



## About the Founder of [www.uvs-info.com](http://www.uvs-info.com)

**Peter van Blyenburgh**, a Dutch national residing in Paris, France, was born in The Netherlands ('48), educated in Canada, the Netherlands Antilles and The Netherlands, studied in Switzerland (Business Administration) and has held various management positions with a number of industrial and service supplying corporations in the USA, Europe and the Middle East.

He has been involved with unmanned systems since 1987 and has supplied advisory services in this field to corporate and/or governmental entities in Europe, the Middle & Far East and North America.

In 1995 he instigated, and in 1997 founded, the European Unmanned Vehicle Systems Association (EURO UVS), which changed its name to UVS International in January 2004; he is

currently in his 6<sup>th</sup> two-year term as president of this internationally operating non-profit association registered in Den Haag, The Netherlands, which deploys its activities out of offices in Paris, France.

He is the founder and Chief Executive of Blyenburgh & Co (B&C), a company registered in Paris, France, to which the UVS International Board of Directors has contractually entrusted its administration, as well as the organization of its unmanned vehicle system-related conferences, symposia and workshops; he chairs all UVS International conferences and he is a regular speaker at international unmanned aircraft system-related conferences.

His past and current activities in the field of unmanned systems include:

- instigation and/or co-ordination of the following UVS International programmes: a) UAV-INFO; b) NAVDROC (unmanned aircraft system-related study for the French Civil Aviation Authority); c) UCARE; d) Global Access Initiative;
- creation of [www.uvs-info.com](http://www.uvs-info.com), a generic unmanned aircraft system (UAS) and unmanned ground vehicle (UGV) systems information web site for the benefit of the international UVS community; this is the world's largest open web site of its kind;
- creation of the UCARE network and web site library, which was set up to make UAS-related standards, certification, airworthiness, air traffic management documents & opinion papers available to the international UAV community (now integrated into [www.uvs-info.com](http://www.uvs-info.com));
- editor of UVS News Flash, a electronic newsletter with information on unmanned vehicle systems (air, ground, naval), which is published once every two weeks. He is also the editor of UVScope, an upcoming electronic technical quarterly covering unmanned systems (air, ground, naval) and technologies;
- organization of the Europe's principal annual UAS conference, which celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009; this conference has become the world's main event dealing with UAS-related regulatory and policy issues;
- organization, within the framework of a partnership agreement with SIAE (organizers of the Paris Air Show) of the UAV Awareness Forum that took place at the Paris Air Show in June 2003 and in June 2005;
- instigation in December 2003 of the modification of the EURO UVS statute, which upon approval by the association's General Assembly, lead to the association changing its name to UVS International and granting voting power to all corporate members, irrespective of the country they are established in;
- secretary of the Joint JAA/Eurocontrol UAV Task Force, and a member of the former NATO Industrial Advisory Group SG/75 (on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Autonomous Operations);
- contribution, on request of NATO Air Group 7 (renamed JCG UAV), to the organization of the FINAS working group, which now tackles the issues of military UAS-related airworthiness & certification;
- instigation and/or assistance with the creation of a number of national unmanned vehicle associations and working groups [AVSB (Czech Unmanned Systems Manufacturers Association), UAV-DACH [multi-national - Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands - working group), Japan UAV Association, UAS Norway, UAV Korea, UVS Canada, UVS France, UVS New Zealand Australia];
- instigation, preparation and publication of an authoritative yearly publication on UAS systems published by Blyenburgh & Co; the first edition (UAVs: A Vision of the Future) appeared in June 2003. This publication has become the internationally recognized UAS reference publication. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition (UAS: The Global Perspective) was published in June 2009 and was supplied free-of-charge for posting on more than 250 government & international organization intranets (see [www.uvs-info.com](http://www.uvs-info.com)). The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of this publication came out in June 2009. Articles from his pen on unmanned aircraft system-related topics have appeared in numerous international publications.
- instigation of the European UAV Industry Consultation Body (Euro UAV ICB), which federated European UAS industry representatives, with the intent to advance European UAS certification and the insertion of UAS into non-segregated European airspace. This initiative is now being continued by the European Aerospace & Defence Association (ASD);
- instigation of the annual Transatlantic UAS Roundtable in Washington, DC, USA (in cooperation with The European Institute);
- instigation of the Global Access Initiative (for UAS), which has as objective to widen general awareness of UAS and the ongoing international UAS-related regulatory activities, and to make information in this field accessible to all interested parties;
- instigation & organization, within the framework of a partnership agreement with the organisers of Eurosatory (world's largest army and homeland air-land equipment exhibition), of the UVS Forum at Eurosatory (2006 & 2008), focusing attention on UAS & UGVs (including dynamic demonstrations).
- co-ordination of USEP, a pan-European inter-governmental initiative concerning UASs for security and environmental-related purposes, instigated by the Conseil Général de l'Armement, a high level French Ministry of Defence think-tank;

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- contribution to the creation of the EUROCAE Working Group 73 on UAS, which was officially kicked at Eurocontrol headquarters in Brussels on April 20, 2006 under the chairmanship of Eurocontrol and the deputy chairmanship of FAA;
- member of the EUROCAE WG 73 leadership team in the capacity of special advisor;
- participation, as UVS International representative, in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)-instigated «informal core group» which prepared a guidance document for ICAO concerning future work to be undertaken by ICAO relative to UAS standards, which contributed to the creation of the formal ICAO UAS Study Group;
- participation, as UVS International representative, in the formal ICAO UAS Study Group;
- instigation of the Interim Working Group on Light UAS, which federated a number of European regulatory authority & industry representatives with the objective to produce a guidance document for EUROCAE WG73 on how to tackle the creation of recommended standards for Light UAS (<150 kg) taking into account the specificities and financial & logistical limitations of the small & medium sized companies that constitute the backbone of the small UAS industrial community;
- instigation & co-ordination of the International Coordination Council (on UAS);
- co-organization of UAS-related conferences in:
  - Beijing, China (Sept '08) - in partnership with International Aviation Group, China;
  - Moscow, Russian Federation (Jan '09) - in partnership with Expo-Ecos, Russian Fed.,
  - Bangalore, India (April '09) - in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, Defence Research & Development Organization, Aeronautical Defence Establishment, India;
  - Abu Dhabi, UAE (April '09) - in cooperation with IQPC, UAE;
- instigation of the international Test Range Directory initiative ([www.testranges.org](http://www.testranges.org));
- instigation of the international security-related UAS User Group (ISU UG) initiative;
- co-ordination of a UAS-related analysis study for the French Ministry of Interior (national police) - This study contract was awarded to UVS International in November 2008 and concerns the evaluation, within the framework of the existing French law, of the use of Light UAS by the French national police in French airspace, and will supply recommendations concerning the possibly required modifications to French law;
- instigation & co-ordination, on request of the European Commission, of a worldwide survey relative to the non-military applications (governmental & civil) of the Light UAS;
- co-ordination, on request of the European Commission, of the first-ever European Commission hearing on Light UAS in Brussels, Belgium (Oct '09);
- organization of the UVS Forum at Eurosatory 2010 ([www.uvs-forum.org](http://www.uvs-forum.org)). With a surface of 3400 m<sup>2</sup> the 2010 UVS Forum will be the largest technology cluster at Eurosatory and consist of the international UAS 2010 & UGV 2010 conferences ([www.uas2010.org](http://www.uas2010.org) & [www.ugv2010.org](http://www.ugv2010.org)), a dedicated UAS and UGV indoor demonstration area, and a UAS & UGV exhibit area.

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