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**AIAA ANNOUNCES 2008 HONORARY FELLOWS  
AND 2008 FELLOWS**

December 10, 2007 – Reston, Virginia – The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) is proud to announce the election of the 2008 Honorary Fellows and 2008 Fellows. Presentation of the new Honorary Fellows and the new Fellows will take place at the *Aerospace Spotlight Awards Gala* on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, in Washington, D.C.

Presented only to exceptional individuals who embody the highest standards possible in the aeronautics and astronautics field, “Honorary Fellow” is the highest accolade that can be bestowed by AIAA and its Board of Directors. Those chosen are recognized as being individuals of eminence with long and contributory careers in aerospace. The 2008 Honorary Fellows are:

Yvonne Brill, Aerospace Consultant  
Henry McDonald, University of Tennessee SimCenter  
Abe Zarem, Strategic Advisor, Knowledge and Information Technology Industries

The distinction of “Fellow” is bestowed by AIAA and its Board of Directors upon members who have made notable and valuable contributions to the arts, sciences, or technology of aeronautics or astronautics. The 2008 Fellows are:

Damodar Ambur NASA Langley Research Center  
Penina Axelrad, University of Colorado  
Josette Bellan, Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
Graham Candler, University of Minnesota  
Michael Coats, NASA Johnson Space Center  
William Copenhaver, Air Force Research Laboratory  
Robert Dickman, AIAA  
Gary Flandro, University of Tennessee Space Institute  
Datta Gaitonde, Air Force Research Laboratory  
Ephraim Gutmark, University of Cincinnati  
Richard Hallion, Hallion Associates  
Peter Hughes, Dynacon, Inc.  
M. Yousuff Hussaini, Florida State University  
Essam Khalil, University of Cairo  
Shinya Kobayakawa, Civil Transport Development Corp.

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John McMasters, The Boeing Company  
Achille Messac, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Paul Munafo, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center  
Yaakov Oshman, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology  
Sergio Pellegrino, California Institute of Technology  
Helen Reed, Texas A&M University  
Aviv Rosen, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology  
Stephen Rottler, Sandia National Laboratories  
Burt Rutan, Scaled Composites, LLC  
Kenneth Sanger, The Boeing Company  
Ronald Smith, Northrop Grumman Corporation  
Christopher Scolese, NASA  
Marilee Wheaton, The Aerospace Corporation  
Robert Winn, Engineering Systems Inc.  
Susan Ying, The Boeing Company

In 1933, Orville Wright became AIAA's first Honorary Fellow, and today, AIAA's Honorary Fellows and Fellows are the most respected names in the aerospace industry.

For more information on AIAA honors and awards, contact Carol Stewart, [carols@aiaa.org](mailto:carols@aiaa.org) or 703.264.7623.

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