



Invitation to an RAeS lecture in cooperation with the DGLR and VDI

The Birth of the Tornado

**Group Captain Jock Heron,
RAF (rtd.)**

Lecture
followed by discussion

Entry free !
No registration required !



Date: Thursday, 14th April 2016, 18:00
Location: HAW Hamburg
 Berliner Tor 5, (Neubau), Hörsaal **01.13**



The lecturer will describe the origins of the RAF requirement for low altitude all weather strike and attack, after cancellation of the TSR2, and the subsequent studies within the Ministry of Defence in London. He will go on to describe the negotiations with his German and Italian counterparts which led to the MRCA project with its headquarters in Munich.

Jock Heron joined the RAF in 1955 as a officer cadet at the RAF College Cranwell. After graduation he flew many types of aircraft including Hunter, Lightening and Mirage 3 and during an exchange with the US Airforce, F-105 Thunderchief and F-86F Sabre.

In 1967 he returned to the United Kingdom to take up an appointment in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Operational Requirements branch as a Squadron Leader staff officer on the Tornado project. During a second posting to Germany he commanded the operations wing at RAF Gutersloh where he flew both the Harrier and the Wessex helicopter. In 1984 he was posted to the Falkland Islands to command RAF Stanley for four months.

He retired from the RAF in 1987 and joined Rolls-Royce in Bristol as its Military Affairs Executive.

He retired finally in October 1998 but maintains his Service links through the RAF Historical Society, where he is Vice Chairman. At Filton he is Chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust and a trustee of the Bristol Aero Collection.

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