

**1998 SHOWS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

AAAA Annual Convention	1-4 April
ACI Europe Regional Assembly	24-26 June
ACI World Assembly	1-4 November
ACI-NA: 7th Annual Conference	4-7 October
AIAA Meeting and Exhibition	12-14 January
Aero '98	11-13 March
Aero India '98	8-12 December
Aerospace Africa '98	28 April-2 May
Aerospace & Defense Week	4-9 April
AFA Air Warfare Symposium	26-27 February
AFA National Convention	14-16 September
AIR Fete '98	23-24 May
Air Show China '98	17-23 November
Airport China '98	12-15 May
AMEC '98	11-13 May
APLS 98	1-23 April
APHAS '98	22-28 June
Asian Aerospace '98	24 February-1 March
ASME Turbo Expo '98	1-4 June
ATC Maastricht '98	17-19 February
Biggin Hill International Air Fair	6-7 June
Cargo Week 98	2-6 March
CBAA: 37th Annual Convention	9-11 June
Defendory International	6-10 October
DSA '98	21-24 April
EBAA Convention	7-9 April
Egyptian Aerospace 3-7	November
ERA General Assembly	23-25 September
Eurosatory '98	2-6 June
EAA Fly-in Convention	29 July-4 August
EBAS '98	23-25 April
Farnborough International	7-13 September
FIDAE '98	23-29 March
Fighter Helicopter Conference	26-27 January
Fire Asia Exhibition	23-25 November
GAMTA conference	10-11 March
HAI: Heli-Expo '98	15-17 February
Heli-Asia	27-29 October
IAOPA: 19th World Assembly	18-22 October
IATA Dangerous Goods by Air '98	21-23 April
IFALPA Conference	24-28 April
I/ITSEC	30 November-3 December
ILA '98	18-24 May
Inter Airport '98 Dub	9-11 March
Inter Airport '98 Atlanta	27-29 October
International Aircraft Fire and Cabin Safety Research Conference	16-20 November
International Air Cargo Forum	3-6 May
International Finland Air Show	6-7 June
International Helicopter Exhibition	10-12 June
International Symposium on Product Quality and Integrity	19-22 January
IPEC '98	20-21 April
ITEC '98	28-30 April
MRO	18-24 May
NATA Convention	1-3 April
NBAA 51st Annual Meeting	19-21 October
PAMA '98	1-3 April
RAA: Annual Convention	18-20 May
Royal International Air Tattoo	25-26 July
SAFE Europe Symposium	10-12 March
SAMPE	31 May-4 June
SAR '98	19-20 March
Seoul Air Show '98	26 October-1 November
Speednews Suppliers Conference	24-25 March
Sun 'n Fun	19-25 April
Toronto Aviation and Aircraft Show	1-3 May
Transtec '98 Russia	12-15 May
US Air & Trade Show	18-19 July
WAEA 20th Annual Conference & Exhibition	13-16 October
Zagreb Fair	10-13 June

# Shop till you die

The mood is upbeat on the aerospace-industry exhibition scene



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**A**S THE AEROSPACE industry worldwide enjoys an upturn, so is that trend reflected in the aerospace-events arena. Exhibitors at 1998 trade shows will have a satisfyingly large choice of shopfronts in which to set up their wares. Potential customers will be presented with a hugely varied array from which to select their purchases.

From the USA, Boeing – its portfolio bolstered by the McDonnell Douglas acquisition – will be pitching its civil products against those of Europe's Airbus Industrie consortium. It will also turn its attention to the military market, in both the rotary- and fixed-wing areas.

Bookings are up across the board, including those for events which cover areas such as maintenance and airport equipment. The growing market for inflight-entertainment systems will be served by the World Airline Entertainment Association's exhibition in October, in South Africa, and the Inflight Passenger Enter-

tainment and Communications event, IPEC '98, which will be held in London, UK, in April.

As well as the trade shows, aviation organisations will be holding their annual conventions, and other events. The European Regions Airline Association, for example, expects about 500 delegates from across the industry to attend its General Assembly in September.

A slight shadow may be cast by the currency crisis in Asia – particularly over the business- and light-aviation aircraft manufacturers, where the market has great potential – but this should prove to be a mere hiccup, leaving longer-term prospects looking good.

## NORTH AMERICA

In the USA, the Helicopter Association International will celebrate its 50th anniversary at its Heli-Expo in February. It reports reservations up, with new international exhibitors.

In April, the US National Air Transportation Association and Professional Aviation Maintenance Association will hold their convention