

**FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2026**

**0800 - 0845 Welcome Breakfast**

**TECHNICAL SESSION**

**WELCOME**

0845 - 0900

Perry Comeau (AF)

National Research Council Canada

Symposium Chair

0900 - 0930

**“A Tale of Two Tails”**

Tim Leslie (M)

0930 - 1000

**“Flight-Testing the Voyageur Dash-8  
Airborne Fire Fighter”**

John Maris (F), Cert Center Canada

Paul Vajda, Cert Center Canada

**1000 - 1015 COFFEE BREAK**

1015 - 1045

**“Navigating Human Factors Airworthiness  
Across Regulators: One Test Pilot's Takeaway”**

Huizhong “Chris” Zhang (M), CAAC

1045 - 1115

**“Missing the Forest for the Trees - Testing and  
Evaluating the F-16 Automatic Pitch Rocker”**

Billie Flynn (F), ITPS Canada

Maj Timothy Doig, CAF (M)

Conor Most, Lockheed Martin

**1115 - 1230 LUNCHEON**

1230 - 1300

**“Expanding the Envelope of the Aircraft and  
Tester: CF-18 High AoA Centreline Stores  
Testing and Lessons We Learned (Again)”**

Capt Riley Carson, RCAF

1300 - 1330

**“SeaLand Red Beaver”**

Jim Watson (M)

**1330 - 1345 COFFEE BREAK**

1345 - 1415

**“Flight Test Preparation for the ACE Aircraft”**

Bennett Leong, ITPS Canada

1415 - 1445

**“Flight Test Safety Brief”**

Peter Earle, National Research Council Canada

1445 - 1500

**Update on the Society**

Kelly Latimer (F), SETP President

1500 - 1545

**Keynote Speaker**

Walter Istchenko, Sr. Consultant at Istchenko

Aerospace Consulting, Inc.

1545 - 1600

**Closing Remarks**

Perry Comeau (AF), Symposium Chair

1600

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