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### **Hungarian moon vehicle at HungaroControl stand in Madrid**

*Marked international interest in Hungarian air navigation services*

The Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) and the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) are organising one of the largest annual international conferences - combined with a trade exhibition and forum - which will take place in Spain, between 12 and 14 February. In one of the most high profile international organised events of the air transport sector HungaroControl will demonstrate the knowledge of its international R&D and simulation centre called Center of Research, Development and Simulation (CRDS) in an unparalleled interactive work station. Visitors can even take the first Hungarian moon dog (Puli Space Technologies) for a walk during the exhibition.

HungaroControl's nearly 50 square metre spectacular interactive exhibition space symbolises the Hungarian service provider's new control centre called ANS III with its cutting edge technology, which will take over the role of the old centre in Budapest from 27 February 2013. Many people are interested in the highly complex air navigation software system comprising over 200 new features and functions, that has been being developed since 2004 by a joint effort of HungaroControl and Thales Air Systems, called MATIAS (Magyar Automated and Integrated Air Traffic System).

On the first day of the World ATM Congress in Madrid particular attention was paid to HungaroControl's air navigation research and development and simulation centre (its English acronym: CRDS), the largest capacity simulation centre with the most up-to-date technology in Central Europe. 'Growing air traffic and the process of integration are generating increasing demand for research and development, simulation and training across Europe but there is only a rather limited supply of capacities meeting today's high professional requirements. This is where our air navigation Centre of Research, Development and Simulation in Budapest, the region's largest R&D centre with the most advanced technology in place, can help our partners. There is only one facility of a similar size, with similarly advanced technology, in the whole of continental Europe, near Paris. We are proud of being able to provide Central Europe with the world class infrastructure required for development and collaboration even during the most intensive period of the integration process' - said HungaroControl's CEO Mr. Kornél Szepessy.

One of the most interesting attractions of the exhibition is that during the three days of the event visitors can familiarise themselves with the CRDS's services with the help of an interactive work station: real-time simulation makes it possible for anyone to test his abilities as an air controller officer and to contact simulation pilots in the Budapest centre.

Puli Space Technologies, the Hungarian participant of the international innovation competition called Google Lunar X Prize, will also introduce itself on the second day of the exhibition. The team of young engineers has constructed a lunar vehicle of its own



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development - with the support of HungaroControl as main sponsor - which they intend to deliver to the moon by 2015. Visitors will get to see the vehicle named after the famous Hungarian sheep dog in action. 'HungaroControl supports initiatives contributing to the popularisation of air navigation control, aviation and air transport, research and development and innovation projects and it pays particular attention to fostering young talents. This is why we were more than happy to give our support to the initiative of a team of engineers called Puli Space Technologies who intend to send an instrument of their own development to the Moon by 2015 in the framework of the 'Google Lunar X Prize' international innovation competition which offers opportunities for highly exciting forms of cooperation' – said Kornél Szepessy.

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### **About HungaroControl**

Thanks to its world class technology, pioneering developments and services HungaroControl Hungarian Air Navigation Services Pte. Ltd. Co. is one of the most accurate, most efficient and most reliable international aviation control service providers, an active regional initiator and cooperating partner of the EU integration process in the framework of the Single European Sky programme.

According to EUROCONTROL's statistics and projections nearly 10 million flights are completed over Europe each year at present but this number may even double during the next 20 years. In the recent years HungaroControl launched a number of major investment projects aimed at improving and developing its air navigation services and guarantee safe and secure management of the growing air traffic and at the same time facilitate the success of the imminent European integration.

In addition to further developing its conventional air traffic controlling services and its technical-technological background, one of the strategic goals of HungaroControl is to develop a regional Central European air navigation knowledge centre with its partners in the next 2-3 years. The delivery of the new controlling centre makes it possible for HungaroControl to bring its innovation undertakings together at a single site, in a building that is about to be vacated. The knowledge centre will be set up on the basis of the growing demand in the international market for research and development, simulation and training in supporting air navigation, driven to a certain extent by the very process of European integration and the establishment of a functional air space block.

All of HungaroControl's investment projects are aimed at enabling the regional cooperation of 7 Central European countries, the Central European functional airspace block (FAB CE) to provide outstanding services and to operate at the highest possible technical-technological levels.

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