

SPEAKERS' CONTACT & PRESENTATION DETAIL FORM

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TITLE OF PRESENTATION (15 words or less)
Skills for Tomorrow's Technicians in Aircraft Composites

PRESENTATION ABSTRACT (200 words or less)
ACRATS is dedicated building the skilled workforce of tomorrow, the workforce must be able to manufacture, inspect and repair the most advanced aircraft structures.

Effective and hands-on training program are critical to ensuring the industry is able to support the fleet as it rapidly growing.

SPEAKER BRIEF BIOGRAPHY (120 words or less)
Mr Rick van Opdorp is the Director of ACRATS Training Services. Rick started his career in the Royal Netherlands Airforce, after completing a four-year vocational training program at the Aircraft Maintenance & Training School as an aircraft engineer. As a specialist in structural repair, hereceived further training at Boeing Training Systems & Services, the Airbus Helicopter Training Academy and the Agusta Westland Training Academy. During his time within the Airforce, he had built up a significant knowledge of structural repair and inspection methods, particularly for fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.
After retiring from the Airforce, he started his own company and developed a unique, practical and training concept for metal and composite structural repair.
Rick has been involved in composite repair masterclasses and workshops for the Singapore Institute of Manufacturing Technology (SIMTech), the Republic Polytechnic of Singapore, the Military Technological College in Oman, the Brazilian Air Force, the Light Weight Structure laboratory (IPT) and the Technical Faculty (FATEC) in Sao Jose dos Campos.