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1 AIDAA 26th Congress Facts and Figures

AIDAA XXVI was organized by the Section of Pisa and held virtually during the first week of September 2021 under the patronage of Springer, the University of Pisa, Italian Space Agency, Leonardo Company, Italian Air Force: <https://conference.aidaa2021.it>.

Despite the current difficulties, participation was not affected as there were some 200 delegates and 150 oral presentations. Italian and international academic and non-academic institutions were represented and delivered talks on the latest developments concerning aerospace engineering.

The welcome addresses were given by the Rector of the University of Pisa, Professor Mancarella; Colonel Rega of the Italian Air Force; President of Italian Civil Aviation

Authority, Dr Di Palma; Chairman of the Congress, Professor Galatolo; President of AIDAA, Professor Carrera. Five plenary lectures were delivered by distinguished experts: Dr Falcone of the European Space Agency, Dr Protti of Leonardo Company, Dr Colaianni of Arianespace, Professor Mare of INSA Toulouse, and Dr Blom of Innovair.

The topics of the lectures included navigation satellite systems, zero-impact air transport, launcher market, electrically powered actuators, and structural integrity. Parallel sessions had five rooms and covered most aerospace disciplines, such as aircraft design, structures, fluid dynamics, space systems, propulsion, and sensors.

AIDAA is grateful to the organization committee members for their efforts and commitment towards a successful event.

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2 Members of AIDAA Governance Bodies Elected for next 4 Year Term

During the 26th Congress, the AIDAA General Assembly gathered to elect the President and the members of the Board of Administration. Professor Carrera was re-elected and will serve for his second term until 2025. The elected members of the board are 24 and belonging to most of the Italian academic and non-academic major aerospace institutions.

The composition of the board will be available online soon (www.aidaa.it). The President expressed his gratitude to the AIDAA community for the re-election and aimed to expand the activities of the Association further.

3 Hosting City of 27th AIDAA Congress Announced

At the end of the 26th Congress, the AIDAA President, Professor Carrera, announced the Section of Padova as the organizer of the 27th edition in September 2023. The

chairman is Professor Ugo Galavanetto from the University of Padova. UniPD is one the oldest universities worldwide as 2022 marks its 800th anniversary from the foundation.

Furthermore, it is a well-known centre of excellence for the aerospace disciplines with the Centre of Aerospace Sciences Bepi Colombo (CISAS). The city of Padova offers plenty of cultural sites of interest, including Scrovegni Chapel with frescoes by Giotto.

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