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# **NRC Early Career Network (NRC-ECN):** Successes and Challenges

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### **IFAR ECN**



Virtual Gathering









April –May

2015

June

2015











Game Changing Technologies

IFAR Young Researcher Presentation on Game Changing Technologies

Marlyn Andino-NASA (USA), Daniel Boehnke-DLR (Germany), Pervez Canteenwalla-NRC (Canada), Matthew Daigle-NASA (USA)
Paul Dees-NASA (USA), Amin Ferdedoon-NRC (Canada), Marcus Johnson-NASA (USA), Byota Kikuch-IAXA (Japan), Tim Lewis-NASA (USA), Ans-Maria Neculascsu-NASA (Gromania), Jeffry Oullette-NASA (USA), Donghun ANSA (USA), Roger Tokars-NASA (USA), Logal (Portugal), Shivanji Sharma-NASA (USA), Roger Tokars-NASA (USA), Law (Wobe DR (Germany), Valerie Wiesner-NASA (USA), Law (USA), Law (USA), Tay (USA), Law (USA), Law (USA), Law (USA), Law (USA), Law (USA), Law (USA), Tay (USA), Law (US

October 2015

Future



**NASA Ames** 

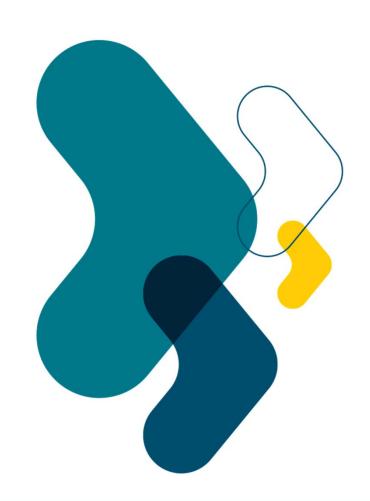






# Early Career Network (ECN)

Main Challenge: Participation



### **ECN**

- > Early Career Network (ECN)
  - Up to 8 years from latest graduation
- > First call for participation
  - January 27, 2017
- > First meeting
  - March, 2017
- Updates on what we have done so far



### **ECN**

### Deloitte Survey

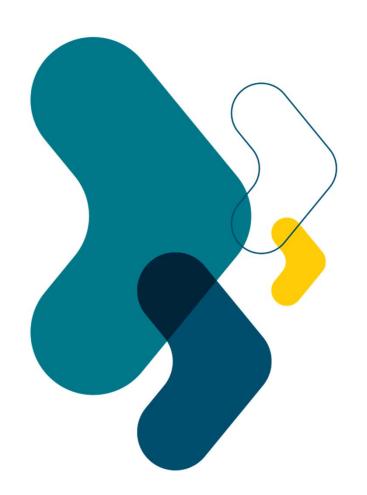
"Improving these levels cannot not only advance the careers of Millennials, but it will also go some way toward strengthening loyalty. Those intending to stay with their organization for more than five years are twice as likely to have a mentor (68 percent) than not (32 percent)"





# We Simply Meet!

(Monthly Meetings)



## **Monthly Meetings**

### Monthly Meetings: Technical Presentation + Tour

- Meeting #1(Mar) Kick-off meeting
- Meeting #2 (Apr) tour: FRL hangar tour, presentation: vibration control
- Meeting #3 (May) tour: AL Wind Tunnel (M46), presentation: hyperspectral imaging
- Meeting #4 (Jun) tour: FRL ASD lab (U66A), presentation: magnetic field detection
- Meeting #5 (Jul) tour: SMM labs (M13, M14), presentation: GTL facilities
- Meeting #6 (Aug) tour: GTL Test Cells (M7), presentation: bonding in composites
- Meeting #7 (Sept) NRConnect
- Meeting #8 (Oct) tour: AL 9-m wind tunnel (U70), presentation: high temp materials & CMC
- Meeting #9 (Nov) tour: GTL RATFac (M10), presentation: bluff body aerodynamics

#### Recently started "Soft-Skills" series of presentations



Activity #2



- Ideas for venue to share research was discussed at the first ECN meeting (March 2017)
- > Proposal was formalized and submitted to management in June, approved July 2017
- > FRL Hosted first NRConnect in Sept 2017



- > 5 presentations, 4 technical from FRL and 1 from HR
- > Hangar Tour
- > 63 registered, 46 attended
- Feedback collected and reported



- Next one to be hosted by SMM
- > Scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- 3 Technical Presentations, 1 presentation from IP office
- > Tours of M14, M13, M3

FRL	SMM	GTL	AL
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
2017	2018	2018	2018

Activity #3

**NRCareer** 



### **NRCareer**

- Receiving mentorship increasing likelihood of career success
- Mentorship levels are particularly low in Canada amongst developed nations (survey by Deloitte)
- Bridging the gap between young professionals and seniors
- Facilitate career development for younger employees



### NRCareer



### Goals

#### Short-term

- Improve confidence of young professionals
- Young professionals to refine career goals

#### Medium-term

- Greater
   Involvement
   among young
   professionals
   and seniors
- Bridging the gap

#### Long-term

- More skilled/talented pool of NRC professionals
- Industry and Academia acknowledge NRC's excellence

### **NRCareer**

### How it works?

### **Pairing**

- Select a theme for self-development; technical or nontechnical
- Pair with a mentor

### **Detailed plan**

- Identify goals and plan your mentee/mentor relationship
- Mutually agreed terms of reference

#### **Execute**

- 4-6 months of interaction
- Face-to-face meetings
- Shadow days
- Summary report

#### **Success Indicators**

**Positive feed-back** 

**Increased enrollment** 

**Enhanced mentors promotion cases** 

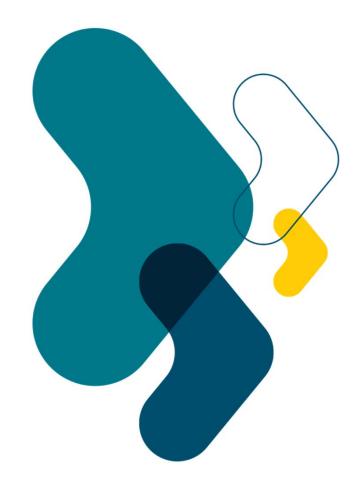
Utilization of mentees in cross-lab collaboration

Multi-faceted and innovative problem solving skills



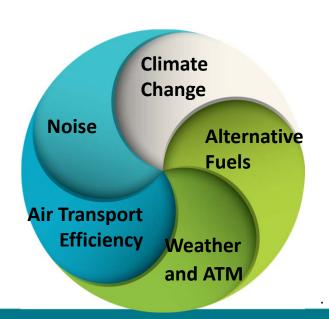
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Support IFAR-ECN



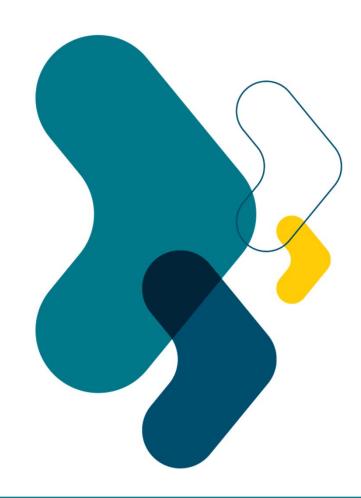
## Support IFAR-ECN

- To support IFAR-ECN activities: virtual gatherings, monthly meetings, working groups, etc.
- To support IFAR Young Researcher Conference
- To initiate multi-lateral and bi-lateral collaborations with IFAR memebrs

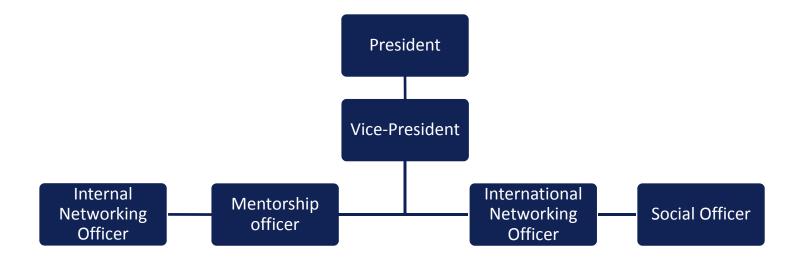








### **NRC-ECN Structure**



- One- year terms for maximum two years
- Position to be filled in the month of December each year
- President will be elected from pas year vice-president and officers

## Question? Thank you.

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