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PRESS RELEASE

1ST Aviation and Tourism Event
COPA E14-Migration-Reception Event
KALAMATA-GREECE MAY 26-29, 2016

On Thursday, May 26 2016, the 1st Aviation and Tourism Event took place in Kalamata, Greece with great success. It was organized on the occasion of the 14th International Conference of Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association (COPA), by the [Hellenic Pilots Association \(HPA\)](#) and [Flight Experience](#) Aeroclub with the collaboration of [Region of Peloponnese](#), under the auspices and the support of the [Greek National Tourism Organization](#), coordinated by [iForce Communications](#), with the support of the Municipalities of [Kalamata](#), [Messini](#) and [Trifylia](#), hosted by Hellenic Air Force 120 Air Training Wing and facilitated with the wonderful and experienced volunteers of the Air Club of Kalamata.

Forty private Cirrus aircrafts and more than a hundred foreign visitors from all over Europe, Israel and USA, landed for the first time in our country, through the international Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association (COPA). The Governor of the Region of Peloponnese Mr. Petros Tatoulis addressed the event as the keynote speaker, while the Mayor of Kalamata Mr. Panagiotis Nikas, the Mayor of Messini Mr. George Tsonis, the Mayor of Trifylia Mr. Panagiotis Katsivelas, the Commander of the 120 Air Training Wing Colonel (P) Konsantinos Chinis, the President of Flight Experience Aeroclub Dr. Christos Leontopoulos and the President of COPA Mr. Andy Niemeyer, greeted the event and were awarded commemorative honorary plaques by the organizers. Commemorative plaques were also offered to Dr. Timm Preusser, President of COPA Europe, Mr. Joseph McMillen, for his courage on making the world tour on Cirrus Plane and to the Hellenic Government Minister of Defense Mr. Panos

Kammenos, Minister of Tourism Mrs. Elena Kountoura and Secretary General of GNTO Mr. Dimitris Tryfonopoulos for their important contribution.

All pilots-visitors and guests of the reception event were greeted and participated in a spectacular reception event including wine tasting, free beer by EZA local Beer producer, music, lounge services by COCO-MAT furniture and other tasting including local delicacies at the kiosks of the Region of Peloponnese, the Municipalities of Trifylia and Messini. It is the first time that such an international meeting takes place in our country, a fact that introduces Greece and the Peloponnese into the international high-end General Aviation map and highlights the potential that aviation tourism holds for local economic development. The candidate city Kalamata as cultural capital of Europe in 2021 supported also the event.

[COPA](#) has more than 4000 registered members worldwide and collaborates with the Greek aviation club [Flight Experience](#) and the Hellenic Pilots Association. Cirrus aircraft is considered one of the most technologically advanced single-engine, personal light aircraft in the world, while being the only aircraft with whole-airplane parachute for emergency vertical landing, as standard equipment. This is the most innovative safety system in our century, which has saved lives. Cirrus Aircraft, the Duluth, USA based manufacturer, honored the conference and participated with their latest Cirrus, the "2016 All-digital SR22T", which all guests had the opportunity to examine up close and also performed local demonstration flights to interested people, showing off its latest satellite and Bluetooth connectivity links and other advanced features.

The spectacular close of the event came with an impressive flight demonstration by skilful and experienced Captain (P) Leonidas Dimitriou of the Hellenic Air Force T-6A Demo Team "Daedalus", which the audience greeted with enthusiasm.

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(Civil and Military Airplanes stationed in 120 ATW Kalamata, Greece)

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(The Governor of the Region of Peloponnese, Mr. Petros Tatoulis)



(Greeting reception and Award of Commemorative Plaques)

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(Mr. Joseph Mc Millen and crew receiving honorary plaque from Colonel (P) Konstantinos Chinis, Commander 120 ATW)



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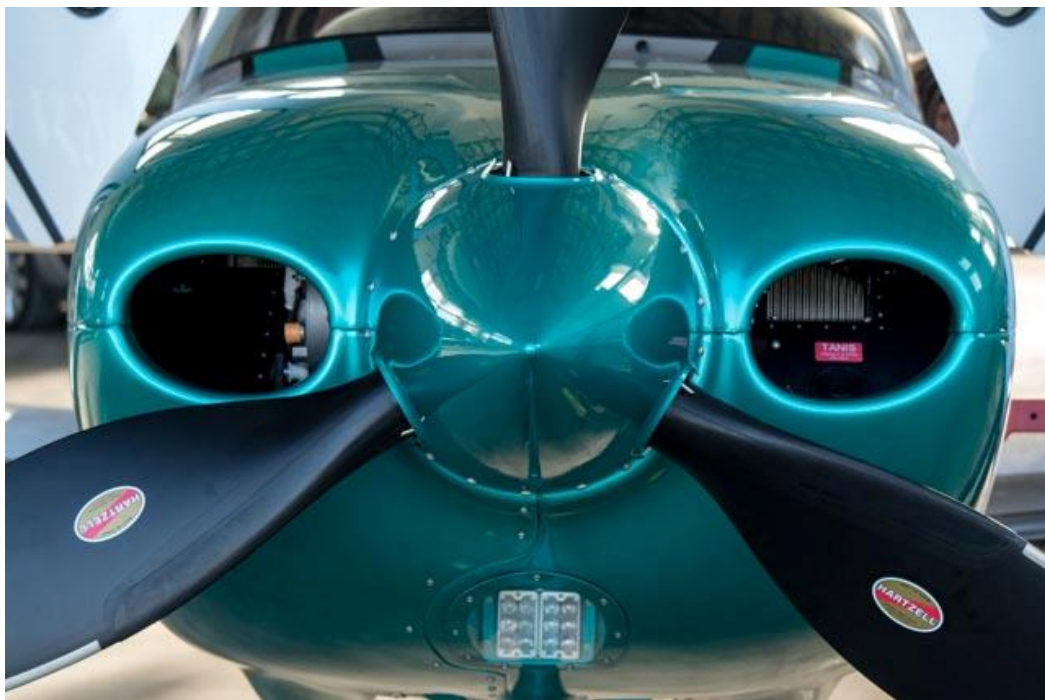
(George Tspirianis, v. President of Hellenic Pilots Association with iForce Communications staff)



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(Mr. Fokion Zaimis, President of iForce Communications SA, Reception Ceremony coordinator)



(Cirrus 2016 All-digital SR22T)

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