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## ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY AWARDS FELLOWSHIP TO ALEXEY ISAIKIN, PRESIDENT OF VOLGA-DNEPR GROUP

**In recognition of his contribution to the industry, Alexey Isaikin, President of Volga-Dnepr Group, has been awarded Fellowship of the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) the world's only learned society dedicated to the entire aerospace community.**

Established in 1866, the Royal Aeronautical Society has been at the forefront of developments in aerospace ever since. It seeks to promote the highest professional standards in all aerospace disciplines, provide specialist information and act as a central forum for the exchange of ideas, and play a leading role in influencing opinion on aerospace matters.



RAeS Chief Executive, Simon Luxmoore (right) presents Alexey Isaikin (centre) with his Fellowship certificate, joined by Brian Phillipson, MD Engineering Solutions at Marshall, who is also a Fellow of the RAeS.

Martin Broadhurst, President of RAeS said: "Fellowship (FRAeS) is the highest grade attainable and is only bestowed upon those in the profession of aeronautics or aerospace who either have made an outstanding contribution to the profession, attained a position of high responsibility, or/and have had long experience of high quality in the profession. It is the Society's highest grade of membership. Fellowship of the Society is highly regarded in the aerospace and aviation industry, and it is fitting that Mr Isaikin is recognised for his contribution to our industry."

The Fellowship comes as Volga-Dnepr Group prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The company was founded in August 1990.

Mr Isaikin said: "I am proud to accept this great honour from the Royal Aeronautical Society and dedicate it to the entire team of aerospace professionals that have used their unique skills and expertise over the last 25 years to make Volga-Dnepr Group a respected and trusted partner of market leading customers in so many industry sectors all over the world."

Under his leadership, Volga-Dnepr has grown into a global group of more than 20 companies. Global air cargo charter services are provided to the Group's customers by Volga-Dnepr Airlines - the world's largest transporter of outsize and heavyweight air cargo and the provider of end-to-end engineering and logistics solutions – and through Volga-Dnepr's Antonov 124 freighter joint ventures, Ruslan International and Ruslan SALIS. The Group's air charter capability also includes services using the IL-76TD-90VD, Boeing 747 and B737 freighters in its fleet to offer international customers the most suitable aircraft solution for every charter requirement.

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The Group's international scheduled cargo services connecting customers in Europe, North America and Asia Pacific are delivered by AirBridgeCargo Airlines, one of the world's fastest-growing scheduled cargo airlines, via its global hub in Moscow. The airline operates one of the industry's youngest Boeing freighter fleets, comprising of Boeing 747-8F, Boeing 747-400ERF, and Boeing 737F aircraft.

Volga-Dnepr also operates an aircraft Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul business – Volga-Dnepr Technics - with locations in Europe, Russia and the UAE to serve the Group's own fleet and third party airline customers. Its supporting businesses include specialist insurance and trucking companies.

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## Biography: Alexey Isaikin

Alexey Isaikin was born on 9 September 1952.

Having graduated from the Irkutsk Institute of National Economy in 1976, Mr. Isaikin joined the Ulan-Ude Aviation Factory as an Air Force economist. His responsibilities included control over the cost of aviation equipment. During the late 1980s, Mr. Isaikin worked at the Ulyanovsk Aircraft Manufacturing Complex (now Aviastar-SP) as an executive officer responsible for the USSR Military Air Transportation Department contracts for An-124 aircraft delivery. In 1989, after finishing his military career, Mr. Isaikin headed a group of entrepreneurs and enthusiasts whose aim was to establish a new private air cargo company.

1990 saw the creation of Volga-Dnepr Airlines — the first private cargo airline in Russia and the first joint stock company in the Ulyanovsk region. Between 1990 and 2002, Mr. Isaikin acted as the Chairman of the Board, Executive Director, and General Director of Volga-Dnepr Airlines. Since 2002, he has been President of Volga-Dnepr Group.

Over the last 25 years, Mr. Isaikin has managed to create a diversified business, operating in the key segments of the Russian and international air cargo markets. He is actively involved in public work to strengthen the prestige of the Russian civil aviation industry both inside the country and globally. His work has been honored by international, national government and industry awards and medals.

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