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► EMTO

EMTO looks at ECAC risk register

Amsterdam, 29 October — The ECAC Medium-Term Objectives Task Force met at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to finalise the tasks included in its work programme and prepare for the next Coordinating Committee meeting scheduled on 13 November. It reviewed the activities undertaken and meetings held in the framework of existing cooperation agreements with international partners (States and organisations) since 2015 and will continue to review ECAC external relations at its next meeting in spring 2020. Work was also finalised on the ECAC risk register to identify the different categories of risks to the organisation, given the mitigation measures already in place. The risk register will now be presented to the Coordinating Committee for endorsement. The meeting also agreed on new rules of procedure and on the need to appoint a deputy chair of the task force, and will propose this to the Coordinating Committee in November. ■

► Safety

Experts on air accident and incident investigation assemble in Kiev

Kiev, 15-16 October — ECAC's Group of Experts on Air Accident and Incident Investigation (ACC) met this month in Kiev at the invitation of the National Bureau of Air Accidents Investigation (NBAAI) of Ukraine. The group, which comprises investigators and experts from ECAC Member States, observer organisations and stakeholders, discussed the latest developments in the field and heard updates on current investigations. The NBAAI gave an overview of its ongoing project that uses safety management system data, in particular flight data, for safety investigations and improvements. The meeting also heard a presentation by Boguslaw Trela from the State Commission on Aircraft Accidents Investigation in Poland on regional cooperation within Europe, and observer organisations EASA, the European Commission and EUROCONTROL briefed the meeting on their current priorities and activities. Participants also discussed the main outcomes of the 40th ICAO Assembly (24 September – 4 October 2019) in the accident investigation field, noting that the European working paper on Regional Accident Investigation Organisations (WP/111: *Resilience to a major accident – Cooperation, mutual support and regional*

► Environment

Environment experts gather in Paris for the third ECAC Environment Forum

Paris, 21-23 October — More than 60 participants from ECAC Member States, the United States, the African Civil Aviation Commission, the Arab Civil Aviation Organization, OECD, the aviation industry and NGOs attended the third edition of ECAC's Environment Forum in Paris, which was chaired by Urs Ziegler (FOCA, Switzerland). The agenda covered current topics related to civil aviation and its environmental impacts. Presentations and discussions addressed the outcomes of the 40th ICAO Assembly on environmental protection, the current and planned activities of the ICAO Committee on Aviation and Environmental Protection (CAEP), the status of implementation and finalisation of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and related capacity-building initiatives. It also looked at management of noise from aviation sources including supersonic aircraft, and the implementation of new environmental taxes for aviation in Europe.



This year's edition of the Forum comprised an extra day dedicated to sustainable energy management including sustainable aviation fuels, the topic of competing uses of sustainable energy across sectors and modes of transportation, and cases studies on the introduction of such fuels into the aviation system. The Forum once again proved to be an excellent opportunity to consider the most important current issues in aviation and environmental protection within the ECAC aviation community and beyond and to update participants on the latest developments in this field. ■

ACC participants visiting the Antonov facilities, Kiev



accident and investigation organisations - RAIOS) had gained significant support. The meeting included a visit to the Antonov facilities, which offered some rare technical insights and was immensely appreciated by the participants. ■

ECAC Security Forum discusses cyber security

Brussels, 24-25 October — The 28th meeting of the ECAC Security Forum was hosted by EUROCONTROL at its premises in Brussels. This offered an opportunity to examine ATM security, and the meeting welcomed three contributions from staff from the host organisation. Their expert input led to a debate on cyber security. Two main outcomes of the debate were that it helped identify a common challenge in implementing cyber security in small entities as well as the need for good practices to tackle the many quality control challenges in this field.

A *tour de table* with Member States, observer States and observer organisations highlighted



a number of issues that proved to be common priorities for a majority of the participants: background checks, security culture, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems and certification of training organisations and instructors. These exchanges echoed the guidance material, technical and training task forces' 2019 and 2020 work programmes, which were presented by their respective chairs.

Participants acknowledged the important work being carried out by all the ECAC task forces and security groups, and in particular the Guidance Material Task Force and the Training Task Force, and thanked the members and chairs for their valuable input.

Security Programme Management Group sets priorities for 2020 work programme

Rome, 31 October — The ECAC Security Programme Management Group, chaired by the ECAC Focal Point for Facilitation and Security, Alessio Quaranta (DGCA Italy), met in Rome at the end of October. Discussions mainly addressed the implementation of the deliverables included in the 2019 work programmes of ECAC's security task forces and study groups. A series of new documents developed by the Training Task Force and the Guidance Material Task Force for insertion in the ECAC Aviation Security Handbook was adopted by the meeting, together with some proposals to modify the annexes to ECAC Doc 30. The group also set priorities for these groups' 2020 work programmes, placing a strong focus on updating Doc 30 in order to meet the recent evolution of the threat and risk picture and on further deve-

loping the ECAC capacity-building activities to meet Member States' needs.

Security experts review technical issues

Paris, 14-15 October — At the recent Technical Task Force meeting in Paris, ECAC's study groups on explosive trace detection (ETD) and Threat Image Projection (TIP) presented respectively the draft Common Routine Testing Method for explosive trace detection equipment, and the status of work on developing a common method for evaluating TIP libraries. The European Commission initiated a discussion on chemical threats, while the United States' Transportation Security Administration (TSA) representative briefed the meeting on how the TSA handles configuration change requests from manufacturers. Most members also provided information on the status of their EDS for cabin baggage operational trials and results.

Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group meets in Paris

Paris, 29 October — The ECAC Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group held its fourth meeting of the year at ECAC's offices. The meeting was chaired for the first time by Raymond Kint (Netherlands) 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.

Representatives of the Turkish Directorate General of Civil Aviation and TRTest (Turkish security equipment test centre) presented TRTest's project to become a walk-through metal detector test centre for the CEP. The management group welcomed their application and explained the requirements for becoming a test centre in the framework of the CEP.

Other issues discussed included preparations for the next day's meeting with the manufacturers, improvements to the CEP and modifications to the CEP Handbook introducing new procedures.



Members of the Technical Task Force in Paris

Annual meeting with security equipment manufacturers involved in the CEP

Paris, 30 October — 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 (CTMs). 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 2020/2021. 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 said they were pleased with the improvements made to the CEP in 2019. They highlighted areas for possible further improvements, notably with regard to increasing the number of test slots at the test centres. ■

► Facilitation

Facilitation experts meet in Rome

Rome, 17 October — Experts attending the 58th Facilitation Working Group meeting in Rome reviewed the status of implementation of the group's 2019 work programme, developed a proposal for the 2020 work programme and evaluated the progress made by its two sub-groups: on persons with reduced mobility (PRMs) and immigration. The meeting also discussed the main outcomes in the facilitation field of the 40th ICAO Assembly (24 September – 4 October 2019),

and participants were pleased to note that at the European initiative, text on accessibility and assistance to victims of air accidents and their families had been included in the new Assembly Resolution.

Nuria Feroso (IATA) provided updates on the status of Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Records (PNR), Smart Borders and the Entry/Exit System (EES) in Europe. The information on EES in particular led to discus-

sions on the benefits and challenges associated with its implementation.

Kirsi Tervola-Joutsen (Finland) presented the pilot phase of the newly developed ECAC Quality Assessment Programme on PRM assistance, a programme which was welcomed by participants. The meeting also discussed latest developments in health matters and the outcome of the ICAO 7th European Meeting of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA-EUR/07, Helsinki, 10-12 April 2019), chaired by the member from Finland.



... and exchange with the United States Department of Transportation

Rome, 18 October — The meeting was followed the next day by a conference call on PRM matters between the United States Department of Transportation and ECAC, comprising the chair and some members of the Facilitation Working Group and the chair of the Sub-Group on the Transport of Persons with Reduced Mobility. This was an opportunity to update each other on the latest regulations and developments in this area. ■

► EaP/CA Project

EaP/CA workshop on quality control in aviation security

Paris, 15-17 October — A workshop on quality control in aviation security was organised for the benefit of 20 experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine. Its main objective was to familiarise participants with the key principles of quality control in aviation security and the role and responsibilities of national auditors, and to share best practices in relation to planning, management and the implementation of quality control activities, including the conduct of audits, inspections and tests. The workshop also reviewed the key elements of the ECAC model

National Civil Aviation Security Quality Control Programme, offering an opportunity for participating States to share their experience in this area.

Best practices for national auditors training hosted by Ukraine

Kyiv, 8-10 October — In the framework of the EU-funded EaP/CA Project, ECAC delivered a three-day Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 2 training course in Ukraine, gathering seven national auditors from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine. The purpose of this course was to strengthen the participants' skills and competencies in aviation security inspecting and auditing. ■

► CASE Project

Second CASE workshop on behaviour detection - this time for Arabian States

Marrakech, 15-16 October — Approximately one year after the first CASE Project workshop on behaviour detection, which was jointly organised with the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) in Ghana in November 2018, a second workshop on the same topic was organised with the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO), and dedicated to the Arabian Partner States of the Project. The workshop was attended by 30 participants from 14 Partner States.

The event was opened by Eng. Abdennabi Manar, Director General of ACAO, and moderated by the current head of the ECAC Study Group on Behaviour Detection, Carmen Feijoo Fernandez from the Spanish Guardia Civil. In addition to the moderator, speakers from Germany (Federal Police), the Netherlands (Royal Marechaussee), Romania (Bucharest Airports company) Switzerland (Federal Office of Civil Aviation), the United Kingdom (Civil Aviation Authority) and the United States (Transportation Security Administration) joined

efforts to introduce the participants to strategic issues such as the implementation strategy and related key factors of success, the selection and training of behaviour detection officers, the key performance indicators or the contribution of behaviour detection to a risk management approach.

New activity offered by CASE: training on airport operations

Brazzaville, 21-23 October — A three-day pilot course on airport operations was hosted by the *Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile* (ANAC) of the Republic of Congo in Brazzaville.

Having identified the need to increase the operational knowledge of personnel involved in aviation security, in particular national auditors and inspectors, the CASE Project developed this new training course, the content of which, though not dedicated to aviation se-

curity per se, aims to improve quality control in aviation security. By having a better understanding of operations, national auditors will be in a position to perform more accurate inspections. The course also featured on-site observations organised with the support of ANAC, where participants were twinned with different categories of employees.

Ten participants, all of them ANAC national auditors, took part in the course, which was delivered in French by two experts from airport and airline operations, each with extensive experience of working at an airport in various capacities. ■



Participants on-site at Maya Maya Airport, Brazzaville

What's on in November?

5-6	16 th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/16), Brussels	19	11 th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG/11), Brussels
5-7	EaP/CA Best Practices for National Auditors, Level 2 (BPNA/2), Kiev	25-26	18 th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/18), Paris
12	8 th meeting of the Economic Working Group (ECO/8), Paris	26	EaP/CA Project Steering Committee meeting, Brussels
12	17 th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/17), Paris	27	4 th meeting of the Environmental Programme Management Group (EPMG/4), Paris
12-14	EaP/CA mentoring activity, Chisinau	27-28	28 th meeting of the Explosive Detection Dogs Study Group (EDD/28), Paris
13	185 th meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC/185), Paris		