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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to chair the **25th Annual International Military Helicopter Conference** (IMH), taking place from 24–26 February 2026 at the Novotel London West. For 25 years, IMH has been the most respected forum for rotary wing capability development and cooperation, and this year's event will be our most forward-looking yet.

Military rotorcraft are entering a defining era. Rapid technological advancements, evolving mission demands, and the growing sophistication of uncrewed systems are reshaping how we deliver critical effects in increasingly contested environments. At IMH 2026, we will explore these challenges head-on, focusing on the integration of rotary and uncrewed aviation capabilities, the development of next-generation rotorcraft capabilities and platforms, and strategies to modernize, train and sustain legacy fleets to ensure readiness against peer and near-peer adversaries.

This year's conference will feature three days of in-depth sessions, dedicated forums, and industry-led discussions, alongside an interactive exhibition floor. These key elements are designed to provide maximum value for global militaries and industry, offering opportunities to dive deeper into specialist topics, strengthen relationships, and forge new partnerships. Together, we will tackle key challenges, drive collaboration, and shape the future direction of vertical lift to 2040 and beyond.

IMH 2026 will bring together senior decision-makers and technical experts from across the global rotary wing community, representing over 50 nations. Attendees include high-ranking officers and program leaders from the British Army, US Army, NATO, and other hugely important allied forces, alongside representatives from leading OEMs such as Airbus, Leonardo, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Bell, and Pratt & Whitney. You'll also meet procurement authorities, capability developers, and industry innovators from organisations including Anduril, Collins Aerospace, Northrop Grumman, Rolls-Royce, Safran, and Thales. This diverse mix of military leaders, government officials, and industry partners ensures IMH remains the most influential forum for collaboration and knowledge-sharing in the military aviation space.

I look forward to welcoming you to London next month for what promises to be a mission-critical event for the global military aviation community.



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