



# Ever Upward

## June 2026

### 2026-2027 Constituent Presidents

#### Averett-Brauer Continues as ANAHPS President

Tamara Averett-Brauer, DR-III, DAFC, PhD(c), MN, RN, AFAs-MA, is continuing as the President of the Aerospace Nursing and



Allied Health Professionals Society. She is a senior health scientist/nurse researcher conducting en route and prolonged care research in the Air & Space Biosciences Division at the Air Force Research Laboratory's 711th Human Performance Wing. She provides internationally recognized aeromedical expertise and consultation to Air Force Medical Service, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense

and NATO agencies. Additionally, she supports science and technology research and development to meet warfighter needs through collaboration among wing and division leadership teams, technical advisors, and DoD. She continues to pursue a Ph.D. from the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD. She has served on the Scientific Program Committee within AsMA, is a past recipient of the Mary T. Klinker Award, and is an Associate Fellow. She has presented at AsMA's Annual Scientific Meeting as well as at meetings of the Asia Pacific Military Nurse Exchange, the Society of Federal Health Professionals, and the Military Health System Research Symposium. For more biographical information, please see the June 2025 newsletter, p. N24, and the June 2024 newsletter, p. N32.

#### Woolford to Head ASAMS

Col. (Dr.) Jeffrey S. "Bags" Woolford, M.D., is the incoming President for the American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists. He is the State Air Surgeon of the Maryland Air National Guard (MDANG) Joint Force Headquarters, Warfield Air National Guard Base (ANGB), MD. He entered the U.S. Air Force on active duty in August 1989 through enlisted Basic Military Training and soon after completed aircraft maintenance qualification. In 1990, he was assigned to the 526th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Ramstein Air



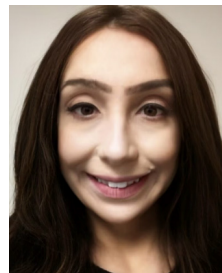
Base (AB), Germany, serving as an F-16C Crew Chief. In 1992 he was reassigned to the 389th Fighter Squadron at Mountain Home AFB, ID. In 1993, he transferred to the MDANG to serve as an A-10A Crew Chief. He graduated from the Academy of Military Science and received his officer commission in 1997. In 1998 he earned his pilot wings upon graduating from Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin AFB, TX, then completed the Introduction to Fighter Fundamental course with the 49th

Fighter Training Squadron at Columbus AFB, MS, and then graduated from A-10A Initial Qualification Training with the 357th Fighter Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.

Col. Woolford resumed his service in the MDANG as an A-10A Pilot assigned to the 104th Fighter Squadron. In 2004, he returned to active duty and was awarded his medical degree in 2008 from the Uniformed Services University. He earned his flight surgeon wings in 2009 upon graduating from the Aerospace Medicine Primary course at Brooks AFB while completing his Transitional Internship at Lackland AFB, TX. That same year, he was assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron at Osan AB, Korea, serving as a Flight Surgeon. In 2010 he was reassigned to the 81st Fighter Squadron at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, where he was awarded the prestigious role of Pilot-Physician. In 2013, he was selected to attend the Residency of Aerospace Medicine at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, graduating in 2016. He was then selected as a U.S. Air Force Exchange Officer to the United Kingdom, serving as a senior medical officer at the Royal Air Force (RAF) Centre of Aviation Medicine at RAF Henlow and as a Hawk T1 evaluator pilot at Ministry of Defense Boscombe Down. In 2020 he returned to the MDANG, initially serving as the Chief of Aerospace Medicine and the Deputy State Air Surgeon, and then as the 175th Medical Group Commander. Prior to his current position, he was the Commander of the 380th Expeditionary Medical Squadron at Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates. His awards include the Air and Space Achievement and Commendation (with two oak leaf clusters) Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

#### Clebhone Ruskin Is Incoming AsHFA President

Dr. Anna Clebhone Ruskin is the incoming President of the Aerospace Human Factors Association (AsHFA). She is a Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of North Carolina who specializes in teaching operating room workflow, procedures, ultrasound, and ergonomics to new trainees. She taught the CA-1 intro to the OR for the past 10 years at the University of Chicago, which she will continue this June at the University of North Carolina. Clinically, her focus is in the neurosurgical and otolaryngologic operating rooms.



Dr. Clebhone Ruskin's research focuses on human performance in the operating room, including critical event checklists and ergonomics. In the air traffic control environment, she co-authored an alarm design framework, resulting in the

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creation of several new alarms. Her work has been published in *Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance*, *Transportation Research*, *Pediatric Anesthesia*, *The Canadian Journal of Anesthesia*, *Current Opinion in Anesthesiology*, the *Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing*, *Anesthesia and Analgesia*, and *Anesthesiology*. She also focuses on mentoring faculty and trainees through the steps of a research project, from idea to data to publication. She also co-course directed an undergraduate class, 'Extreme Physiology', at the University of Chicago, with plans to continue at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Clebone Ruskin earned her M.D. at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, in 2007 and then served an internship in Medicine and Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School/Framingham Union Hospital in Framingham, MA, until 2008. Subsequently, she completed a residency in the Department of Anesthesiology at Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT. From 2011–2012, she was in a Fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. She is board-certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and in Pediatric Anesthesiology. Her honors and awards include the William E. Collins Award for Outstanding Human Factors Publication of the year from AsHFA. She is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) and a member of the Association of University Anesthesiologists. With AsMA, she has served on the Scientific Program Committee as a member, Deputy Chair, and Chair, and in the Associate Fellows Group.

### Carson to Lead AsPS

Capt. Zachary Carson, M.Sc., B.Sc., is the incoming President for the Aerospace Physiology Society (AsPS). He is



the Aerospace Physiology Weapons School Fellow, United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV. In this role, he is a lead human performance expert in charge of the research, identification, and development of human performance and human factors integration into practical tactics, techniques, and procedures. He enlisted in the Navy in 2008

and graduated to become a Navy Helicopter Aircrewman and Rescue Swimmer and was commissioned in the Air Force in 2018 as a graduate of the U.S. Commissioned Officer Training school. He has 14 years of active duty service. His assignments have included Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two-One, Vance AFB, OK, and Shaw AFB, SC. Prior to his current position, Capt. Carson served as the Flight Commander of Aerospace Physiology, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Anchorage, AK.

Capt. Carson earned a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI, and a Masters in Applied Exercise Science at Concordia University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. He completed U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL, in 2018, Aerospace and Operational Physiology Officer School, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, also in 2018, and Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB in 2023. His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Medal with gold star cluster, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air and Space Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Strike Flight Air Medal with

two devices. He has served as AsPS's Treasurer and is a member of the Aerospace Medical Association.

### Souter to Head IAMA

Sara Souter, M.B.Ch.B., D.Av.Med., FACAsM, FAFOEM, is the incoming President of the International Airline Medical Association (IAMA). She is an Occupational and Aerospace Medicine specialist with over 20 years in the aviation industry in a variety of medical roles, including international medical assistance, remote air retrieval, regulatory medical certification, and senior medical roles, at Qantas, Virgin Australia, and Air New Zealand airlines and, newly, as the inaugural Chief Medical Officer at Airservices Australia,



providing air traffic control, navigation, and fire and rescue services across Australia. She has been a member of IAMA and the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) since the early 2000s and served in Australian and New Zealand aerospace medicine organizations throughout her career. She is passionate about the benefits of international collaboration in Aerospace Medicine and the role that our collective organizations play together.

Dr. Souter earned her M.B.Ch.B. in 1994 and her D.Av.Med. in 2001, both at the University of Otago. In 2001, she became Senior Medical Officer at Air New Zealand in Auckland, New Zealand. In 2009, she co-founded an occupational health practice in Christchurch and was Managing Partner/Consultant Occupational Physician. During that time period, in addition, from 2013-2016, she was a Consultant Occupational Physician in Adelaide, from 2014-2016, she was Senior Medical Officer at the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) in Canberra, and from 2016-2018, she was Senior Occupational Physician at Aspen Corporate Health in Canberra. In 2018 she became Group (Chief) Medical Officer at Virgin Australia Airlines. In 2022, she became the National Manager Occupational Health at Qantas Group. She took her present position of Chief Medical Officer at Airservices Australia in 2026.

Dr. Souter is a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and the Australasian College of Aerospace Medicine. She is a board member and Secretary of the Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine, and a member of the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine, HIMS Australia Management Committee, and Aerospace Medical Association.

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### Smith Continues as IAMFSP President

Col. W. David Smith remains the president of the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots (IAMFSP). He is a



U.S. Air Force chief flight surgeon, MC-130J pilot, and aerospace medicine specialist. He is currently the chief of aerospace medicine at Cannon AFB and has been selected to be the chief of aerospace medicine at Ramstein AFB in June 2026. Prior to his current assignment he was the Chief Resident of the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine Residency in Aerospace Medicine class of 2024. He was originally commissioned through the Health Professions

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Scholarship Program in 2006 and earned his Doctor of Medicine in 2009 from East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine. He then served an Internal Medicine internship at San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, San Antonio, TX, and graduated from the Aerospace Medicine Primary Course at Brooks City-Base, TX, in 2010. He was a distinguished graduate of the MC-130J Mission Pilot Transition course at Kirtland AFB, NM. He is a pilot-physician with over 1200 flight hours in the MC-130J and numerous other aircraft. A full biography can be found in *Aerosp Med Hum Perform*. 2024; 95(6):347 or in the June 2024 newsletter on p. N34.

### Sobel to Lead LSBEB

Annette L. Sobel, M.D., MS, MS, is the incoming President for the Life Sciences and Biomedical Engineering Branch. She was residency trained in Family and Community Medicine at Duke University Medical Center and Wright State University's Aerospace Medicine/human factors residency program. She was a Distinguished Military Graduate from Princeton University's Army ROTC program, Distinguished Member of the Technology Staff at Sandia National Laboratories, and graduated from the Air War College and the Army Command and General Staff College. She was New Mexico Homeland Security Director and Deputy Secretary for Public Safety and served as the Senior Assistant to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, (NGB), as well as the Chief's Advisor for Civil-Military. She served in the U.S. Army and taught combat medicine skills to SF Medics (18D) and PJs at Ft. Bragg and Pope AFB. She was a member of the first Forward Surgical Team and Senior Flight Surgeon for the 57th MEDEVAC, Ft. Bragg. She provided support during and post-9/11, was the first Director of Intelligence (J2) for NGB, and supported Hurricane Katrina humanitarian response. In parallel, she was a member of the Defense Intelligence Agency's Scientific Advisory Board. She was a senior advisor to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), where she led an initiative for AFMIC to predict and counter global infectious disease challenges. She was part of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Dr. Sobel was a recipient of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine's Alumni Association visionary leadership award in 2023 and the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Public Service Award for conceiving and implementing the first nationally recognized interfaith First Amendment Working Group while serving as Director of Homeland Security in New Mexico. She was also awarded the Lubbock, TX, YWCA's Women of Excellence (Government category) award, the NATO award for lifetime service for understanding the threats posed by WMD, the Rotary award for "Service above Self," the Aerospace Medical Association's (AsMA's) Julian Ward Award, and the Aerospace Human Factors Association's Taylor Award. She is an Academician of the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine, a Fellow of AsMA, a Fellow and Council member of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and a Navy-trained Hyperbaric Medicine Advisor. She was selected as an Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and recognized internationally for her pioneering work in telemedicine implementation, having flown as crew on the first telemedicine

aeroevacuation demonstration in European Command and implementation in Antarctica. She served as Guest Scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory's Bioscience Division.

### Brunstetter to Lead SMA

Tyson J. Brunstetter, MBA, O.D., Ph.D., CASP, FAAO, FAsMA, is the incoming President for the Space Medicine Association (SMA). Spanning 30 years of U.S. Navy and NASA federal service, he has served as an aerospace optometrist and clinician-scientist in a wide range of research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) and clinical surveillance programs to optimize human ocular health, visual performance, and mission effectiveness in austere aerospace environments. He served as U.S. Navy Refractive Surgery Program Research Director (2006–2011). In addition, he served as Director of Joint Medical Test & Evaluation at the Defense Health Agency (2011–2014). His primary duties included creating the first Joint-Service First Aid Kit (JFAK) and revising DD-Form 1380 (Tactical Combat Casualty Care Card). From 2016–2020, he was detailed to the NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) Space Medicine Operations Division as a DoD Aerospace Medical Liaison officer to support the investigations into a unique condition affecting the eyes, brains, and vision of astronauts during spaceflight: Spaceflight Associated Neuro-ocular Syndrome (SANS). Following Navy retirement (2020), he continues to serve NASA as SANS Clinical Lead (Eyes & Vision). He also serves as Chair of the SANS Sub-working Group of the Multilateral Medical Operations Panel (MMOP), alongside colleagues from NASA's International Partners; as co-investigator on four NASA SANS research studies; and as subject matter expert (SME) and Remote Guider for ocular data collections occurring onboard the International Space Station (ISS).

Dr. Brunstetter earned his Doctor of Optometry, Master of Science, and Ph.D. degrees from the Ohio State University, and an Executive MBA from the Naval Postgraduate School. He was winged as a Navy Aerospace Optometrist in 2002 and earned Board Certification as an Aerospace Physiologist in 2006. He is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA; 2009) and American Academy of Optometry, and member of the Space Medicine Association, Aerospace Physiology Society, American Optometric Association, and Association of Armed Forces and Federal Optometric Services. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (four times; gold stars in lieu of second through fourth awards), U.S. Navy Junior Optometrist of the Year Award, the Army Achievement Medal, the Paul Bert Award from the Aerospace Physiology Society, selection as a U.S. Navy candidate for the NASA Astronaut Corp, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four NASA JSC Group Achievement Awards, the American Optometric Association's President's Award, NASA's Exceptional Achievement, JSC's Superior Accomplishment, and NASA's Superior Achievement Awards, the Orion Award from the Association of Armed Forces and Federal Optometric Services, and the Thomas J. and Margaret D. Tredici Award from AsMA.



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## Kwan to Lead U.S. Army Flight Surgeons

Nathan H. Kwan, M.D., MPH, is the incoming President for the Society of U.S. Army Flight Surgeons. He is a dedicated flight surgeon serving as a Major in the U.S. Army assigned to the Department of Aviation Medicine at Fort Rucker, AL, United States. With a robust background in electrical engineering, aerospace medicine, and hyperbaric physiology, he brings a wealth of clinical and operational experience to his new leadership role within the Aerospace Medical Association community. His career has taken him to diverse and austere environments, from the School of Army Aviation Medicine, Fort Rucker, AL, to Camp Humphreys in South Korea, Wheeler Army Airfield in Hawaii, and Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, TX, United States. He is currently on assignment to the JFK Special Warfare Center & School in Key West, FL. Beyond his operational duties, he has a deep passion for teaching and mentoring the next generation of physicians. His honors and awards include being named Chief Resident during his U.S. Army School of Army Aviation Medicine residency, an Outstanding Alumnus Award from the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, Outstanding Young Alumni from the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences at Clemson University, the National Defense Service Medal, two Overseas Service Ribbons, an Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and an Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society, and the Aerospace Medical Association.



## Brown to Head Space Surgery

Lisa Brown, M.B.Ch.B., Ph.D., FRACS, AFAsMA, is the incoming President for the Space Surgery Association. She is a New Zealand trained Hepatobiliary and Trauma Surgeon working at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter MacCallum Cancer Center in Melbourne, Australia. In addition to surgical training, she has completed various training courses in aerospace medicine and continues research in this field with a focus on surgery in the microgravity environment, in particular the liver. She was a Research Fellow in aerospace medicine at The University of Oxford. She is currently the Secretary of the Space Surgery Association and is on the committee of the New Zealand Aerospace Medicine Society. She is the lead on the New Zealand Space Health Research Network and is developing a Space Surgery Research Group at The University of Melbourne. In addition to her position as a Hepatobiliary and Trauma Surgeon, she is also the Medical Lead Patient Access and Flow at Royal Melbourne Hospital, an Honorary Clinical Fellow at the University of Melbourne, Australia, and an Honorary Academic at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.



Previous to her current positions, Dr. Brown was a Hepatobiliary Fellow at Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter MacCallum Cancer Center. Prior to that, she served as Hepatobiliary and Upper GI Fellow at North Shore Hospital, Auckland, New

Zealand. Her awards include the Aerospace Medicine Student & Resident Organization Best Scientific Paper, Runner-up for the Young Investigator Prize from the Space Medicine Association, the Royal Aeronautical Society's Student Medicine Award, the Louis Barnett Surgical Research Training Prize, and the Padbury Trophy from the ANZHPBA Fellowship Examination. She has also won various scholarships such as the RACS Hugh Johnston Travel Scholarship, the Aerospace Medicine Student & Resident Organization Travel Scholarship, the Shaskan Scholarship for Principles of Aerospace Medicine Course, and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Surgical Research Society Travel Grant. She is a member of the Women in Space Aotearoa New Zealand, the New Zealand Aviation Medicine Society, the Aerospace Medicine Student & Resident Organization, the Space Surgery Association, the Space Medicine Association, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, the Australian & Aotearoa New Zealand Hepatic, Pancreatic and Biliary Association, and the Aerospace Medical Association.

## Laslie Is Incoming SUSAFFS President

Col. Winton P. D. Laslie, M.D., MPH, is the incoming President for the Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons (SUSAFFS). He currently serves as MTF Director/Commander, 35th Medical Group, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He ensures maximum wartime medical readiness through a community-based healthcare system maintaining morale, health, and welfare for 7,000 beneficiaries through accessible high-quality care. A 2001 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, Col. Laslie commissioned into the Medical Service Corps



focusing on Medical Logistics and Medical Information Systems. After medical school he re-commissioned into the Medical Corps. He is board-certified in Family Medicine and Aerospace Medicine and is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is a Chief Physician and Chief Flight Surgeon. Prior to his current assignment, he was Chief, Aerospace Medicine Division, and Command Flight Surgeon, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe—Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He earned a B.Sc. in Management from the U.S. Air Force Academy, his M.D. from Georgetown University School of Medicine, and his MPH from the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. He has served in a variety of positions, including Chief of Aerospace Medicine and Deputy Chief (later Chief of Medical Staff) at the 36<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Andersen AFB, Guam; Chief of Aerospace Medicine and Deputy Chief of Medical Staff at the 8<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; and Commander, 52<sup>nd</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron and Chief of Aerospace Medicine, 52<sup>nd</sup> Medical Group, then Commander, 52<sup>nd</sup> Operational Medical Readiness Squadron and Deputy Commander, 52<sup>nd</sup> Medical Group, Spangdahlem AB, Germany. His awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Physicians and the Aerospace Medical Association, a Life Member of the American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists, a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Medicine and the American Board of Preventive Med-

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icine (Aerospace Medicine), and a Member of the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots, SUSAFFS, and the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians.

### Other Constituents' Incoming Presidents

**Society of U.S. Naval Flight Surgeons (SUSNFS):** Ana Solis, M.D., MPH, CDR, USN

**AMSRO:** Joe Butterfield, M.D., MS, MPH

**NASA Flight Surgeons:** TBA

## Scholarship Winners Announced

### AsMA International Aerospace Medicine Scholarship

Dr. Mark Biernacki is a Canadian physician, engineer, and pilot whose career bridges rural medicine, anesthesia, critical care, and advanced aviation operations. He is pursuing specialized training at the University of Toronto through the Mark Pathy Fellowship in Aerospace Medicine. He completed a Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering and a Masters of Applied Science at the Royal Military College of Canada. His service as a Captain and pilot in the Canadian Armed Forces, combined with experience flying fast-jet, helicopter, and multi-engine aircraft, laid the foundation for his work in Aerospace Medicine.



Dr. Biernacki holds an Airline Transport Pilot License, a Commercial Pilot License - Helicopter, and has experience in aerobatic instruction and flight-testing. He is designated as an Aeromedical Examiner by both Transport Canada and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. He pilots himself into remote regions of Canada to practice medicine, integrating aviation to deliver care in challenging environments. In the private sector, he serves as a Medical Lead in the technology and innovation space. He supports physicians in virtual care delivery, development of clinical decision-making tools, and government-private partnerships. His long-term goal is to contribute to operational space medicine by advancing the human system in spaceflight through interdisciplinary collaboration.

### Jeffrey R. Davis Aerospace Medicine Endowed Scholarship

Patrizia Borzi, M.D., graduated from the University of Milan, International Medical School, and subsequently relocated to Switzerland, where she gained further clinical experience, developing a multi-disciplinary background that combines international clinical training with hands-on operational exposure. She has also pursued operational training as both a recreational and technical diver and as a pilot in training, gaining direct exposure to the physiological and cognitive demands associated with high-risk and performance-critical settings. Additionally, she has also undertaken training in motorsport medicine in collaboration with the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).



Dr. Borzi's training in aerospace medicine includes the Principles of Aviation and Space Medicine course at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), as well as the basic Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) course through the Italian Air Force. She also completed NASA's Training on Open Science (TOPS). She was recently selected for the European Space Agency's Space Physician Training Course (SPTC 2026) at the European Astronaut Centre. In parallel, she is currently completing the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy and Practice course offered by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. She is an active member of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC), and the Swiss Society of Aviation Medicine. Additionally, she contributes to several international collaborations in aerospace medicine, including scoping reviews on healthcare in commercial spaceflight.

### Anita Mantri, Ph.D., Memorial Travel Scholarship

Kadambari Suri is a fourth-year medical student at the Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University. She also completed a master's in aerospace engineering with a focus on Bioastronautics from the University of Colorado Boulder. Before medical school, she worked at NASA's Johnson Space Center on the Human Health and Performance Contract. There, she contributed to projects such as the flight demonstration of the Butterfly iQ ultrasound, the Exploration Extravehicular Mobility Unit, and the Exploration Atmosphere tests. These experiences and her medical training inspired her to bridge the worlds of medicine and space. She also aims to advance women's health. At Texas A&M, she led the development of the first student-led family planning and reproductive health course in a state with restrictive laws. She also works to close gaps in women's health in space medicine. This June, she will be beginning her residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of California in Irvine. As an aspiring Ob/Gyn, she is committed to elevating the female perspective in underrepresented arenas, on Earth and beyond.



Kadambari is a member of the Society for Reproductive Investigation, the Society of Gynecology Oncology, ACOG, FIGO, the Space Medicine Association, the Aerospace Medicine Student and Resident Organization (AMSRO), and the Aerospace Medical Association. Her awards include KBR/NASA's FY20 and FY21 One KBR Awards, FY20 and FY21 HHPC Bravo Awards, and the JSC Director Award. She has been a lead author or co-author on 3 publications and over 15 presentations.

### Stanley R. Mohler, M.D., Aerospace Medicine Endowed Scholarship

Daniel Cox is originally from Lanesville, IN, United States. He attended Indiana University in Bloomington for his undergraduate degree in biochemistry. He then obtained his M.D. and a Master of Engineering degree from Duke University. While at Duke, he worked with Dr. Richard Moon in the Duke Center for Hyperbaric Medicine and Environmental Physiology and with Dr. Daniel Buckland on delivering rescue medications via drone.

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In addition, he helped create several medical devices. He completed his Emergency Medicine residency this past year and is now a first year RAM at the University of Texas Medical Branch. His current research focuses on mitigating thermal stress for the upcoming Artemis EVAs.

Dr. Cox is a member of the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association, American College of Emergency Physicians,

Aerospace Medicine Student and Resident Organization, and the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA). He is also a Major in the U.S. Civil Air Patrol, an Advocacy Ambassador for the National Marrow Donor Program, and an Instructor for the Stop the Bleed program. His awards include Resident Clinician of the Year, Civil Air Patrol National Ground Team of the Year, Resident Achievement Award, the Jeffrey R. Davis, M.D., Aerospace Medicine Endowed Scholarship from AsMA, National Volunteer of the Year from the National Marrow Donor Program, and a Proclamation from the State of Ohio for service.

### Philip J. Scarpa, Jr., M.D., Aerospace Medicine Endowed Scholarship

Isabel Candir is a final-year medical student at the University of Leeds. She is entering the Academic Foundation Programme and Officer Cadet role within the RAF's

University Air Squadron. She is combining elements of widening participation in higher education with RAF UAS hands-on training and research into human performance and physiological adaptation in aviation and space environments.

Isabel is also the founder of Leeds Access to Medicine, currently one of the largest student-led widening participation

initiatives in the country, which works with hundreds of potential students each year through mentoring and school partnerships. She is making a broader impact by appearing on BBC Radio Leeds and contributing to reviews of university policy on placement accessibility, bursaries for travelling to placements, and equal access to clinical training for students.

Isabel is currently working to create scientific posters on research into gender-specific issues in space and extreme physiology and to establish initial research links in HEMS, polar, and aerospace medicine. She is combining hands-on experience through RAF UAS, academic development through AFP, and her commitment to dismantling barriers in medicine while advancing evidence-based knowledge of human performance in extreme environments.

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### AMSRO Trailblazer Scholarship

Tyrone Jacobs Jr. is a pre-medical student with a background in aerospace and defense engineering. His interest in medicine

was sparked by caring for family members during serious illnesses. He is currently completing medical school prerequisites, gaining clinical experience, and conducting neurosurgical research. Tyrone is passionate about aerospace and operational medicine, focusing on human performance and safety in high-risk environments. As a husband and father, he is dedicated to service and improving

outcomes for patients with complex medical needs.



### New Members

AsMA welcomed 48 new members in the past month.

- Bard, Katelyn; Shalimar, FL, United States
- Barton, Shannon; Georgetown, TX, United States
- Bochimoto, Hiroki; Tsukuba-Shi, Japan
- Branigan, Tom; Dublin, Ireland
- Dalton, Jayden; Frisco, TX, United States
- DiMaggio, Christy; Buckeye, AZ, United States
- Duncan, Robert; Lubbock, TX, United States
- Efratt, Carmela; Haifa, Israel
- El Khishen, Wessam; Cairo, Egypt
- Elia, Antonis; Solna, Sweden
- Evetts, Simon; Camberley, Surrey, United Kingdom
- Franke, Katrina; Honolulu, HI, United States
- Frick, Whitney; Stillwater, OK, United States
- Geib, Anna; Fort Collins, CO, United States
- Gleed, Susan; Henderson, NV, United States
- Gürler, Esra; Gebze, Türkiye
- Hart, Jonathan; Edmond, OK, United States
- Horak, Jeremy; San Angelo, TX, United States
- Hozumi, Jaclyn; Dallas, TX, United States
- Jimenez, Brian; Enterprise, AL, United States
- Johnson, Isaiah; Cleveland, OH, United States
- Kerby, Lindsay; Kansas City, MO, United States
- Khare, Supreet; Lompoc, CA, United States
- Lacroix, Lucas; New Haven, CT, United States
- Lapa Merino, Pamela; Ica, Peru
- Lee, Chaelin; Auburn, AL, United States
- Mahoney, Jady; Aurora, CO, United States
- Martinez Berrios, Raul; Bayamon, PR, United States
- Marusiak, Barbara; Phoenix, AZ, United States
- Musser, Jason; Hampton, VA, United States
- Nagai, Ryotaro; Honolulu, HI, United States
- Perez, Matthew; Brentwood, TN, United States
- Salat, Ahmed; Nairobi, Kenya
- Schuettier, Darnell; Las Vegas, NV, United States
- Skinner, Samuel; Lafayette, LA, United States
- Soares, Michael; Hawthorne, CA, United States
- Standing, Mitchell; Ogden, UT, United States
- Stevens, Hilary; Pueblo West, CO, United States
- Swantack, Joseph; Columbus, OH, United States
- Tawfik, Rasha; Cairo, Egypt
- Vergos, Konstantinos; Amiens, France
- Vidal, Ryan; Abilene, TX, United States
- Vieson, Adrienne; Las Vegas, NV, United States

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- Weaver, Alex; Jacksonville, FL, United States
- Weber, Thomas; East Northport, NY, United States
- Welsh, James; Winfield, IL, United States
- Wilson, Melissa; Beavercreek Township, OH, United States
- Yancey, Lynne; Denver, CO, United States

AsMA also welcomed back three returning members:

- Choi, James; Brandon, FL, United States
- Fairfield, Ryan; Houston, TX, United States
- Somsel, Elizabeth; Tampa, FL, United States

### In Memoriam: Tomaz Kozelj

AsMA HQ Staff were saddened to hear of the death of Tomaz F. Kozelj, M.D. Born in Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia (formerly



Yugoslavia), Dr. Kozelj earned a B.Sc. in 1972 from the University of Ljubljana. He then attended the School of Medicine there, graduating in 1978 with an M.D. He earned an M.Sc. in 1981 from the University of Zagreb and Ljubljana, and an M.D. in 1979 and 1983 from the U.S. VQE-ECFMG exam certification. During his post-graduate years, he trained at the Institute of Josef Stefan in the Department

of Theoretical Physics from 1972 to 1974. In 1974, he served at the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. From 1983-1984, he trained in the Department of Experimental Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and, in 1984, served at the Texas Heart Institute. From 1989-1991, he was at the University Clinic of Cardiovascular Surgery in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia and from 1991-1992, he served at the Department of Public Health at New York University. He took refresher surgical training for Board Certification in General Surgery at the University Clinical Center in Ljubljana in 1993. From 1995-1996, he served in the Department of Radiology, Contrast Media Laboratory and Experimental Surgery, at the University of San Francisco.

Dr. Kozelj trained in the Yugoslavia Armed Forces from 1974-1975 and at the Officer's School of Slovenian Armed Forces from 1997-1998. He was the Surgeon General of the Slovenian Armed Forces from 1998 to 2001 and has served as a Delegate of Slovenia in the International Committee of Military Medicine between 1998 and 2001 and in the Joint Medical Committee from 2008. He also served as a Senior Medical Examiner, Chief of the Military and Civilian Aviation Medical Center, and Chief Flight Surgeon and Colonel with the Slovenian Armed Forces.

Dr. Kozelj was a past President of the Slovenian Aerospace Medical Association and a member of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, the Slovenian Medical Association, the Yugoslav and Slovenian Society of Biophysics, and the International Academy of Medicine, as well as a Fellow of AsMA. Within AsMA, he was a member of the Aerospace Human Factors Association, the U.S. Army Aviation Medicine Association, the Society of U.S. Naval Flight Surgeons, the Society of U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeons, and the International Association of Military Flight Surgeon Pilots, and served on the International Activities and Education and Training Committees. His awards included the Medal of Recognition for his contribution in the establishing of the Slovenian Air Force, recognition for his creative contribution promoting the successful work of the Slovenian Air Force Command,

AsMA's President's Citation in 2003 and Won Chuel Kay Award in 2009, and the Silver Medal of Military Health Service.

### Obituary Listing

AsMA HQ Staff were saddened to hear of the death of **Kenneth A. Ingham, M.B.Ch.B., DPH, B.Sc.(Hons.) Aerospace Medicine, FAsMA**. He was a long-term member of AsMA and had earned his 50-Year Pin. He retired from the South African Military Health Service in 1979 as a Major General. He was General Manager at Milpark Hospital from 1998-1999, and then a part-time AME at South African Airways starting in 2000. He established Central Aerospace Medicine at Grand Central Airport in 2001. He was awarded the South African Civil Aviation Commissioners' Commendation for contributions to aeromedical safety in South Africa.

### Space Medicine Association Lunch & Awards



**Space Medicine Association Panel:** from left to right, Dr. Jeffrey Davis, Dr. Joseph Dervay, Dr. Ted Duchesne, Dr. Michelle Frieling, and Dr. Jim Vanderploeg.



**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Dr. Joseph Dervay, left, won the Space Medicine Association's (SMA's) Lifetime Achievement Award. Here, he accepts the award from Dr. Tyson Brunstetter, right, SMA President, 2026-2027.



**Scholarship & JM YIA Award Winner:** Dr. Jessica Gamble won two awards: the Space Medicine Association (SMA) John B. Charles Research Scholarship and the SMA Jeffrey Myers Young Investigator Award.

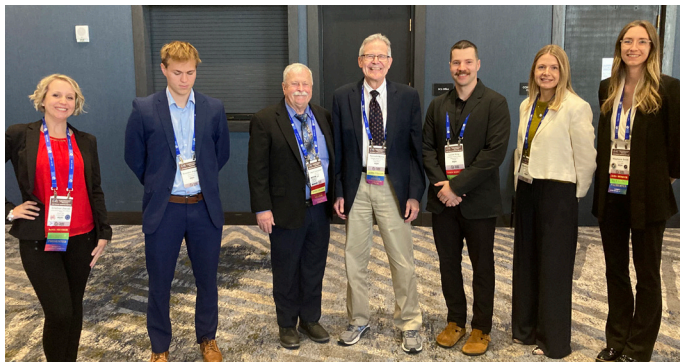
## The SMA JM Young Investigators Award

K. Jeffrey Myers, M.D.

The Space Medicine Association (SMA) Jeff Myers (JM) Young Investigators Award (YIA) is a competition intended for those making their first major efforts into Aerospace Medicine Research. To compete for this award, contestants must be making their first presentation of a scientific paper or poster at an AsMA meeting (excluding cases presented at Grand Rounds as a student resident) as well as be competing for the award the first time; they must appear as first author on the paper; and they must prepare and submit a manuscript for judging. The potential applicability of the findings to Space Medicine and the degree of involvement of the student in the project are major considerations. I would like to thank the members of the YIA committee: John Darwood, Lloyd Tripp, Cathy Dibiase, Pat McGinnis, and Ken Cohen. The finalists in this year's competition, selected from 70 potential contestants, are richly talented and diversified (listed later in this article).

The winner of the 2026 SMA JM YIA is Pilot Officer Jessica Gamble. Her paper is entitled: "Exploring Individual Susceptibility to Decompression Sickness during EVA: A Personalized Medicine Approach." This will potentially use a Bayesian digital twin to predict risk areas for mitigation, something which could prove very useful during EVAs on the Moon and Mars. She performed this study to fulfill research requirements in her medical school/research training program with the University of Bristol, the RAF Centre of Aerospace Medicine, and King's College London, but also has included the UTMB Primary Aviation and Space Medicine (PASM) course. Prior to medical school, Jess was a commercial diver and underwater stunt double, appearing in several movies, including "Mission Impossible". Of additional note, she becomes the third YIA winner to have been mentored by Dr. Bonnie Posselt, also a former YIA winner.

The first runner up is Brandon Adams, a first-year medical student from the University of Florida. His paper is titled "A closed System Lumbar Puncture Design for Microgravity". This new technique could prove useful in the further evaluation of Spaceflight Associated Neuro-Ocular Syndrome (SANS), which has affected some astronauts, and could help diagnose other neurological conditions in space. Brandon was also previously a NASA Pathways student in Physics at Marshall Space Flight Center. The second runner up is Stephanie Smith, a senior medical student at the University of Minnesota in collaboration with



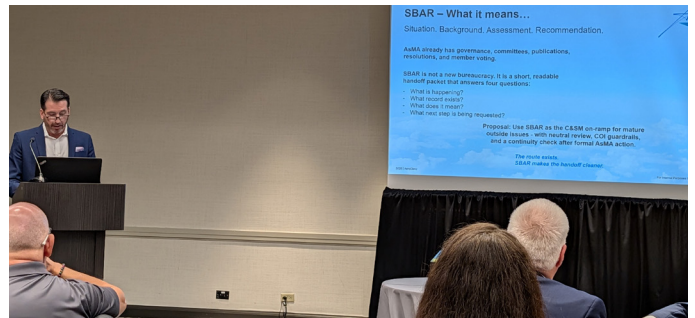
**SMA JM YIA Finalists:** From left to right, Cristina Liberati, M.D., Brandon Adams, Awards Chair Mark Campbell, M.D., Jeff Myers, M.D., Lt. Lucas King, Pilot Officer Jessica Gamble, and Stephanie Smith. Not pictured: Michael Cargill and Fari-ba Yazdanpanah, M.D.

Tufts Boston Urology and Dartmouth, who was mentored by Astronaut/Professor Jay Buckley. Her paper is "Urinary Oxalate Excretion in Astronauts During Long Duration Spaceflight". Honorable Mention went to Cristina Liberati, M.D., for her paper "Improving Medical-Engineering Communication Through Space Medicine Workshops". She graduated medical school in Rome and now is a Neurologist at Harvard Medical School. Rounding out the top 10%, we have Michael Cargill, a senior medical student from the University of Florida in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic Department of Aerospace Medicine; Fari-ba Yazdanpanah, M.D., MPH, from University of Texas at Tyler; and Lt. Lucas King, a senior medical student in the Canadian Air Force. Although they are young and new to the field, these Young Investigators have demonstrated that they are not afraid of the challenges they face and are exploring new innovations to meet those challenges. We will definitely want to watch this truly amazing new generation of Aerospace Medicine scientists.

As another AsMA meeting draws to a close, former Young Investigators Chuck Mathers, M.D., Bob Haddon, M.D., and Alex Garbino, M.D., received the Boothby-Edwards, Mary Klinker, and Sidney D. Leverett, Jr., Environmental Science Awards, respectively. As the Young Investigators continue to make their mark toward the challenges of space exploration, remember, if you want to do more than just exist, you must have a dream. Dream well and make a difference.

## Corporate and Sustaining Membership Committee

The Corporate and Sustaining Membership (C&M) Committee held a breakfast on May 20, 2026. The theme was "Growing Future Leaders: Succeeding in Small Business Through Regional Engagement, Innovation, and Mentoring the Workforce".



Matt Saberton, CEO and Founder of AeroClenz, on the left, giving a presentation on applying the Aerospace Medical Association's Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR) process to C&M activities.

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### 2026 FAA AME Seminars

These are offered by the FAA AME Program Office.

June 8-12	Oklahoma City, OK	Basic
Aug. 7-9	Cambridge, MA (Tentative)	Refresher
Sept. 21-25	Oklahoma City, OK	Basic
Oct. 22-24	Dayton, OH	CAMA
Nov. 13-15	Virtual (Int'l)	Refresher

AsMA only takes registrations for the seminar held at our Annual Scientific Meeting. Visit the FAA AME seminar schedule at <https://bit.ly/45GmRID> for more information.



Dr. Annette Sobel (left), Chair of the C&M Committee, presents the McCool Young Innovator Award to Seaman Apprentice Carter Pearson for Service Above Self.



Aerospace Medical Association Past Presidents Marian Sides (left; C&M Committee Senior Advisor) and Kris Belland (right; C&M Co-Chair) stand in the Exhibitor area.

## Save the Date!

ICAM 2026, Oct. 1-3, 2026, Istanbul, Türkiye

This meeting is convened by the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine (IAASM) in even numbered years. It is being held in conjunction with the European Society of Aerospace Medicine (ESAM), the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), and the Turkish Aerospace Medical Association. The program themes this year are human factors and performance; space medicine and clinical/biomedical topics; aeromedical certification and regulation; and airline/operational medicine/travel & evacuation medicine.

For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.icam2026.org/>.

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# News of Corporate Members

## BSI Is AsMA's Newest Corporate Member

Blank Slate Innovation, LLC (BSI), is the Aerospace Medical Association's (AsMA's) most recent corporate member. They are a consulting company that specializes in unique and comprehensive solutions to meet another company's needs. They also develop high technology systems. Their mission is to bolster scientists and engineers globally while aiming to streamline the procurement process. Their team is comprised of Ph.D.-level scientists and engineers in multiple disciplines who are supported by sales, business operations, and logistics professionals. Their services include nuclear detection, electronic system design, software development, and 3D printing. They also offer products such as mass spectrometers, data-logging breath analyzers, and learning radiation kits.

—Please visit <https://blankslateinnovation.com/index.html> to learn more about this company.

## Mayo Clinic Presents Oncology Breakthroughs

Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center researchers presented more than 30 studies at the 2026 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting, highlighting advances in precision oncology, early cancer detection, artificial intelligence (AI), and personalized cancer care. The meeting was held May 29–June 2 at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago. Featured research included biomarker-driven treatments for bladder and lung cancers, new approaches for triple-negative breast cancer, multicancer early detection testing,

and AI-enabled analysis of the tumor microenvironment in colon cancer. Highlights included educational, poster, oral, and case-based sessions.

—Please visit <https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/mayo-clinic-presents-oncology-breakthroughs-spanning-data-science-early-detection-targeted-therapies-at-asco-2026/> to read more.

## MedAire and NBAA Announce Partnership

MedAire and the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) announced a partnership that extends MedAire Wellbeing Services access to individual NBAA members at a preferred member rate, marking the first time aviation professionals can enroll independently of their flight department. Until now, access to MedAire Wellbeing Services was limited to flight departments. The NBAA partnership introduces a new way for pilots, flight attendants, schedulers, dispatchers, and other aviation professionals to access confidential peer support, even if they are contracted or their employer has not established a program. Many aviation professionals work in environments with formal Employee Assistance Programs that remain underutilized because of stigma, a lack of industry-specific understanding, or concerns about confidentiality within their organization. MedAire Wellbeing Services, powered by Talk to a Peer, addresses this gap by connecting individuals with Peer Supporters (current or former aviation professionals trained in active listening, resilience-building, and crisis response). The service operates 24/7 on a secure platform that matches users with peers who understand the operational realities of aviation: irregular schedules, time zone disruptions, crew dynamics, post-incident stress, and the pressure of safety-critical decision-making. Peer Supporters help individuals navigate daily stressors, work-related challenges,

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## Aerospace News Highlights

Every Friday, the Journal Department posts highlights of aerospace medical & research headlines to the [AsMA News page](#) and to AsMA's social media accounts.

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es, relationship issues, financial concerns, and post-incident responses. When professional clinical intervention is needed, the program provides clear pathways to licensed mental health resources.

—Please visit <https://www.medaire.com/about/news-centre/medaire-nbaa-bring-peer-support-to-individual-aviation-professionals> to read more.

### GlobalMed Releases Analysis of AI in Healthcare

GlobalMed's analysis of the future of AI in healthcare shows that AI is already transforming emergency departments, diagnostic labs, and federal healthcare facilities where predictive analytics prevent adverse events, diagnostic algorithms flag abnormalities human eyes might miss, and automated systems extend specialist expertise to underserved populations. The analysis examines current deployment data, adoption patterns, and the challenges shaping the implementation of AI in healthcare and the future of telehealth. FDA authorization of AI-enabled medical devices has more than doubled since 2022, with projections estimating growth to over \$500 billion by 2032.

—Please visit <https://www.globalmed.com/resources/the-future-of-ai-in-healthcare-2026-analysis-2> to read more.

### UTMB Hosts Lunch and Learn

UTMB's School of Public and Population Health (SPPH) hosted the United Way of Galveston's Nonprofit Lunch and Learn at the Health Education Center in mid-May. The session opened a longer conversation about where SPPH and the people carrying Galveston's day-to-day public health work might do more together. After the presentations, faculty and staff joined community partners at each table for a structured brainstorm. The conversations kept returning to the same set of themes. Mental health came up repeatedly as an unmet need, often paired with the question of how people get to the care that exists. Resource

navigation came up at another table as a related challenge and early childhood ran underneath several conversations as a prevention frame. The floor was also opened for questions about the Blue Zones Project, which UTMB launched in Galveston in March. The initiative translates research on long-lived communities into local work on policy, the built environment, food access, and social connection. Many of the ideas brought up need a longer conversation, a faculty match, or a student project window before they take shape, and SPPH will follow up with organizations that named specific interests.

—Please visit <https://www.utmb.edu/spph/about-us/news/article/news/2026/05/20/building-healthier-communities-together> to read more.

### KBR's Green Ammonia Tech Used in Japan

The start of green ammonia production at JGC Holdings Corporation's plant utilizing KBR's K-Green® technology marks a significant milestone in the success of Japan's journey towards a clean energy future. The plant, sponsored by New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), a national research and development agency in Japan, was successfully commissioned in early 2026. The teamwork and collaboration between JGC and KBR, both key players in the green ammonia segment, has led to the success of the project. JGC provided engineering and construction services, and now owns and operates the facility, and KBR licensed the green ammonia technology and provided proprietary equipment for this project. The journey began in 2022 when the technology contract was awarded, followed by a two-year engineering and construction phase led by JGC, and this year the commissioning was complete and early production began. The plant showcases the Integrated Control System, developed by JGC and Asahi Kasei, to manage hydrogen production as well as KBR's K-Green's Advanced Process Control and proprietary equipment.

—Please visit <https://www.kbr.com/en/insights-news/stories/japans-first-green-ammonia-plant-based-kbrs-k-greenr-process-now-fully-operational> to read more.

### Corporate News Bites

**ARS Pharmaceuticals:** ARS has announced the appointment of Donn Casale as President, effective June 1, 2026. Richard Lowenthal will continue to lead ARS Pharma as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Casale is a 25-year biopharmaceutical commercial leader with extensive experience scaling innovative products in large consumer-driven healthcare markets. As President, Mr. Casale will oversee global commercial operations and growth infrastructure as ARS Pharma prepares for its next phase of expansion, including advancement into chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU). *To read more, please visit <https://ir.ars-pharma.com/news-releases/news-release-details/ars-pharmaceuticals-strengthens-leadership-team-appointment>.*

**ALPA:** The Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l (ALPA), issued a statement after Virginia signed into law paid sick leave protections for workers, including airline pilots and flight attendants. Capt. Jason Ambrosi thanked the Virginia Legislature for supporting airline workers and praised the new law for giving crewmembers the security of knowing they can take care of themselves and their families without worrying about losing their jobs. *To read more, please visit <https://www.alpa.org/press-room/2026/05/virginia-becomes-latest-state-to-extend-paid-sick-leave-to-airline-flight-crews>.*

### Meetings Calendar

**Ongoing:** HFACS Workshops; Online. For more info, please visit <https://www.enrole.com/erau/jsp/course.jsp?category-Id=&courseId=HFAC> for in-person and <https://www.enrole.com/erau/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=558570F8&course-Id=OHFA> for online.

**July 7-10, 2026;** 27th AIAA International Space Planes and Hypersonic Systems and Technologies Conference; Naples, Italy. For more info, please visit <https://aiaa.org/events/27th-aiaa-international-space-planes-and-hypersonic-systems-and-technologies-conference/>.

**July 15-18, 2026;** 17th International Conference on Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; London, United Kingdom. For more info, please visit <https://ieeae-aess.org/event/conference/2026-17th-international-conference-mechanical-and-aerospace-engineering>.

**Sept. 13-18, 2026;** 35th Congress of the International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences; Sydney, Australia. For more info, visit <https://icas2026.com/>.

**Oct. 2-4, 2026;** International Congress of Aerospace Medicine (ICAM); Istanbul, Türkiye. For more info, please visit <http://www.icam2026.org/>.