

### Ad hoc meeting of Directors General

On 16 October, European Directors General of Civil Aviation met in Paris for a one-day ad hoc meeting. With a single agenda item, ECAC Member States expressed their views on ECAC President INGRID CHERFILS' proposal for the next two rounds of elections to the ICAO Council (2016 and 2019), with a view to reaching an agreement on eight European candidacies. The proposal was approved by the meeting, while it was agreed



that future discussions should take place in order to plan a European strategy beyond 2019. ECAC Directors General will meet again on 3 December for their ordinary winter meeting (DGCA/145), which is scheduled back-to-back with ECAC Forum/8 on 2 December.

### ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force

The ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force held its forty-eighth meeting (EMTO/48) in Paris on 15 October, under the chairmanship of Urs HALDIMANN (Switzerland). The focus of the meeting fell principally on revising "ECAC's Strategy for the Future – A Policy Statement" and "ECAC's External Relations Policy Statement" in light of comments made by Directors General at their Special meeting in Bodrum (DGCA/64(SP), 27-31 August 2015). The revised papers will be submitted for consideration to the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee on 10 November 2015 and thereafter presented to Directors General for approval at their meeting in Paris on 3 December (DGCA/145).

### Legal Task Force

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Legal Task Force, chaired by SUSANNA METSÄLAMPI (Finland), was held at ECAC's offices on 27 October 2015, with the participation of sixteen Member States. The principal issues on the agenda for discussion were a review of the legal aspects of the use of the ECAC name and logo by third parties, preparations for the 2015 meeting of the ICAO Legal Committee, and a report on the implementation of the 2015 Work Programme and proposals for the 2016 Work Programme. The next meeting of the Task Force will take place in February 2016.

### Security

#### Technical Task Force

The sixty-second meeting of the Technical Task Force (TTF/62) took place in Paris from 5 to 7 October. Chaired by FRANK KOUSSEN (Germany) in the absence of the chair, MATTHEW JAMES (United Kingdom), the meeting reviewed the ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) status for each of the categories of security equipment to which CEP applies (currently EDS, LEDS, SSc, ETD and MDE), and the ongoing research, trials and developments by its members and observers regarding security equipment. During the meeting the implementation of the 2015 Work Programme and proposals for 2016 were reviewed. The chair of the Advanced Cabin Baggage Systems (ACBS) Study Group, BEN WONG (United Kingdom), provided updates on progress with the EDS for cabin baggage (EDSCB) pilot testing, organised to ensure that the common testing methodology developed for EDSCB was fit for purpose before it became part of the CEP.



#### Security Forum

Hosted by the Spanish Air Safety and Security Agency (AESA), the twentieth meeting of the ECAC Security Forum (SF/20) took place in Avila (Spain) on 8 and 9 October 2015. Forty-seven representatives from twenty-two Member States, Israel, the United States and a number of organisations (ACI EUROPE, ECA, EEA, European Commission, EOS, EUROCONTROL, IATA, ICAO, WAEMU) participated in the meeting. The Forum provided an opportunity to receive updates on recent developments in aviation security, and to discuss the status of implementation of the work programmes of the ECAC Task Forces and Study Groups. The meeting was also informed about the activities currently undertaken under the ECAC Audit and Capacity Building Programme and the Common Evaluation Process for security equipment. The Forum held a

tour de table, during which members and organisations provided information on their 2015 achievements and 2016 work priorities. Following presentations from the UK CPNI, ACI EUROPE and CASRA, the meeting discussed the issue of effective and efficient communication for aviation security purposes.

### Study Group on Explosive Detection Dogs

The sixteenth meeting of the Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group (EDD/16) took place at the ECAC premises on 12-13 October 2015 under the chairmanship of JOOST ROOIJACKERS (the Netherlands). After a brief tour de table, during which participants provided information on recent developments in the use of EDD in their countries, the Study Group reviewed the current status of implementation of the 2015 deliverables, such as the development of best practices for the use of dogs on people. The group also discussed technical issues surrounding the deployment and certification of EDD. The meeting established a draft list of priorities for the Study Group's 2016 Work Programme. Three meetings will take place in 2016 at dates yet to be confirmed.

### Security Programme Management Group

The Security Programme Management Group met for its twenty-second meeting (SPMG/22) in Paris on 20 October 2015. Chaired by PATRICIA HAYES in her capacity as ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation and Security (DGCA United Kingdom), the meeting focussed on preparations for the next meeting of Directors General and adopted new documents for insertion in ECAC Doc 30 and in the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook.

### Study Group on Behaviour Detection in Aviation Security

The thirteenth meeting of the ECAC Study Group on Behaviour Detection in Aviation Security took place in Paris on 21 and 22 October 2015. The Study Group welcomed Romania as a new member, reviewed the status of implementation of national behaviour detection programmes and agreed on the activities to be undertaken under its 2016 Work Programme.

### Workshop on Security Equipment and Technology

On 1 and 2 October the Dutch National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV) and the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research TNO hosted an ECAC multilateral workshop on Security Equipment and Technology at the TNO premises in Rijswijk. The sixty-three participants and speakers were brought up to date on European regulatory requirements and ECAC/EU technical specifications for security equipment and were presented with an overview of how equipment is tested under the ECAC Common Evaluation Process of security equipment (CEP). During the workshop, regulators, manufacturers, airport operators and other stakeholders had the opportunity to share thoughts and discuss recent and future developments regarding security equipment. TNO also organised a visit to its testing facilities, offering participants the opportunity to view first-hand various screening technologies and to better understand their working principles, capabilities and limitations.

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## Environment

### European pool of advisers to the ICAO Environment Advisory Group

The pool of advisors to the European members of the ICAO Environment Advisory Group held its twelfth meeting (EAG Pool/12) in the form of a conference call on 2 October 2015 under the co-chairmanship of URS ZIEGLER (Switzerland) and the European Commission, represented by KLAUS WINKLER (DG MOVE) and RASA SCEPONAVICIUTE and ISMAEL AZNAR-CANO (DG CLIMA), with the ECAC Secretariat acting as secretary. The conference call was joined by a further eight participants from France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Discussions focused on finalising the supporting material and briefing elements to be provided to European Council members in view of the EAG/13 meeting in Montreal on 7-8 October 2015.

### Co-ordination Group on Market-Based Measures

The European Co-ordination Group on Market-Based Measures met for its fourteenth meeting (MBM-CG/14) at EUROCONTROL's premises in Brussels on 15-16 October 2015. The meeting was held under the co-chairmanship of KLAUS WINKLER (DG MOVE, European Commission) and CATHERINE MARTHE (Switzerland) representing the co-chairman of the group, URS ZIEGLER. The ECAC Secretariat acted as secretary of the meeting. More than thirty participants from fourteen Member States, EUROCONTROL and the European Commission took an active part in the discussions, considering the different aspects of the global MBM, including its governance, distribution, and more strategic aspects. Over forty participants attended the meeting on the second day, which was devoted to exchanges of views with European stakeholders from the industry and environmental NGOs on various aspects of the GMBM, followed by a wrap-up session amongst members only.

## Facilitation

### Facilitation Working Group

The fifty-first meeting of the Facilitation Working Group (FAL/51) was hosted by the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (TRAFI) in Helsinki from 12 to 13 October 2015 under the chairmanship of FRÉDÉRIC ROCHERAY (Switzerland). The meeting was opened by PEKKA HENTTU, Director General of Civil Aviation for Finland. The meeting reviewed the implementation of the 2015 Work Programmes and the proposals for 2016 for the Sub-Group on the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRMs) and the Sub-Group on Immigration, and adopted a final version of ECAC Doc 30, Part I incorporating all the amendments approved during the year. PATRICK LANSMAN (France), the Group's focal point on health issues, and GIJS VAN SON (Netherlands), who was appointed during the meeting as the Group's focal point on cargo and customs issues, updated the meeting on recent developments in their respective fields. Finally, CINZIA MARIANI'S (Italy) mandate as chair of the Sub-Group on the Transport of PRMs having come to an end, TERESA ANTUNES (Portugal) was elected as the new chair of the Sub-Group.

## ECAC outreach activities

### IATA AVSEC World Conference

The twenty-fourth AVSEC World Conference organised by IATA in partnership with ICAO and ACI took place in Dublin from 26 to 28 October 2015. Gathering together more than 500 security experts representing the full spectrum of the aviation industry, this year's conference addressed the current challenges facing the industry with regard to cyber security, insider threat and risk management. ECAC Aviation Security Audit and Capacity Building Officer ADAM BORKOWSKI contributed to the conference as a panellist, presenting the latest ECAC developments in the field of insider threat. ■

## What's on in November?

- 3-4 Forty-third meeting of the ECAC Group of Experts on Accident and Incident Investigation (ACC/43), Budapest
- 3-4 First Recurrent Training for National Auditors (RTNA/1), Paris
- 4 Sixth Information Session for Manufacturers (CEP-Manuf/6), Paris
- 5 Twenty-seventh meeting of the Common Evaluation Process Management Group CEP/MG/27), Paris
- 5 Fifteenth meeting of the European ad hoc group on Economic regulation (ADHOC-ECON/15), Vienna
- 5-6 ECAC/EUROCONTROL Workshop on Air Traffic Management Security, Paris
- 6 European Air Law Association 27th Annual Conference, Edinburgh
- 9-10 Eighty-ninth meeting of the Group of Experts on the Abatement of Nuisances caused by Air Transport (ANCAT/89), Paris
- 10 One hundred and seventy-sixth meeting of the ECAC Co-ordinating Committee (CC/176), Paris
- 18 Fifteenth meeting of the ad hoc co-ordination group on Security (ADHOC-SEC/15), Brussels

- 18-19 EuroCAEP/Stakeholders meeting, Brussels
- 23-25 ICAO World Aviation Forum, Montreal
- 24-26 Second Best Practices for Cargo Inspectors course, Ljubljana
- 30-3/12 Thirty-sixth Session of the ICAO Legal Committee, Montreal



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