

Dr. Cornelia Hillenherms



Current position:

Managing Editor of the CEAS Aeronautical Journal as a research associate at DLR in Cologne since 2012. DLR is the national aeronautics and space research centre of the Federal Republic of Germany. Its extensive research and development work in aeronautics, space, energy, transport and security is integrated into national and international cooperative ventures.

Previous positions:

Programme Officer for Fluid Mechanics, Turbomachinery and Mechanics at the German Research Foundation (DFG) in Bonn (2007 – 2012).

Project Manager at the Cabin Design & Innovation Centre at Airbus Germany in Hamburg (2003 – 2006).

Voluntary and Committee Work:

CEAS President (since 2025). The Council of European Aerospace Societies brings together the power of eleven national aerospace societies in Europe and seven corporate members, representing about 35,000 aerospace professionals.

First Vice President of the German Aerospace Society DGLR, responsible, among other things, for the young talent awards; Member of the editorial advisory board of the DGLR magazine "Luft- und Raumfahrt".

AIAA Senior Member, Member of EUROAVIA. Member of the EREA Best Paper Award Jury.

Member of ZONTA International, Chair of the ZONTA District 29 Committee on the Women in STEM Award, Past President of ZC Cologne 2008 (2018 – 2021).

Academic background:

Doctorate (2003) in experimental transonic aerodynamics from the Institute of Aerodynamics at RWTH Aachen University.

Diploma (1994) in Aerospace Engineering from the Technical University of Berlin.

Personal background:

Born 1970 in Berlin, married, two children.

Awards:

Order of Merit of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (2026).

Borchers Medal for a doctorate with "summa cum laude" (distinction) (2003).

Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award (2002/2003).