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1 MILAN will Host the IAC 2024

The city of #Milano will host the 75th edition of the International Astronautical Congress #IAC2024, the most important world event in the space sector. Milan beat the competition of important candidate cities such as Budapest (Hungary), São Paulo (Brazil), Seville (Spain) and Adelaide (Australia), being selected by the more than 400 delegates of the General Assembly of the International Astronautical Federation from 73 countries of the world and gathered in Dubai from 25 to 29 October for the 72nd edition of the #IAC2021 (Fig. 1).

2 The City of Florence Awards AIDAA for the Successful ICAS 2024 Bid

The city of Florence recognized AIDAA's efforts to organize ICAS 2024 by nominating Professors Carrera—President of AIDAA—and Bagassi—Board Member of AIDAA and Executive Committee Member of ICAS—Ambassadors of the city, Fig. 2. The ceremony took place on 15 October 2021 at Salone Cinquecento with the participation of local authorities, including the President of Tuscany and the Mayor of Florence.

ICAS 2024 is scheduled from 9 to 13 September 2024. ICAS is the international organization of aeronautical engineering societies with members from 30 countries. The International Congress is every two years and covers all aspects of aeronautical science and technology and applications to aviation (Fig. 2).

3 Honoris Causa Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering

Paolo Pascale Langer, CEO of Tecnam aircraft manufacturer (Fig. 3), has been awarded by the Università di Napoli Federico II with the Honoris Causa Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering for his great contribution in maintaining and developing the local aeronautical tradition, for the continuing achievement of important and successful activities, beneficial and fruitful not only for the company, now sitting among the top three manufacturers in the world for its class of aircraft, but also as a driver for the related industries, research centers and Academia.

The ceremony took place last 28th of October in the Aula Magna Storica of the Università di Napoli Federico II, with full participation of academics, Tecnam top management, engineers, test pilot and assembly line managers. Furthermore, Paolo Pascale's family members, close friends and local media were participating, including the current mayor of Naples, Prof. Gaetano Manfredi, former rector of Federico II, who, under his rectorate, supervised the initiative of appointing Paolo Pascale Langer with the Honoris Causa Master's degree.

The main successes, the most qualifying achievements of the Neapolitan entrepreneur were highlighted by the introduction of Prof. Matteo Lorito, Rector of the Federico II University, followed by the presentation of Prof. Nicola Bianco, Head of the Department of Industrial Engineering, hosting the Aerospace Engineering Master Degree Course.

The Laudatio Academica was held by Prof. Raffaele Savino, coordinator of the course of study in Aerospace Engineering. Very passionate, extremely focused on specific technical topics, absolutely competent and plenty of suggestions for the new generations of engineers has been the Lectio Magistralis given by Paolo Pascale Langer. He went through his human and entrepreneurial path, mixing the historical tradition of his company with perspectives for the future and challenging activities. He underlined how profitable the collaboration between Federico II and Tecnam has been and still is, on both sides, for students and Tecnam engineers. For strengthening

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Fig. 1 Picture for the Candidature

Fig. 3 Ing. Paolo Pascale Langer

Fig. 2 Prof. Erasmo Carrera and Prof. Sara Bagassi

this very positive interaction, Paolo anticipated the next birth of a post-graduate Academy to ease the transition from university to the real and operative environment.

Fig. 4 Logo of WaveSet

Such exclusive, strongly emotional and participated ceremony ended with the formal delivery of the Honoris Causa graduation parchment by the Rector to Paolo Pascale Langer in recognition of his successful and worldwide appreciated achievements in the aeronautical fields.

4 WaveSet is Now a Spin-Off of Federico II

WaveSet is a start-up born in 2021 providing research and technology in the field of Vibration and Acoustics. It was originated from the experiences gained at several levels inside the Department of Industrial Engineering of the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II. During October 2021, the start-up has officially received the qualification of academic spin-off from the Third Mission and Technology Transfer Office of Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II (<https://wavesetconsulting.com>) (Fig. 4).

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