

Mr Håkan Lans is an internationally renowned electronics hardware and software engineer. He started his career in research and development at the Swedish Defence Research Institute and the University of Stockholm. In the mid 1980s, he and his team started to work on the development of the software and hardware needed to integrate GNSS navigation technology with different types of communication, navigation and surveillance systems. This technology is now known internationally as Self Organising Time Division Multiple Access (STDMA) and has been selected as the world standard datalink for the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

Mr Håkan Lans receives THE NECHO AWARD for 2009 - in recognition of this outstanding contribution to the safety of air and marine navigation.