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► Outreach activities

ECAC at the ICAO 13th Air Navigation Conference

Montreal, 9-19 October — ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils, Executive Secretary Salvatore Sciacchitano and Environment and Technical Officer Béatrice Adoléhoulmé joined over 1000 delegates from ICAO Member States and international organisations at the ICAO 13th Air Navigation Conference "From Development to Implementation".

European participation in the conference was coordinated by ECAC, the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission, led by Ms Cherfils, Vice President Patrick Gandil and Focal Point for Safety Pekka Henttu (for ECAC), Elisabeth Landrichter (for the Austrian Presidency), and Henrik Hololei (for the European Commission), with the valuable support of EASA and EUROCONTROL.

In the margins of the conference, Ms Cherfils and Mr Sciacchitano met with Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore President, Edmund Cheng, and Director General, Kevin Shum, to sign two new annexes to the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations, thus strengthening relationships with Singapore to support ICAO's Next Generation of Aviation Professionals initiative and related training activities.

Executive Secretary addresses Asia and Pacific regional conference

Nadi, 22-23 October - ECAC Executive Secretary Salvatore Sciacchitano joined Directors General of Civil Aviation from the Asia and Pacific region at their 55th regional conference in Nadi (Fiji) on the theme 'Collaboration and Harmonisation for a Safe, Secure and Sustainable Aviation in the Asia Pacific Region'.

Officiated by Attorney-General and Minister for Civil Aviation Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, the 300 delegates present at the event, from 43 ICAO States and 11 international organisations, were also joined by ICAO



From the left: Edmund Cheng, Kevin Shum, Ingrid Cherfils, Salvatore Sciacchitano in Montreal

Council President, Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, and by ICAO Secretary General, Dr Fang Liu.

Invited to address the meeting during the session dedicated to regional cooperation, Mr Sciacchitano presented the principles of the long-standing collaborative efforts among Member States in Europe and shared some of its most significant achievements.

To illustrate the value of cooperation, he emphasised ECAC's capacity-building initiatives, such as its security assistance programme and CORSIA capacity-building upcoming projects, highlighting that harmonisation and mutual support at the regional level are critical elements to achieve the ICAO No Country Left Behind ambition. Mr Sciacchitano also commended the good relations ECAC has developed over the years with its international partners from the Asia Pacific region and encouraged Directors General in the room to engage with their European peers. ■

► Environment

Aircraft Noise Modelling Task Group

Helsinki, 16-17 October — ECAC's European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG) Task Group on Aircraft Noise Modelling (AIRM0D) met in Finland on 16-17 October. The meeting concentrated on the delivery of noise modelling improvement actions included in the 2018 work plan, including development of methodologies for helicopter modelling, line-of-sight blockage, modelling of variable aircraft configuration and review of aircraft performance (Doc 29, Volume 2, Appendix B).

The meeting also covered an update of Inter-noise 2018, EASA Noise Certification Database, EU Horizon 2020 ANIMA Project, ICAO Updates and discussion of new WHO guidelines. Finally, AIRM0D reviewed the outcome of the workshop in Berlin on 21 June 2018 where the new version of its standard noise modelling methodology was introduced. Another workshop will be held once new features for Doc 29 are implemented. ■

► Economic issues

ECAC Network of Chief Economists meets in Paris

Paris, 4 October — ECAC's Network of Chief Economists held its third meeting in Paris to review the results of the survey on airport charges and levies launched in July 2018. The final analysis and proposed follow-up actions will be presented at the next meeting of the Economic Working Group on 7 November 2018 (ECO/7). While discussing future tasks, the members agreed on the need to further analyse specific topics related to airport charges models, and to contribute to the organisation of a workshop on persons with reduced mobility (PRM) charges in cooperation with the ECAC PRM sub-group. ■

► Security

Working group on ICAO Annex 17 meets in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi, 30 October – 1 November — Experts from France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom, the European Commission and ECAC joined their colleagues from Australia, Canada, Japan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States, ACI WORLD, IATA and IFALPA to discuss possible amendments to the ICAO Annex 17 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

Lively discussions enabled an exchange of views on how to best mitigate insider threats to civil aviation, and the necessary combination of various security measures (such as staff screening, background checks, security culture), leading to some proposals for amending Annex 17. A series of other amendments (knowledge required by security instructors, conduct of vulnerability assessments) were also agreed, and will be discussed further at the May 2019 meeting of the ICAO AVSEC Panel.

ECAC Security Forum considers impact of growth on aviation security

Paris, 15-16 October — The impact of the steady growth in air traffic on aviation security was one of the key issues under discussion at the 26th meeting of the ECAC Security Forum. The meeting noted the wide range of challenges growth presents in terms of infrastructure and personnel issues, while acknowledging the importance of innovation, security culture and technology in coping with the growth.

The participants welcomed a proposal to establish a National Inspectors Exchange Programme to be delivered in the framework of the ECAC Capacity Building Programme, and the

new training of vulnerability assessors delivered in the framework of the CASE Project.

The meeting praised the work being carried out across all the security groups, in particular by the Guidance Material Task Force and the Training Task Force, and thanked the groups' members and chairs for their valuable input.

Behaviour Detection Study Group

Paris, 17-18 October — The Behaviour Detection Study Group met at ECAC's offices to review members' progress in implementing their national behaviour detection programmes, and to discuss the next steps for the Behaviour Detection Implementation Plan. The group also examined the status of ongoing mentoring activities delivered to States wishing to develop and implement behaviour detection at their airports.

Vulnerability Assessment Training and Certification in Paris

Paris, 23-25 October — Landside security was the focus of the ninth edition of the Vulnerability Assessment Training and Certification session organised by ECAC in Paris. Eleven security experts from Albania, Austria, Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom took part in the session.

ECAC organises workshop on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats to civil aviation

Paris, 30-31 October — A two-day ECAC workshop designed to provide participants with an opportunity to discuss the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats to civil aviation from CBRN material, and possible mitigation measures, was held at ECAC's premises in Paris. Chaired by Gael Weidmann (DGAC France, chair of ECAC Technical Task Force), the workshop gathered 40 aviation security experts from 16 ECAC Member States, European Commission, EASA, United States, airport operators and other industry stakeholders.

Best Practices for Cargo Inspectors course in Finland

Helsinki, 9-11 October — ECAC secondee and cargo expert Carole Cousins-Wood delivered the 11th Best Practice for Cargo Inspectors course in Helsinki with co-instructor Ander Oquillas from the Spanish appropriate authority, Agencia Estatal De Seguridad Aerea. The Finnish participants were enthusiastic, and keen to discuss different methods when inspecting and encouraging best practice among cargo managers. One of the benefits of this programme is the opportunity to share experiences with others having similar roles in different countries. ■



Vulnerability Assessment Training and Certification session, Paris

► Facilitation

Health issues in air travel focus of ECAC workshop

Dublin, 23 October — The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport hosted a one-day ECAC workshop on health matters in civil aviation in Dublin, gathering more than 60 experts from 22 ECAC Member States and European stakeholders.

Representatives from Member State administrations, European and international institutions, a manufacturer and the airline and airport industry gave a series of presentations divided over three sessions covering: health provisions at international and European level, public health protection at national level



and coordination amongst authorities at airports, and air quality and health matters on board aircraft. Halla Sigurdardottir (Iceland) moderated the sessions, which featured lively and engaging debate.

Planning, training, exercising and sharing information were found to be the key elements required to adequately manage crisis situations. The need to improve training, especially for airline staff,

and to extend coordination and communication at local level, were the most relevant challenges emerging from the workshop.

Ireland hosts Facilitation Working Group in Dublin

Dublin, 24 October — The 56th meeting of the Facilitation Working Group took place the following day in Dublin. The meeting endorsed two new annexes to Doc 30 Part I: the new Annex 5-K on guidance material for persons with reduced mobility (PRM) inspections and the new Annex 5-L on the harmonisation of PRM call-point signage at airports. The group also reviewed the main outcomes of the workshop on health issues held the previous day, and discussed the priorities in the field of facilitation for the next ICAO Assembly. ■

► CASE Project

Two sub-regional Best Practices for National Auditors courses delivered by CASE in Côte d'Ivoire

Abidjan, 1-5 October and 8-12 October — Two consecutive Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 training courses were organised in October in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in response to requests for this activity made by the host State, and by both the Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Congo. The Republic of the Congo had already received this activity on a national basis in September 2016, but had since recruited additional auditors who also wished to benefit from the training. The diversity of participants was matched by that of the instructors who, in addition to the ECAC lead instructor, included experts from Benin, Cameroon, France and Niger.

Third CASE workshop on cargo and mail security

Tunis, 3-4 October — The CASE Project, which has previously held workshops on cargo and mail security to the benefit of Member States of the West African and Monetary Union (Abidjan, July 2016) and the Community of Lusophone Aviation Authorities (Maputo, April 2017), partnered with the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) in October to organise its third such workshop. The event was hosted by the Tunisian Civil Aviation and Airports Authority and opened by the Tunisian Director General of Civil Aviation.

The workshop was attended by 31 participants from nine ACAO Member States, with speakers from the French, Tunisian, United Kingdom and US authorities, as well as the European Express Association (EEA). The CASE Project DVD on cargo security, which features an Arabic version, was distributed to all participants during the event.

Second CASE Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 course delivered in Ghana

Accra, 26 October — Accra, the site of a Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 1 (BPNA1) training course delivered on a sub-regional basis by the CASE Project in April 2018, received a second BPNA1 in October, this time as a solely national activity. While the Ghanaian auditors who attended the sub-regional training were all from the national civil aviation authority, the participants in the second course were entirely from industry (including the airport operator, a handling agent, an air carrier and private security companies). ■



CASE Best Practices for National Auditors, Accra



CASE Workshop on Cargo and Mail Security, Tunis

What's on in November?

- 5 3rd Environment Programme Management Group (EPMG/3), DGCA Paris
- 5 7th European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/7), Paris
- 6 183rd meeting of the Coordinating Committee, Paris
- 7 39th meeting of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group, Paris
- 7 7th meeting of the Economic Working Group (ECO/7), DGCA Paris
- 7-8 EaP/CA Workshop on Cargo and Mail Screening, Luxembourg
- 8 9th meeting with security equipment manufacturers involved in the CEP, Paris
- 13 8th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/8), Paris
- 13 ACC Workshop on General Aviation Accident Investigation, Valletta
- 14 49th meeting of the Group of Experts on Accident Investigation (ACC/49), Valletta
- 14 2nd Best Practices on Covert Testing course, Skopje
- 14-15 CASE Project Regional Workshop on Behaviour Detection, Ghana
- 16 28th meeting of the Security Programme Management Group (SPMG/28), Rome
- 20-22 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors Level 2 training, Amman
- 28-29 EaP/CA Workshop on Training and Certification, Paris

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