

## INCOSE UK Launches an Early Careers Forum

INCOSE UK has been exploring how to engage with people who have just entered the world of Systems Engineering, to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our future Systems Engineering experts and leaders. To this end, the INCOSE UK Council and the UK Advisory Board (UKAB) hosted a workshop for 24 early careers representatives from across Industry, Government and Academia in April 2017. The purpose of this first workshop was to obtain a view from the next generation of systems engineers on how to meet the long-term vision for taking Systems Engineering forward.

Kirsty Akroyd-Wallis the INCOSE UK President Elect stated, "It was hoped that the workshop would provide a mutual benefit to all of those involved; for the individuals, an opportunity to contribute to the future of Systems Engineering as part of a professional network and for INCOSE UK, engagement with a wider demographic with a view to inspiring our future experts and leaders."

The participation on the day was tremendous, and culminated with the Early Careers representatives providing a list of recommendations to the INCOSE UK Council. One representative, Omer Elroubi of QinetiQ - who the group nominated as spokesperson - was given an invitation to attend the June Council meeting to represent his peers.

During the June Council meeting it was agreed that an 'Early Careers Forum' should be set up and the inaugural meeting is planned to take place at the Annual Systems Engineering Conference (ASEC) in November. In the meantime, the Council has appointed Omer Elroubi into the post of interim Early Careers Chair. Omer Elroubi is now contacting the Early Careers Representatives who attended the workshop and working with Kirsty Akroyd-Wallis to prepare the Terms of Reference for the group, which will be presented at the meeting in November.

Omer stated, "This is a really exciting opportunity for anyone who has just entered the world of System Engineering to get involved and have a say. I have been impressed by the openness and enthusiasm demonstrated by the INCOSE UK Council towards the idea of an Early Careers Forum."

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# Press Release



## Information for Editors

### Early Careers in INCOSE UK

The view of INCOSE UK is that to qualify to be considered as an 'Early Careers' person in Systems Engineering, you need to have entered the discipline of Systems Engineering in the last 5 years, age is not a factor.

### Annual Systems Engineering Conference (ASEC)

The Annual Systems Engineering Conference (ASEC) is INCOSE UK's flagship annual event and brings together a wide range of professionals from a variety of backgrounds, with the common interest of building upon their Systems Engineering (SE) knowledge and sharing ideas with their peers.

INCOSE UK hosted its first annual conference in 2010, with the aim of creating the premium annual SE conference in the UK. Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, ASEC has indeed grown to become the UK's foremost SE conference.

This year's theme is 'Pushing the Boundaries of Systems Engineering'.  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017  
The Slate, Warwick Conferences, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7SH

Keep an eye on the [event website for updates](#).

### INCOSE UK

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), with over 1,000 individual and 37 corporate members, exists primarily to serve UK-specific needs and is a key chapter within INCOSE. It has strong links with other UK institutions and it plays a prominent role in both the domestic and the international scenes. It holds one conference and one training day each year, has active regional, working and special interest groups and publishes a variety of guides and other products tailored for UK members.

Despite its focus on UK-specific needs, the UK Chapter attracts members from territories around the globe.

The 'flavour' of Systems Engineering most prevalent in the UK has developed into an open and inclusive practice that facilitates the application of systems thinking and Systems Engineering principles in domains outside of the traditional domains of defence and aerospace. In recent years, the membership of INCOSE UK has widened significantly from its roots, expanding to include domains such as transportation - particularly rail - energy, civil engineering, space, medicine, and security.

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