



Royal Institute of Navigation
Science Technology Practice

Media Invitation

UAV Event

Location: Royal Geographical Society, London SW7 2AT

Date: 26 May: 09.00

The Rise of the Machines

Machines that act autonomously, or on strict programmes needing no human operator, are on the rise. Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) have been used in military operations for years, and now we are beginning to see their use in civil arenas such as law enforcement and search and rescue too. But how much do we really know about their reliability, their safety, or the laws that govern their use?

The Royal Institute of Navigation has been at the centre of navigation research and technology for more than sixty years, and – in partnership with leading international UAV developer Northrop Grumman - it is holding an event on 26 May that will examine the latest developments in UAV technology, to try and answer the vital questions surrounding UAVs, their operation and their limitations.

The event, at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington, will bring together speakers from some of Europe's leading companies – large and small – in UAV technology, and feature a keynote speech by General Carlo Magrassi, the Deputy Executive Strategy in the European Defence Agency in Brussels. General Magrassi has a keen interest in evolving legislation and practices to ensure that UAVs can be safely and effectively used.

Come along and discover what is happening now established UAV technology is getting smaller and cheaper to use, opening it up to a whole new range of applications. How will the machines interact with humans? What kinds of advances have been made in their navigational reliability? And how do you ensure complete safety and maintain civil liberties, even when the unexpected happens? Find out on May 26.

To attend this important event, simply contact RIN Press Officer Tony Fyler at editor@rin.org.uk or call 020 7591 3133.

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