opened the 32nd Aircraft Structural Integrity Program (ASIP) Conference. Over 300 participants and world leaders from the Air Force, Navy, Army, NASA and FAA met in San Antonio, TX to discuss the latest in the area of aircraft structural integrity and to disseminate information on state-of-the-art technologies for aircraft structures in both the military and civilian fleets. This year marks the 58th anniversary of the publication of the initial requirements for the US Air Force's Aircraft Structural Integrity Program.

ASIP 2016 continued to provide a forum for the technical interchange of information between personnel responsible for structural integrity, including design, analysis, testing, manufacture, certification, non-destructive evaluation/inspection, maintenance, repair, safety, risk assessment and mitigation, durability and life management. The ASIP Conference has become even more important due to the constantly growing emphasis on sustaining the airworthiness of aging aircraft. It has become internationally recognized as the premier meeting for this technical area. Consequently, a large number of well-qualified foreign nationals attend the conference, and bring a very broad perspective to the technologies being discussed.

ASIP dates back to a 1950's Air Force publication on structural integrity requirements. It was known from an early stage that ASIP was a vital program in prolonging the life and ensuring the structural safety of all aircraft. Meetings began in the 1970's, but it wasn't until 1984 that it was reshaped into the current conference format. Incidents like the 1988 Aloha Flight 243 Air Disaster highlighted the importance of ASIP requirements and the contributions of the ASIP community, to preclude the recurrence of such tragedies in the future. The ASIP Conference helps to accomplish this through the personal interactions of its attendees, resulting in the exchange of vital ideas and technology. In 1996, the ASIP Committee established the Lincoln Award to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions throughout their distinguished careers to ensure the structural integrity and safety of our aircraft.

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