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## WELCOME

The Hamburg University of Technology is pleased to welcome guests from many different countries to the 1<sup>st</sup> *International Workshop on Aircraft System Technologies AST 2007* organized in Hamburg.

Why in Hamburg? The North German metropolitan region ranks alongside Seattle and Toulouse as one of the world's leading centers for civil aviation. Meanwhile, Airbus Deutschland, Lufthansa Technik, Hamburg Airport, and about 300 small and medium-sized supplying companies employ more than 30,000 highly skilled people, many of them holding an engineering degree. On one hand, the range of available industrial apprenticeships and university programs in the field of aviation is continually expanding and every effort is made to nurture young talents. On the other hand, R&D activities are promoted in different ways, for instance, by the joint initiative "Hamburg - The place for aviation".

The two-day event provides an ideal platform to the international family of aviation engineers for fruitful discussions about scientific and technical issues in their field. High level presentations by leading experts will allow each participant to get an in-depth view on the status quo of systems and components in numerous fields of aviation. Aspects of current applications as well as future research and developments will be exchanged.

The proceedings of the event comprise more than 35 high-quality contributions which were selected from a call for papers. The contributions presented at the workshop address the fields of *Airframe Systems and Equipment*, *Cabin and Comfort*, *Information and Communication* as well as *Materials and Production*. For practicing engineers and scientists working in one of these areas the proceedings will be a valuable source of information.

As the responsible organizer of the workshop, I am indebted to all the authors for their contributions to the event and their efforts to make the proceedings such a complete work. I also would like to extend my gratitude to the colleagues of the program committee and the organizing team for their great support and cooperation. Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the sponsoring and supporting companies, institutions, and associations making this workshop possible.

On behalf of the organizers I wish all participants a fruitful meeting, many interesting discussions, and a pleasant stay in Hamburg.

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