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AHS International Announces Winner of 2015 Alfred Gessow Best Forum Paper Award

Fairfax, VA — AHS International, *The Vertical Flight Technical Society*, announces today the winner of the Society's prestigious Alfred Gessow Award for the best technical paper presented at the AHS International [71st Annual Forum and Technology Display](#). The winning paper is "[A Smart Position Sensor for Articulated Rotors](#)," by Troy Schank and Kynn Schulte, Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. The paper is available for sale in the [AHS Online Store](#).

The selection process, which began in October 2014, was extremely rigorous. Session chairs selected more than 265 papers from the more than 380 abstracts received. At the Forum, the session chairs and technical committee chairs selected the 20 best papers for final consideration. Then the Deputy Technical Directors for Aeromechanics, Vehicle Design, Vehicle Integrity, System Integration, Systems Engineering and Operations and Product Support winnowed that number down to seven papers. Following that, the AHS Technical Director and his committee reviewed and ranked the papers, and in that ranking, determined that this paper was the best.

This year's 71st Annual Forum and Technology Display was held on May 5-7, 2015 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Next year, the 72nd Annual Forum and Technology Display will be held on May 17-19, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The award consists of a plaque and payment of transportation costs for one author to present the paper at the annual [European Rotorcraft Forum](#) (ERF), held September 1-4 in Munich, Germany. There the Alfred Gessow plaque will be officially bestowed upon him. The award is named after Alfred Gessow, a helicopter pioneer, researcher, author, professor and founder of the rotorcraft center at the University of Maryland now named for him.

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provides global leadership for scientific, technical, educational and legislative initiatives that advance the state-of-the-art of vertical flight.

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