



Jesualdo Martínez Award

34th SFTE EC symposium



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The Society of Flight Test Engineers European Chapter has established an award on the values on flight test engineering, mostly devoted to the European environment of our profession.

This award carries the name of Jesualdo Martínez. Jesualdo was a colleague of ours working for Airbus Defense & Space. He was member of the board of the European Chapter as director at large.

Jesualdo perished in May 2015 in an accident of an A400M during a test flight from Seville airport. As a memorial for him and all our colleagues killed performing their job, we have established this award.

Candidacies will be received by the European Chapter Board, and the award will be delivered every two years.

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The first one is delivered during the 50th SFTE and 30th European Chapter Symposium in Toulouse.

As a memento for the winner, a copy of a special painting will be delivered. This painting has been created by the Spanish artist Mrs. Aida Mauri Crusat, under the title "Empty Desk".

The original of this painting will be exhibited at the Spanish Air Force museum in Madrid. This museum is worth for you to pay a visit anytime you came come to Madrid.



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Mrs. Barbara Wood
Principal Flight Test Engineer
SFTE Fellow
Retired

Promotor
Jesus Javier Fernandez Orio
Flight Test Engineer
Propulsion Department
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The board is pleased to accept the nomination for Barbara Wood and grant her this special *In Memoriam* Jesualdo Martinez Award 2023. Unfortunately we recently received the sad news that she has passed away January 16th of this year.

We dedicate this special *In Memoriam* JM Award to our colleague and friend Barbara Wood, a fundamental pillar in the development and evolution of the Society of Flight Test Engineers and in our profession in general. She was a highly considered professional, a pioneer in her work and for her time.

She was a force and an inspiration throughout her career and she was one of the few female Flight Test Engineers at a time and place when this was still primarily a men's world.



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Since the late 1980s she has been involved in the Society, making great contributions for the development and improvements of our community. During her involvement, she held various positions in the European Chapter: Secretary (1991 -1995) and again from 2007 until 2009, Vice President from 1995 until 1999 and President from 1999 until 2003. In 2008 she was elected both Fellow of the Society and entered in the main SFTE Board of Directors.

She was also very active in the NATO Science and Technology Organization (STO) Flight Test Technical Team (FT3), promoting several Agardographs and contributing to the dissemination of knowledge in Flight Testing across the community.



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The European Chapter in particular and the Society as a whole, would not be the same without her unwavering support for all these years. Unfortunately, she is no longer with us anymore, but her imprint will remain forever with us and the Society.