

## SOLAKONFERANSEN 2018 – THE SOLA CONFERENCE 2018

Clarion Hotel Air, Sola

### “Offshore Helicopter Operations Towards 2038”

A brief and preliminary introduction as of December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

We are looking forward to three exciting conference days at Sola.



Stiftelsen Solakonferansen (The Sola Conference Foundation) are embracing the whole aviation industry during the annual Solakonferansen (The Sola Conference). The objective of the conference is to gather representation from all levels within the authorities, oil companies, helicopter manufacturers, helicopter operators etc. to discuss the industry and enhance current aviation safety standards.

Stiftelsen Solakonferansen has for the fourth year in a row, given the Conference Committee the mandate to continue with offshore helicopter operations as the main topic. This to underline that Solakonferansen intends to deal with this sector in depth.

The 2018 conference will be held in the English language. We will have to revert to Norwegian in between, but in those cases, we will supply handouts in English, and the lecturers will anyway be presenting their slides in English.

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*The 2018 conference will be looking forward towards 2038, what does the industry look like in 2038? This aspect opens a lot of interesting perspectives which we intend to dive into. Technological development is one interesting aspect, and we will challenge the helicopter manufacturers on this topic. How does vertical flight look like in 2038? What is the level of automation? Do we still have pilots or do we have more of a systems monitoring role on board? What about training of technicians and pilots in the future? With the development in data computational power and augmented reality possibilities, training could look very different 20 years from now. Another important prerequisite is how we see the level of activity towards 2038 given that we still have 50% of the total oil and gas deposits still “out there”. Will we still have a need for moving people offshore at all, or is automation and integrated operations taking over?*

*In addition to exploring different future scenarios, we will honor the tradition of having our regular speakers from; the Ministry of Transport and Communications, CAA NO, AVINOR AS and NHO Luftfart (The Federation of Norwegian Aviation Industries).*

We are continuing the established three-day conference structure, also maintaining the evening mingling opportunities, and we will meet at a new destination, Clarion Hotel Air, Sola.

*The Conference Committee 2018:*

- ✓ Director Øivind Solberg, PhD, Aviation Advisor, Statoil ASA
- ✓ John Arild Gundersen, Chairman, NOROG Aviation Forum // Aviation Authority, AkerBP
- ✓ Thor Gunnar Johansen, Senior Manager Technical Services, CHC Helikopter Service AS
- ✓ Jim Urianstad, Flight operations Manager, Bristow Norway AS
- ✓ Secretary Håvard Haugen, General Manager, Stiftelsen Solakonferansen

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A final important advice – an input to your 2019 calendar  
**See You at “Solakonferansen 2019”, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2019!**

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On behalf of the Board of Stiftelsen Solakonferansen,  
 Yours Sincerely

Håvard Haugen (sign)  
 General Manager

*Solakonferansen (The Sola Conference)*

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 For those having new knowledge – those who are in need of knowledge – those who want to obtain knowledge (SKB/Oct 13).*

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