

## From the Editor

### New Associate Editor

The review of the Ultsch et al. paper in this issue was overseen by Dr. Kurt Sermeus, who recently joined the group of associate editors of *Technical Soaring*. We gratefully acknowledge his commitment.

Dr. Kurt Sermeus is an aerodynamics engineer at Bombardier Aerospace in Montreal, Canada. Kurt is a native of Belgium and graduated in electromechanical engineering from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels in 1996. He continued his studies with an additional degree in aerospace engineering and a thesis project on the stochastic modelling and simulation of the cross-country performance of sailplanes. He obtained a research master degree in fluid dynamics at the von Karman Institute in Belgium, where he was awarded the 1998 von Karman Prize for his studies on numerical algorithms. He earned his doctorate (PhD) in mechanical engineering from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 2012, while working at Airbus Defence, with a dissertation on numerical algorithms for the simulation of high-speed flows. Since 2015 he is part-time lecturer in aerodynamics at the École Polytechnique de Montréal. Kurt moved to Canada in 2005 to join Bombardier, where he became the lead-developer of the company's proprietary computational fluid dynamics simulation software. More recently he focusses as R&D specialist on high-lift aerodynamic design and icing aerodynamics. Between 2010 and 2013 he was an aerodynamics engineer with Airbus

Defence in Germany, where he worked on the Eurofighter continued development and on several aerodynamics research programmes. Kurt started flying sailplanes at age 15 with the Flemish Soaring Centre Phoenix (VZP) in central Belgium and later moved to Diest Aero Club (DAC) in the north-east of Belgium. At DAC he became very active in cross-country soaring. In 2002 with a small team of soaring enthusiasts he developed the cross-country scoring software behind the new online contest of the Flemish Soaring League, known as the Charron Online Cup. Kurt joined Montreal Soaring Council, one of the larger gliding clubs in Canada, in 2005. He is currently the club's vice president and is responsible for recruiting and organizing the annual ground school.

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Very Respectfully,

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