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Lecture

DIRECTIONS OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE 21st CENTURY

By

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Monday 29 September 2003, 6 p.m. at ICAO Headquarters
(999 University Street, Montreal)

This lecture has four main elements: 1) the 600-seat airliner will play a substantial role early in the century; 2) there will not be a supersonic successor to the Concorde; 3) the major airports of the world must work in greater harmony with the manufacturers and the airlines, so as to be ready for the next generation of airliners; and 4) the airlines must regard high speed rail as a partner, not as a competitor.

Born in England, Ron Davies started a civil service career in 1938, spent the Second World War in the British Army, and then joined the new Ministry of Civil Aviation. He moved on to British European Airways, then to the Bristol, de Havilland, and Hawker-Siddeley aircraft manufacturing companies. He developed several procedures for airline traffic forecasting, and (at Bristol) probably established the world's first air transport market research department. He left the industry in 1981 when he was offered the Lindbergh Chair of Aerospace History at the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution; he later became the Curator of Air Transport at that museum. In 1964, his first book, *A History of the World's Airlines*, was published, and he has since written eighteen other books about airlines, airline personalities, and aspects of air transport. Some of these have become standard references, while some others raise controversial issues.

The meeting will also be addressed briefly by Dr. Assad Kotaite, President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Mr. Roland Fairfield, President-Elect of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

No Tickets Required and Visitors are Welcome

This lecture has been organized by the Royal Aeronautical Society's Montreal Branch and will be held in Conference Room No. 3 of the International Civil Aviation Organization, commencing at 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the lecture

