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## ► Safety

### ICAO Accident Investigation Panel meets in Montreal

**Montreal, 29 April - 2 May** — Accident investigators from across all regions met in Montreal for the fifth meeting of the ICAO Accident Investigation Panel (AIG), chaired by Olivier Ferrante of the French *Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses* (BEA). European investigators from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom participated in the Panel discussions.

Following the recent amendments to ICAO Annex 13, this year's discussions focused on a new competency framework for investigators and related training and assessment. The Panel also looked at possible amendments to Annex 13, including new Standards and Recommended Practices on the investigation of RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) accidents and serious incidents, an update of guidance material on Safety Re-

commendations of Global Concern, and the possible inclusion of an assessment of the Global Aeronautical Distress and Safety System (GADSS) performance in accident investigation reports.

The Panel also discussed the results of a worldwide review of 1157 fatal accidents to civil aircraft with a mass of over 5700 kg between 1990 and 2016, which indicated that only 41% had resulted in a Final Report being made publicly available. The Panel agreed on a way forward to better understand the reasons for the lack of reporting. All proposals from the AIG Panel will be submitted to the ICAO Air Navigation

Commission for further consideration by the end of the year. ■



## ► Security

### Security experts attend best practices on covert testing course in Warsaw

**Warsaw, 10-12 April** — ECAC organised its fourth Best Practices on Covert Testing training course in Warsaw, hosted by the Civil Aviation Authority of Poland.

*"Although we have been implementing covert testing for years, this course provided a unique opportunity to exchange experiences with other States and become familiar with ECAC guidance material in this field", said Jacek Zalewski, Head of the Aviation Security Department at the Polish CAA. "I am happy that my inspectors were able to attend the course and would strongly recommend it to other appropriate authorities."*

Comprising lectures and practical exercises, the course



explained the key principles of the robust and efficient covert testing programme at national level, and provided good practice in implementing covert testing techniques as well as the necessary tools to develop and efficiently implement States' covert testing programmes. Nine experts from Austria, Germany, Ireland, Poland and Serbia attended (pictured left).

### ECAC conducts pre-opening survey of Lelystad Airport

**Lelystad, 9-11 April** — A pre-opening survey of Lelystad Airport in the Netherlands was conducted by two ECAC security experts from 9 to 11 April. The purpose of the survey was to assess the airport's facilities and plans to ensure that baseline security measures had been considered and best practices in security design and planning incorporated.

The Pre-opening Survey Methodology was developed by the ECAC Secretariat to provide independent expert input into the development of design and planning concepts for new airport facilities. Thanks to international and independent expertise, the appropriate authority can ensure that the planned security measures will meet international and operational aviation security requirements. Pre-opening surveys conclude with a report presenting recommendations to support the State's and the airport's efforts in the field of aviation security.

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## Common Evaluation Process Management Group meets in Paris

**Paris, 24 April** — The ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group held its second meeting of the year at ECAC's offices on 24 April. The meeting was chaired by Uwe Richter (Germany) and gathered experts from ECAC contributing authorities and test centres participating in the CEP. The meeting endorsed the latest test reports, allocated future tests and refined CEP policy and procedures following feedback from the manufacturers.

Discussions throughout the day mainly focused on the harmonisation of Common Testing Methodologies, the development of new threat lists for aviation security equipment, and procedures for validating laboratories as ECAC test centres.

## Special meeting on the evolution of the CEP

**Paris, 25 April** — An ad hoc meeting on the evolution of the CEP was held in Paris on 25 April, led by the chair of the ECAC CEP Management Group, Uwe Richter. Experts from ECAC contributing authorities, test centres and ECAC Member States attended. Discussions centred on the EU certification project, quality control of test centres, cooperation with the industry and evaluation of the security equipment itself.

## ► CASE Project

### Practical approach for workshop on landside security in Cabo Verde

**Praia, 16-18 April** — Jointly organised with the African Civil Aviation Commission, the first CASE Project workshop dedicated to the security of landside areas at airports took place in Praia, Cabo Verde, with the support of the Civil Aviation Authority. The participants were welcomed by the President of the Administration Board, Abraão Santos Lima.

Spread across three days, the event brought together speakers from the authorities of Côte d'Ivoire, the Netherlands, Senegal and Turkey, as well as from Brussels Airport and ECAC, who delivered presentations to an audience of 43 aviation security experts from 31 Partner States. A practical exercise was organised at Nelson Mandela International Airport, providing participants with the opportunity to observe the implementation of operational and physical measures for the protection of airport landside areas.



Group work during the landside security workshop in Cabo Verde

## Guidance Material Task Force gathers in Paris

**Paris, 29-30 April** — The end of April saw the second gathering of the year for the ECAC Guidance Material Task Force. The meeting made significant progress on a number of documents currently being developed, including guidance material on internal quality control and cargo and mail screening. Final touches were applied to the guidelines related to current key aviation security issues, such as screening people using explosive trace detection equipment and the alarm resolution of EDS (explosive detection systems) Standard 3, which is particularly relevant considering the 2020 implementation deadline for this kind of equipment. ■



### Best practices for national auditors continues in April

**Brazzaville, 1-3 April, BPNA – Level 2**  
**Cotonou, 22-26 April, BPNA – Level 1**  
**Accra, 24-26 April, BPNA - Cargo**

As most Partner States give priority to strengthening the skills and competencies of national auditors responsible for overseeing the implementation of security measures, the CASE Project continued to provide training on best practices for national auditors — or BPNA — at a sustained pace in April 2019 with the organisation of three training courses, two of which were followed by certification exams.

### On-the-job training for CASE secondees

**Charles de Gaulle Airport, 12 April** — The two aviation security experts currently seconded to the CASE Project, Mouniratou Tchado Issoufou (Niger) and Artem Melnyk (Ukraine) (cf. December 2018 issue of News Point), visited the Air France cargo terminal at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport as part of their continuous professional development.

During the visit, the secondees focused on the practical aspects of ensuring cargo security during its acceptance from known and unknown consignors, the screening and protection of secured cargo, and application of other security controls. Particular attention was paid to screening cargo consignments using explosive detection dogs, which enabled the two experts to become more familiar with this screening method. ■

## ► EaP/CA Project

### EASA hosts EaP/CA Project Technical Board Meeting

**Cologne, 4 April** — The EaP/CA Project Technical Board, comprising representatives of the European Commission, EASA and ECAC, along with ICAO in an observer capacity, met at EASA's headquarters in Cologne on 4 April. The meeting acknowledged the progress made in implementing the Project to date and discussed the activities to be planned for the coming months. On the security component, the meeting heard an overview of the activities already undertaken and discussed ECAC's capacity-building actions for the current year, including two upcoming workshops on security equipment (Paris, 9-11 July 2019) and quality control in aviation security (Paris, autumn 2019) following specific requests from EaP/CA beneficiary States. The effective cooperation between all the parties

involved was acknowledged as being crucial in efficiently implementing the Project in the beneficiary States.

### Mentoring activity in Tajikistan

**Dushanbe, 23-25 April** — ECAC organised a mentoring activity for representatives of the Civil Aviation Agency of Tajikistan in Dushanbe at the end of the April. Delivered in the framework of the EaP/CA Project, the activity's main objective was to review Tajikistan's aviation security legal framework in order to provide proposals to amend and further develop the regulatory requirements, taking

into consideration ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and ECAC Doc 30 Recommendations. The activity focused on reviewing the National Civil Aviation Security Programme, the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme and the National Civil Aviation Quality Control Programme. ■



Participants in the mentoring activity in Tajikistan

## What's on in May?

- 6-7 152<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/152), Paris
- 6-9 CASE Project Vulnerability Assessment on Landside Security (CASE-VALS-NA/1), Windhoek
- 7-9 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 2 training (CASE-BPNA2-CV/1), Praia
- 8 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the European coordination group on aviation security matters (ECG-AS/3), Paris
- 9-10 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Training Task Force (TrTF/41), Bucharest
- 13-17 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training (CASE-BPNA1-ZM/1), Lusaka
- 14 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Network of Chief Economists (NCE/4), Paris
- 20-21 CASE Project Regional Workshop on Security Culture (CASE-WSSCL-REG/3), Sao Tomé and Principe
- 21 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Group of Experts on Accident Investigation (ACC/50), Derby
- 21-23 EaP/CA mentoring activity on national aviation security programmes, Armenia
- 21-23 CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 2 training (CASE-BPNA2-UG/1), Entebbe
- 23-24 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Study Group on Cyber Security in Civil Aviation, Helsinki
- 23 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the European coordination group on economic matters (ECG-ECO/2), Paris
- 24 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/7), Brussels
- 28-29 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Security Forum, Lisbon

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