

15th IFAR Summit Press Release
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*A*STAR Singapore Hosts a Successful IFAR Summit with Key Decisions to Strengthen Research Cooperation and International Partnerships*



The 15th IFAR summit, hosted by Singapore Agency for Science Technology and Research - [A*STAR](#) at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront hotel from October 22nd to 25th, saw over 60 attendees from 18 publicly funded aeronautic research institutions from across the globe.

The event provided an unparalleled platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and strategic planning for the future. Attendees engaged on the central themes of the Summit, MRO and Sustainable aviation, with focused discussion around technologies to address current and emerging challenges. Distinguished speakers shared their vision on these topics as well as the Singaporean aviation ecosystem. Among the speakers were: Tan Kah Han, Deputy CEO International Centre for Aviation Innovation, [ICAI](#), Nelson Low Director Aerospace Programme A*STAR, Hervé Moalic, Innovation Director, Aerospace Mobility Solutions, [Thales](#).

Representatives from IFAR's partner organizations also attended the summit to present their vision of continued cooperation with IFAR. [ICAS](#) (International Council for the Aeronautical Sciences) President Dimitri Mavris highlighted approaches to attract and help young researchers in their careers. From [ICAO](#) (International Civil Aviation Organization), Yuri Fattah, spoke on behalf of Michele Merkle, Director of the Navigation Bureau, on the mutual benefit of cooperation between the two institutions.



IFAR summit participants during IFAR Café work discussion and visits at [SIMTech Rolls-Royce Singapore](#) and [MAPS](#) (MITRE Asia Pacific Singapore). ©A*STAR

Key highlights:

- Principals approved two new Working Groups (WGs) on Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO), led by [DLR](#), and an analysis on the impacts of climate change on global air transportation system (CATS), led by [NASA](#).
- IFAR Principals established a new 'Communications WG', led by [ATI](#), to improve communications channels
- Principals underscored the importance of the partnership with ICAO and gave their support to the new IFAR Scientific Assessment with ICAO on 'Digitalization in certification processes'.
- The next IFAR summit will be hosted by [TU Vienna](#) in Austria in October 2025.

"The IFAR Summit in Singapore has been a resounding success," said Bruno Sainjon, Chair of the Network. " While aviation will experience a period of profound transformation, the global scientific aeronautical community is fully mobilized to succeed in the shift towards sustainability. In this summit, under the presidency of ONERA, the decisions taken will not only consolidate our network but also enhance our collective impact on global issues. We look forward to continued collaboration and even greater achievements in the future."

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