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► Outreach activities

ECAC joins Directors General from Latin America at LACAC's 23rd Assembly

La Habana, 19-21 November — ECAC Executive Secretary Salvatore Sciacchitano represented ECAC at the 23rd General Assembly of its sister regional organisation, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), in La Habana, Cuba.



In his keynote address, Mr Sciacchitano recalled the excellent cooperation LACAC and ECAC have enjoyed in the aviation field since the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations in 1998.

He highlighted the efficient consultation process the two regional organisations have established during ICAO assemblies and

how this contributed to the adoption of the resolution on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), one of the main outcomes of the 2016 Assembly. In this regard, Mr Sciacchitano underlined ECAC's availability to establish cooperative initiatives with LACAC to support the implementation of CORSIA.

LACAC's 23rd General Assembly also saw the election and appointment of a new President and a new Secretary. Mr Sciacchitano congratulated *Presidente del Instituto de Aeronáutica Civil*, Mr Armando L. Daniel López (Cuba), on his election as LACAC President, and Mr Jaime Binger (Chile) on his appointment as LACAC Secretary.

ECAC discusses partnership between States, regulators and industry on aviation safety and sustainability at IATA Wings of Change Europe

Madrid, 13-14 November — ECAC Executive Secretary Salvatore Sciacchitano (pictured below) joined Pekka Hentu (DGCA Finland and ECAC Focal Point for Safety), Filip Cornelis (DG MOVE European Commission), Vincent De Vroey (ASD Europe), and Geoff Clark (Virgin Airlines) on a panel debate entitled *'The States, the regulators, and the industry, a partnership approach to ensure safety and sustainability of commercial aviation'*.

Mr Sciacchitano introduced his intervention with a brief presentation on the global aviation situation and the emerging challenges. After showing the aviation growth figures since the signature of the Chicago Convention in 1944 and demonstrating how these numbers were bound to continue to increase exponentially, he drew attention to the critical issues this growth would, directly or indirectly, intensify.

Moderated by Gilberto Lopez Meyer (IATA), the purpose of this session was to explore the challenges of maintaining, and furthering, high safety levels while faced with the tremendous air transport growth forecast over the next few years. Emphasising that safety is a shared goal and responsibility, panelists commended a cooperative approach between States, regulators and airlines in order to overcome the limited available resources to ensure and continuously improve aviation safety in the coming years. ■



► Coordinating Committee

End-of-year Coordinating Committee meeting

Paris, 6 November — Chaired by ECAC President Ingrid Cherfils (Sweden), the ECAC Coordinating Committee held its last meeting of 2018 on 6 November. Having discussed the proposals developed by the EMT0 Task Force, the Committee agreed to continue to work towards establishing an ECAC risk register, and to launch the 2019 performance evaluation of ECAC's permanent working groups. Among other topics discussed, the meeting reviewed the status of preparations for the second ICAO High-Level Aviation Security Conference, the evolution of the EU-funded CASE Project, and some administrative aspects linked to the Common Evaluation Process of security equipment. The Committee concluded its discussions by finalising preparations for the ECAC Forum on 4 December on the topic *"Sustaining Aviation Growth"*, and the Directors General meeting on 5 December. ■

► Security - ICAO AVSEC Week 2018

ECAC moderates discussions on capacity building at ICAO Global Aviation Security Symposium 2018

Montreal, 27-28 November — In the build-up to the Second High-Level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/2, 29-30 November 2018), ICAO organised the second edition of the Global Aviation Security Symposium (AVSEC2018) at its headquarters in Montreal on the theme “AVSEC information sharing – the need to know”. Opened by Secretary General Fang Liu, the aim of the Symposium was to allow senior leaders in the aviation security community to explore how to balance the need to protect security sensitive information with the need to share relevant information with the appropriate stakeholders who can benefit from such information. ECAC Deputy Executive Secretary, Patricia Reverdy (pictured below second left, and far right), moderated a session focusing on capacity building, a process critical to the implementation of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) objectives.



European priorities at the ICAO High-Level Conference on Aviation Security

Montreal, 29-30 November — ECAC Executive Secretary Salvatore Sciacchitano and Deputy Executive Secretary Patricia Reverdy led the ECAC delegation at the ICAO Second High-Level Conference on Aviation Security (HLCAS/2) held in Montreal on 29-30 November.

Three working papers reflecting the current European priorities in the field of aviation security were presented to the conference on behalf of all 44 ECAC Member States. The objective of the first paper, dedicated to capacity building, was to have ICAO map existing schemes and activities and ensure the necessary political commitment from receiving States.

The goal of the second paper, focusing on insider threat, was to reinforce the relevant provisions in Annex 17 through a multi-layered approach including the promotion of security culture by States and industry.

Finally, the objective of the last paper, dedicated to the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP), was to ask ICAO for a fundamental review of the USAP, aimed at ensuring USAP's part in the success of the implementation of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP).

All three papers received significant formal support during the conference by delegations from other regions than Europe, and especially those dealing with insider threat and the USAP. This wide support was reflected in the conference's conclusions and recommendations, which are referred to in the Communiqué publicly accessible on the ICAO website. The conference conclusions and recommendations will be submitted to the ICAO Council for consideration ahead of the 40th ICAO Assembly in 2019. ■

► Security

Common Evaluation Process Management Group meets in Paris

Paris, 7 November — The Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group, chaired by Uwe Richter (Germany), held its last meeting of the year on 7 November. In addition to the usual allocation of Full Tests and Simulator Re-Tests for the months to come, the group looked at the issue of the harmonisation of all seven Common Testing Methodologies used in the CEP, and agreed on a series of improvements to the CEP. Several options for streamlining the CEP procedures (e.g. rolling allocation of Simulator Re-Tests) were considered and will be explored further before the next meeting, so that the chosen options could be implemented in early 2019.

Note: the CEP Management Group assembles experts from five contributing authorities (France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom) and their test centres participating in the CEP.

Security equipment manufacturers gather for annual CEP information session

Paris, 8 November — The annual information session for security equipment manufacturers involved in the ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) brought together more than 60 manufacturers and members of the CEP Management Group and the ECAC Technical Task Force. The session provided an opportunity to give manufacturers detailed information on the most recent, and forthcoming, amendments to the ECAC Common Testing Methodologies. Specific information was shared on the CTMs for explosive detection systems (EDS) and explosive detection systems for cabin baggage (EDSCB) so that manufacturers could anticipate the changes that will occur in 2019/2020. The status of test programmes (EDS, EDSCB, liquid explosive detection systems, security scanners, explosive trace detectors, metal detection

equipment and walk-through metal detection equipment) was also reviewed, and manufacturers expressed their wishes regarding possible improvements to the CEP, notably with regard to increasing the number of test slots at the various test centres.

Busy agenda for latest ECAC Security Programme Management Group

Rome, 16 November — The ECAC Security Programme Management Group met in Rome under the chairmanship of ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation and Security, Alessio Quaranta (DGCA Italy).

New provisions related to common routine testing methodology for x-ray equipment and the use of security scanners were adopted for insertion in ECAC Doc 30, Part II annexes. The meeting also adopted new guidelines on occurrence reporting, automated lanes/central image processing and screener motivation, which will be inserted in the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook.

The meeting considered the preparations for the upcoming DGCA/151 meeting (Paris, 5 December 2018) and global events such as the ICAO Second High-Level Conference on Aviation Security and the 40th ICAO Assembly in 2019. An update on the state of play of the ECAC Common Evaluation Process of security equipment was also provided.

► Security cont.../

ECAC organises second covert testing best practices course

Skopje, 14-16 November — The second ECAC Best Practices on Covert Testing training course took place in Skopje from 14 to 16 November. The training was attended by representatives of the Civil Aviation Agency and Ministry of Interior of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia responsible for implementing covert testing in the country.

Note: The purpose of this course is to share best practices and tools necessary to develop and implement a covert testing programme with Member States. Through a combination of training techniques, including lectures and practical activities, participants were given the opportunity to become more familiar with the key principles of the robust and efficient covert testing programme at national level, and good practices in implementing covert testing techniques. ■



► Safety

European safety experts examine the general aviation safety investigation process

Valletta, 13 November — On 13 November, ECAC's Accident and Incident Investigation Expert Group (ACC) organised a workshop in Malta to address the process of safety investigation for general aviation (GA). The workshop was hosted by the Maltese Bureau of Air Accident Investigation. Forty-seven participants from 21 ECAC Member States, manufacturers, airline representatives, EASA and the European Commission participated.

General aviation events are more frequent than large aircraft accidents, so all safety investigation authorities (SIAs) have some experience in this area. GA accident investigation raises specific issues, both from an organisational point of view (how to manage a comparatively higher number of investigations, how to set priorities...) and from a technical point of view (how to retrieve technical data without dedicated flight recorders...).

Moderated by ACC chair Robert Carter (United Kingdom), the purpose of the workshop was to look at the investigation of GA accidents within ECAC Member States, and the potential for increased cooperation between SIAs. Featuring presentations and case studies and with a strong emphasis on discussion and exchange, it explored how investigations are managed and resourced, and how the results are reported. Presentations on novel and emerging technologies, recorded data flight-testing and human performance gave the participants a good insight into how GA accidents are investigated, the challenges encountered and where to find help when needed.

A reference document reflecting the key issues discussed at the workshop will be drafted and presented to the ACC Group of Experts at its first meeting in 2019.



► Economic matters

DGAC France hosts Economic Working Group

Paris, 7 November — ECAC's Economic Working Group held its seventh meeting at the French Directorate General of Civil Aviation, chaired by ECAC Focal Point for Economic matters, Silvia Gehrler (Austria). The meeting considered possible solutions for developing a platform to share information on air services agreements among ECAC Member States, including the possibility of developing an ECAC platform without duplicating the EU CIRCABC database. The group agreed to explore this possibility, and Austria, Czechia, Switzerland and the European Commission volunteered to work in a subgroup to identify which basic information should be shared, and to draft a template.

The European Commission representative provided an update on the studies on taxation and airport charges launched by the Commission. The results of the two studies will be included in a comprehensive package to be published in the coming months.

François Ballestero (European Transport Workers' Federation Political Secretary) was invited to join the meeting to address social issues in aviation. His intervention stimulated an interesting debate on arguments related to the home-base concept to avoid "flags of convenience" for labour, the risks associated with self-employed contracts for cabin crew and ground handling staff, the role of the authorities in granting operating licences to some low cost carriers, and the need to balance social protection with the need for flexibility as well as the consumer interest. The group welcomed Mr Ballestero's intervention and agreed to look into the subject further at the next meeting. ■

... and gather for the 49th ACC meeting

Valletta, 14 November — The ECAC Group of Experts on Air Accident and Incident Investigation (ACC) (pictured below) met the following day in Valletta at the invitation of the Maltese Bureau of Air Accident Investigation.

Chaired by Robert Carter (United Kingdom), the meeting considered the accident investigation issues that Europe would like to see addressed at the 40th ICAO Assembly in 2019. It agreed that the role of the European Network of Civil Aviation Safety Investigation Authorities (ENCASIA) and the ICAO Accident/Incident Data Reporting (ADREP) system were two potentially valuable topics for discussion in the Assembly.

Observer organisations EASA, the European Commission and EUROCONTROL provided updates on their current priorities and activities, and representatives of the Maltese BAAI, Malta Air Traffic Services and Air Malta gave a general overview of the structure, role, safety activities and achievements of their organisations.

The group also heard extensive presentations by the Norwegian Accident Investigation Board and the Swiss Transportation Safety Investigation Board on their investigations into respectively the EC 225LP helicopter accident on 29 April 2016, and the JU-52 (HB-HOT) accident on 4 August 2018. The chair then shared the preliminary information issued by the United Kingdom AAIB (Special Bulletin S1/2018) on the accident in Leicester on 27 October 2018 involving an AW169 helicopter.

ACC will next meet on 21 May 2019 in Derby (United Kingdom). The meeting will be followed on 22-23 May by an ESASI workshop entitled "Safety investigation throughout the aircraft life cycle". ■

► Environment

Environmental Programme Management Group meets at DGAC headquarters in Paris

Paris, 5 November — The ECAC Environmental Programme Management Group (EPMG) held its third meeting at the headquarters of the French DGAC in Paris. Chaired by ECAC Focal Point for Environmental matters, Patrick Gandil (France), the EPMG provided steer to ECAC's European Aviation and Environment Working Group on the main European priorities for CAEP/11 and the strategic priorities for the 40th ICAO Assembly. It also provided an update on progress with the preparations for the second ECAC Environmental Forum, and some recommendations for its agenda.

European Aviation and Environment Working Group meetings

Paris, 13-14 November — The eighth meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/8) took place in Paris on 13-14 November, co-chaired by Urs Ziegler (Switzerland) and Isabelle Besson (DG MOVE European Commission).

The meeting coordinated the drafting of the seven European papers in view of their submittal to the 11th ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection by 19 November. Each of these papers was developed under the leadership of one CAEP member. This achievement was largely facilitated by the EAEG/7 teleconference held on 5 November (joined by CAEP members and observers only).

The meeting devoted significant time to developing a proposal for the strategic European priorities for the 40th ICAO Assembly. It also analysed ICAO's feedback on the European action plans for CO₂ emissions reduction, and decided on follow-up actions aimed at demonstrating the high value of the ECAC baseline and the robust assessment work undertaken with the support of EUROCONTROL and EASA.

An afternoon session dedicated to dialogue with European stakeholders from the industry and environmental NGOs was held on 14 November. ■

► CASE Project

Strong interest for workshop on behaviour detection

Accra, 14-15 November — ECAC and AFCAC jointly organised a workshop on behaviour detection in Accra with strong support from the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority. Fifty participants from 22 Partner States attended, underlining the strong interest in this technique among the Project's Partner States, only one of which already has a behaviour detection programme in place. The speakers included experts from Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain and the United States, all of whom shared their knowledge and experience of the main issues required in the effective implementation of behaviour detection operations, such as: the selection and training of officers, best practices for deployment, and key indicators in the evaluation of behaviour detection programmes. The workshop was moderated by the chair of the ECAC Study Group on Behaviour Detection, Carmen Feijoo Fernandez, from the Spanish Guardia Civil.

Follow-up best practices for national auditors in Jordan

Amman, 20-22 November — Following the Best Practices for National Auditors – Level-1 training delivered in January-February 2018 to eight Jordanian auditors working in the field of aviation security (including from the civil aviation authority, the military, an air operator and an airline), a level-2 course was conducted this month for the same group of trainees. The 10-month interval between the two activities allowed the participants to put the lessons they had learned into practice during their day-to-day quality control activities, and thus bring to this second course a range of questions informed by their greater experience. The training was delivered by a member of the CASE Project team and an expert currently seconded to ECAC by the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority. ■

► EaP/CA Project

Workshop on cargo and mail screening in Luxembourg

Luxembourg, 7-8 November — In the framework of the EU-funded EaP/CA Project, ECAC organised a workshop on cargo and mail screening on 7 and 8 November in Luxembourg. The workshop was organised in cooperation with the Luxembourgish Civil Aviation Authority (*Direction de l'Aviation Civile de Luxembourg*) and joined by participants from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Ukraine.

The main objectives of this workshop were to explain in detail the various screening methods applicable to cargo and mail shipments, identify the challenges in this area and provide guidelines on how to mitigate them. The workshop also presented best practices for quality control of screening performed at national and entity level. While strengthening the participants' understanding of the screening requirements applicable to cargo and mail, the event also gave them the opportunity to observe the implementation of screening procedures at LuxairCARGO, one of the largest cargo hubs in Europe.

Workshop on training and certification for aviation security staff

Paris, 28-29 November — An ECAC workshop on training and certification for security staff was organised in the framework of the EU-funded EaP/CA Project. Featuring a combination of lectures and breakout sessions, the workshop was designed to strengthen the participants' understanding of the key elements of a robust training and certification regime in the field of aviation security.

Over two days, the 13 security experts (below) from seven Partner States explored a number of areas of interest. Issues covered included a review of the ECAC National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme and National Screener Certification Programme models. Participants also had the opportunity to share their experiences of organising and implementing training and certification of aviation security staff in their own States. ■



What's on in December?

- 4 11th ECAC Forum of Directors General, Paris
- 5 151st meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Paris
- 10-11 2nd ECAC Environmental Forum, Paris
- 11-12 ECAC/CASE Workshop on Insider Threat, Dublin
- 11-14 CASE Project Training of Vulnerability Assessors on Landside Security, Benin
- 13-14 ECAC Regional Workshop on CORSIA Implementation, Istanbul
- 18-19 10th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/10), Paris

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