



**The Open Group FACE® Consortium Newsletter**  
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## **Upcoming FACE Consortium Events and Webinars**

- Jun 9-12, 2025      FACE Members virtual meeting
- Aug 25-27, 2025      FACE Members meeting – *Alexandria, VA*

## **Thales Achieve First FACE Certification from Europe**

In April 2025, the Thales FMS200 became the first Unit of Conformance (UoC) from a European company to be certified conformant to the FACE Technical Standard. The Flight Management System guarantees precise navigation computations and precise trajectory control in all phases of flight. Certified by EASA and FAA FAR25 and FAR29, some FMS200 models also have military qualifications for IFR on helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. Compliant with AC20-138D and TSO C115d, they meet ICAO standards.



The open architecture supports external connectivity, offering a low hardware footprint ideal for future avionics and fleet upgrades. The FMS200 is onboard Sikorsky S-76D, UH-60 Black Hawk; Agusta A109; Airbus H160M, Tiger, C-295, CN-235; ATR 42/72-600; Dassault ATL2; Lockheed C130, P3 Orion.

## **FACE® and SOSA® TIM - Call for Papers**

The Open Group has issued a Call for Papers for this year's FACE and SOSA Technical Interchange Meeting (TIM), which will be held virtually on Oct 7-8, 2025. This year's TIM will focus on MOSA in Practice and how MOSA benefits from both the FACE and SOSA approaches. The first deadline is to indicate your intent to submit a paper using the [CVENT form](#) is May 20.

## **FACE Approach Shines at MOSA at Defense Summit**

Held on April 30-May 1 in National Harbor, MD, this year's MOSA for Defense Summit brought together a highly distinguished group of speakers and attendees focused on MOSA, open architecture, and open standards. Nearly 130 attendees heard from MG Robert Barrie, Deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army; HON Nick Guertin, Former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Col John Dayton, USAF, Sr Materiel Leader, Mission Systems Architecture & System

Engineering Group, and many more that were panel discussion participants from industry and Tri-Service, including CAPT Jarrod Hair, NAVAIR PMA-209 Program Manager. Notably, the FACE Approach and Tech Standard were part of multiple discussions. Overall highlights included the growing impact of AI, efforts to advance design using a modular open systems approach even more rapidly, and changes coming in acquisition. No media was allowed at this technical interchange which provided a more free-flowing exchange. More information: <https://mosa.dsigroup.org/>

## **FACE Member Orientation Hour**

Want to ensure your organization's newest members are really ramped up and in-the-know? Or get a refresher for yourself since it's probably been a while? One easy way is to attend the monthly, one-hour New Member Orientation meeting led by Alicia Taylor, Director of the FACE Consortium. Members can gain a valuable, insightful view on the who, where, why, and how of the FACE Approach and what work is driving the FACE Technical Standard ahead. This understanding is beneficial for Members as the FACE Approach and Technical Standard are more broadly embraced across both commercial and avionics applications, as well as advancing into sea and ground platforms. Scheduled for every third Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm ET, the New Member Orientation Meetings are included on the Plato calendar.

## **Recent Articles**

[Navy's Plan for Modular Open Systems Streamlines Innovation](#)

*GovCIO, March 21, 2025*

[Airborne Attritable Systems and Open Systems](#)

*Military Embedded Systems, March 18, 2025*

[Securing the Future: Software's Innovations in Safety and Security \(podcast\)](#)

*EETimes, January 31, 2025*

See more articles from prior quarters on the FACE Consortium media coverage page [here](#).

## **Upcoming Industry Conferences and Exhibits**

May 20-22      Vertical Flight Society Annual Form - *Virginia Beach, VA*

May 20-21      Avionics & Testing Innovations - *London, UK*

May 28-29      *CanSec - Ottawa, Canada*

June 2-5        Joint Navigation Conference - *Cincinnati, OH*

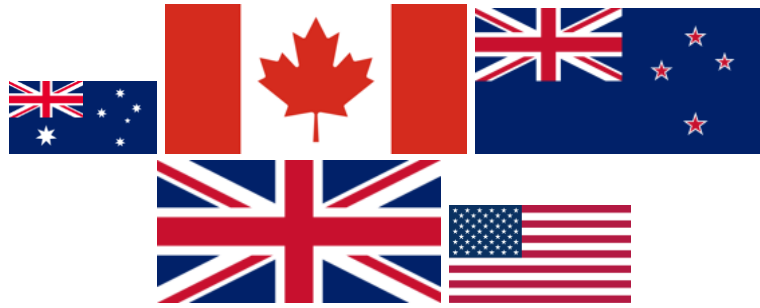
Aug 12-14      GVSETS – *Novi, MI*

Aug 27-29      MOSA Industry and Gov't Summit and Expo  
– *National Harbor, MD*

## **New Members**

- [CACI](#)
- [Firestorm Labs, inc.](#)

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