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Certification Center Canada (3C) Celebrates Prestigious Kelly Johnson Award Win by Dr. John Maris

Montréal, QC – Certification Center Canada (3C) is proud to announce that our CEO and aerospace pioneer, Dr. John Maris, has been awarded the **2025 Kelly Johnson Award** by the **Society of Flight Test Engineers (SFTE)**. The prestigious honor, presented at this year's SFTE Annual Symposium Awards Banquet, recognizes Dr. Maris for his outstanding achievements and lifelong contributions to the field of flight test engineering.

Named after the legendary aircraft designer Clarence "Kelly" Johnson, the award is one of the highest distinctions in the global flight test community. Dr. Maris was nominated by the **SFTE Canadian Chapter**, with widespread support from international flight test professionals.

Over a career spanning more than 35 years, Dr. Maris has made groundbreaking advancements in human factors, flight safety, and aviation efficiency. As Principal Flight Test Investigator and test pilot at NASA, he advanced human factors, flight efficiency, and safety through projects like Traffic Aware Strategic Aircrew Requests (TASAR) and NASA's Digital Flight workframe. His work involved understanding the safe conduct of flight tests, integrating them into real-world air traffic control, and analyzing human factors in new operating modes. His extensive portfolio includes over 20 aerospace patents, including award-winning innovations in airfoil performance monitoring. Beyond his technical contributions, Dr. Maris has been instrumental in the development of synthetic vision systems, human factors research in icing conditions, and autonomy in electrified and hybrid-electric flight. He currently serves as **Chief Test Pilot** for CAE's Piper Archer electric trainer and **Pratt & Whitney's Hybrid Electric Propulsion programs**.

"John's legacy is one of innovation, mentorship, and dedication," said Alistair Chapman from Certification Center Canada. "He exemplifies the mission and values of 3C—pushing the boundaries of what's possible in aviation, while uplifting the next generation of engineers."

In addition to his technical and flight test work, Dr. Maris is a passionate mentor, known for supporting young engineers and fostering careers in aerospace. He is an active SFTE member, frequently presenting at international symposiums and contributing to Chapter activities.

Certification Center Canada congratulates Dr. Maris on this well-earned recognition and celebrates the continued impact of Canadian leadership in global aerospace innovation.

About the Flight Test Centre of Excellence (3C)

Flight Test Centre of Excellence (3C), established by Marinvent Corporation, is Canada's only **Transport Canada Approved Independent Flight Test and Certification Design Approval Organization (DAO)**.

Serving both civilian and defence aerospace markets, 3C specializes in flight test, certification, R&D, and emerging aerospace technology innovation. With unmatched capabilities, assets, and access to intellectual property via its sister companies, 3C supports end-to-end flight testing and certification solutions to meet Canada's growing defence and civil aerospace needs.

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