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Press release

First ONERA-TsAGI Award

ONERA and TsAGI decided to create a joint research award dedicated to the most talented young French and Russian scientists. This prize was created in memory of Denis Maugars, former President of ONERA (from 2003 to 2013).

This award pursues several goals:

- Acknowledge the long-standing relationships between TsAGI and ONERA;
- Increase internal and external visibility of both research establishments;
- Foster innovative ideas in the aeronautics research domain at ONERA and TsAGI;
- Promote collaborative projects on specific subjects between TsAGI and ONERA.

The prize rewards a team of young researchers under 35 from both TsAGI and ONERA. They will be allowed to launch a two-year common research initiative.

This first edition of this ONERA TsAGI Award has been attributed to the TOPSAMPL project (*Topology Optimization Methods for Searching of Advanced Metamaterials and Pro-Composite Layouts*), proposed by a four people team:

- Cécile Davoine and Dimitri Bettebghor from ONERA
- Yuri Dynnikov and Ivan Kondakov from TsAGI

The award was presented by Sergey Chernyshev (General Director of TsAGI) and Bruno Sainjon, President and CEO of ONERA, in the Russian Center of Science and Culture in Paris on 29 October 2015.

About ONERA

ONERA is the French aerospace and defence research centre. Under the authority of the Ministry of Defence, ONERA anticipates technological breakthroughs in the aeronautical field thanks to basic and applied research related to strategic experimental means. Having been awarded the Carnot label and with nearly 60% of contractual activities, ONERA makes its expertise and technology available to industry. A driving force for innovation and foresight whose research has permeated all major French civil and military aerospace programmes, ONERA gathers more than 2000 people including 13% of doctoral students. www.onera.fr

About TsAGI

"The Central Aerohydrodynamic Institute named after N.E. Zhukovsky (TsAGI) was founded in 1918 under the initiative and leadership of N.E. Zhukovsky, the father of Russian Aviation. Today TsAGI is one of the largest scientific research centers in the world, combining basic studies, applied research, structural design, pilot production and testing. TsAGI has unique experimental facilities that meet high international requirements. At present, TsAGI participates in several joint research programs on the development of next-generation aircraft. Some of its most significant recent accomplishments are in the areas of structural strength, finite element method analysis and optimization of structural weight. The achievements in aviation technology of the Institute have been demonstrated in aviation exhibitions around the world."

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