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## ► Europe at the 40<sup>th</sup> ICAO Assembly

**Montreal, 24 September – 4 October** — A major focus of work in the last months in ECAC Member States and in the ECAC Secretariat, the European Commission, EASA and EUROCONTROL have been the preparations for and participation in the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the ICAO Assembly held from 24 September to 4 October in Montreal. Europe played a very full part in the Assembly, tabling 15 working papers and 3 information papers on behalf of the 44 ECAC Member States, and actively and constructively contributing to all areas of the agenda. From the European standpoint, the discussions were fruitful across the key policy areas, and the main priorities were achieved.

On the environment, climate change focused most of the attention. The Assembly reconfirmed by a clear majority its support to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (COR-SIA), in spite of vocal opposition from three major States during the debate. The

Resolution on climate change was adopted, noting that an agreement was reached on prioritising work on the feasibility of a long-term CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction goal in order to present options for consideration at the next ICAO Assembly in 2022, which represents a positive step forward.

On facilitation matters, there was overwhelming support for the European working paper on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, and for the topic of accessibility for passengers with disabilities, which was identified as a European priority. The discussions led to the inclusion of supportive references to both topics in the



European coordination meeting

new Assembly Resolution at the initiative of European States.

On security, a new Aviation Security Declaration was adopted, based on an initial proposal from Europe, and setting clear goals on the priorities to be pursued in this field.

### ICAO elects eight European States to the new Council

Europe was successful in securing eight seats in the newly elected ICAO Council: France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom were re-elected, and Finland (representing the NORDICAO rotation group), Greece (representing the CERG rotation group) and the Netherlands (representing the ABIS rotation group) were newly elected.

The Council is the governing body of ICAO and its members are elected by the Assembly for a three-year term. For more information: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/a40/Pages/election-of-the-council.aspx> ■



Opening session of the Assembly

## ► Facilitation

### Facilitation Sub-Group on Persons with Reduced Mobility gathers in Paris and organises a meeting with stakeholder experts

**Paris, 12 and 13 September** — The Facilitation Sub-Group on the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRMs) met at ECAC's offices on 12 September for its 64<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting approved an amendment to ECAC Doc 30, Part I to align the codes used for PRMs with IATA's codes, and to harmonise the overall language in the document. The meeting also reviewed the status of the group's 2019 Work Programme, developed

proposals for the 2020 Work Programme and evaluated the progress made by the PRM study groups on the tasks assigned to them by the sub-group.

The following day, experts from the industry and other stakeholders joined the members to discuss PRM matters. Based upon input from each participant, discussions unfolded on topics of current interest, such as assistance dogs and their recognition, and the identification of hidden disabilities. Participants found this exchange between representatives of the national authorities, airlines, airports and service providers very useful and encouraged ECAC to organise a second meeting next year.

## ► Facilitation

### Facilitation sub-group discusses immigration matters

**Paris, 17 September** — The 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Facilitation Sub-Group on Immigration took place in Paris where it heard a presentation by Petr Malec (Czech Republic) on the State's efforts towards and challenges associated with the implementation of an Entry Exit System (EES) at Prague Airport. The meeting also reviewed progress on the group's 2019 Work Programme and agreed on a proposal for 2020. ■

## ► Legal matters

### ECAC Legal Task Force prepares for the ICAO Assembly

**Paris, 6 September** — The members of the Legal Task Force gathered in Paris to prepare for their participation in the Legal Commission of the 40<sup>th</sup> ICAO Assembly. The meeting considered the agenda of the Legal Commission, discussed Europe's priorities and reviewed the Assembly working papers. Machteld Cambridge's (Netherlands) candidature was supported as deputy-chair of the task force. ■

## ► Security

### Behaviour detection experts review research and development activities and guidance material

**Bucharest, 17-18 September** — The fourth ECAC Behaviour Detection Research and Development Workshop was organised at the invitation of the Romanian Civil Aeronautical Authority. This workshop provided an opportunity for participants to exchange information on their ongoing research projects in the field of behaviour detection and the outcome of completed projects, and to consider the challenges faced by the aviation community in this area. Over 30 participants from 12 States attended the workshop.

**Bucharest, 18-19 September** — The workshop was followed by a meeting of the ECAC Behaviour Detection Study Group. Amongst the tasks on the table for discussion, the group finalised: a model training programme for behaviour detection officers, guidance material on raising behaviour detection awareness amongst the travelling public and staff, and amendments to Doc 30, Part II, Chapter 15 on behaviour detection and to the Model Behaviour Detection Programme. The meeting also discussed the implementation of its 2019

Work Programme and reflected on priorities for 2020. The group welcomed Turkey as a new member and heard information from the Turkish representatives on the implementation of their behaviour detection programme.

### Experts consider impacts of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems on aviation security

**Istanbul, 4-5 September** — The ECAC Guidance Material Task Force held its 48<sup>th</sup> meeting in Istanbul, hosted by the Turkish Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Istanbul Airport. The task force made significant progress towards finalising the development of guidance on risk assessments and on cargo screening. In order to address the growing impact on aviation security of remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS), the meeting also initiated the development of new guidance on the security aspects of RPAS, as requested by the Security Programme Management Group. Looking ahead, the meeting considered a number of new topics to be included in its 2020 Work Programme.



Training Task Force at ECAC's offices in Paris

### Training Task Force meets in Paris

**Paris, 19-20 September** — Among the working papers presented at the Training Task Force's third meeting of the year was an updated model National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme. The meeting also considered updates to best practices set out in the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook: "III-8 Best practices for training on the use of Liquid Explosive Detection System", "III-9 - Best practices for training on the use of security scanners" and "III-10 - Best practices for training on the use of explosive trace detection equipment". ■



Participants in the behaviour detection workshop in Bucharest

## ► CASE Project

### Further best practices for national auditors in Jordan

**Amman, 3-5 September** — Following the organisation of best practices for national auditors (BPNA) training courses for the benefit of the Jordanian Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission (CARC) in January 2018 (Level 1) and November 2018 (Level 2), the CASE Project delivered the third training, dedicated to cargo security, in September.

The course was conducted by two instructors: Artem Melnyk, an aviation security expert seconded to the CASE Project from Ukraine, and Paresh Patel, an aviation security expert released by the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority. The seven trainees on the course came from industry (Jordan's flag airline and its national airport operator) as well as relevant State departments.



### Follow-up activity on covert tests

**Windhoek, 23-26 September** — Following on from the mentoring activity on covert testing delivered in Namibia by the CASE Project earlier in the year (cf News Point January 2019), this second activity aimed to provide national inspectors from the Namibian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) (pictured below) with more in-depth coaching. Best practices on conducting covert security tests were shared, with a particular focus on reviewing the test protocols developed by the NCAA.

During the four days, several covert tests were performed at Hosea Kutako International Airport in various areas of aviation security (including passenger and cabin baggage screening, cargo screening and protection, access control and hold baggage screening and protection) and the NCAA debriefed on the results.



### Joint workshop on threats to civil aviation with WAEMU and ECOWAS

**Lomé, 4-5 September** — Twenty-nine participants from CASE Partner States gathered in Togo for discussions on long-standing and emerging threats to civil aviation, as well as strategies for facing these threats.

The workshop was organised in cooperation with the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and was also opened to Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Thirteen of the organisations' combined fifteen Member States attended.

Adama Niang, Director for Security and Facilitation of Senegal's civil aviation authority, moderated the presentations and discussions, which involved, as usual, a mix of speakers from Partner States (Ghana, Niger, Nigeria and South Africa), ECAC Member States (France, Germany, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom) and industry (Brussels and Gatwick airports). The event was officially opened and closed by Colonel Dokisime Gnana Latta, Director General of the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* of Togo, which provided substantial support for the practical organisation of this activity, as well as welcoming the participants. ■

## What's on in October?

- 8-10 EAP/CA Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 2, Kiev
- 14-15 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Task Force, Paris
- 15-17 EAP/CA Workshop on Quality Control in Aviation Security, Paris
- 15-16 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Air Accident and Investigation Group of Experts, Kiev
- 15-16 CASE Regional Workshop on Behaviour Detection, Marrakech
- 17 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Facilitation Working Group, Rome
- 21-23 3<sup>rd</sup> Environment Forum, Paris
- 24-25 28<sup>th</sup> Security Forum, Brussels
- 29 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group, Paris
- 29 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force, Amsterdam
- 29-30 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Aircraft Noise Modelling Task Group, Cologne
- 30 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with security equipment manufacturers involved in the CEP, Paris
- 31 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Security Programme Management Group, Rome

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