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► ICAO

Salvatore Sciacchitano (Italy) elected as next President of the ICAO Council

ECAC extends its warmest congratulations to former ECAC Executive Secretary, Salvatore Sciacchitano (Italy), on his election at the first round as the next President of the ICAO Council. Mr Sciacchitano has a career in aviation spanning 39 years, during which he served as Executive Secretary of ECAC (2010–2018), Deputy General Director of the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC) and General Director of the Italian Airworthiness Authority (RAI).



(from the left) ICAO Secretary General Fang Liu, Salvatore Sciacchitano, ICAO Council President Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu

Mr Sciacchitano was elected on 25 November 2019 by the 36-member governing body of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He will begin his three-year term as President of the Council on 1 January 2020, succeeding Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu of Nigeria.

This is a major achievement for Europe and the first time a European will hold this prestigious position. Under Mr Sciacchitano's leadership, ECAC is confident ICAO will successfully address the current and future challenges facing the aviation sector and looks forward to continuing its cooperation to achieve a sustainable, safe and efficient global air transport system.

Nabil Naoumi (Germany) elected as President of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission

Sincere congratulations to Nabil Naoumi from Germany who was elected as President of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC) for a one-year renewable term. ANC Commissioner since February 2016, Mr Naoumi was appointed as First Vice-President in January 2019. He will begin his mandate on 1 January 2020. ■



► Coordinating Committee

Coordinating Committee reviews the outcomes of the 40th ICAO Assembly

Paris, 13 November — The ECAC Coordinating Committee met for its 185th meeting in November. Much of the discussion was dedicated to Europe's achievements at the 40th ICAO Assembly in September. There was consensus amongst the group that the European coordination, supported by ECAC and the European Commission, had worked well and contributed to Europe achieving its priorities in areas such as safety, ATM and security.

The Committee reviewed the lessons learned from this Assembly with a view to improving the efficiency of European coordination for forth-

coming major events. The Committee agreed that preparations for the 41st Assembly should already begin, in particular by reinforcing relationships with the organisation's historical partners as well as reaching out to new regions.

On a sadder note, the Committee bade farewell to Pekka Henttu (Director General of Civil Aviation for Finland) (*below left*) and Dan Micklethwaite (Director General of Civil Aviation for the United Kingdom) (*right*), for whom this was their last Coordinating Committee meeting. ■



► Security

Training on best practices for cargo inspectors in Iceland

Reykjavik, 12-14 November — An ECAC best practices for cargo inspectors training course was organised in November for aviation security inspectors from Iceland (*below*). The course featured theoretical and practical elements aimed at strengthening participants' competencies in audit and inspection techniques applied in the field of cargo and mail security. During the course, the participants had the opportunity to conduct practical activities at a cargo regulated agent facility to develop their expertise in monitoring the implementation of cargo and mail security measures. The ECAC Secretariat would like to thank the appropriate authorities of Switzerland and the United Kingdom for releasing their security experts to deliver this activity.



► Economic matters

Economic Working Group meets in Paris

Paris, 13 November — The members of the Economic Working Group gathered at ECAC's premises for their first meeting of the year. The meeting was chaired by Mark Bosly from the United Kingdom Department for Transport. There were lively and informative discussions on liberalising market access and the group agreed to continue working on activities to identify and address impediments to liberalisation in the ECAC region. The participants also exchanged information and views on taxation and airport charges - including persons with reduced mobility charges - reviewed the activities of the Network of Chief Economists and the Facilitation Working Group on these matters, and urged all the groups to work in close cooperation.

The main outcomes of the 40th ICAO Assembly (Montreal, 24 September – 4 October 2019) in the field of economic matters were also on the table for discussion, and participants acknowledged that overall, the European objective - to ensure that work and discussions on multilateral arrangements for liberalising air transport continue - had been achieved and reflected in the final report and Resolution A40-9. ■

► Safety

Safety and ATM experts meet to discuss the outcomes of the ICAO Assembly and next steps

Brussels 19 November — The European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG) met to discuss the main outcomes of the ICAO Assembly and in particular the actions to be taken as follow-up. Given the high number of actions and the resources implications for ICAO, the meeting acknowledged the need for a recommendation to prioritise these actions. ■

Explosive detection dogs study group meets in Paris

Paris, 27-28 November — Chaired by Darren Saunders (United Kingdom), the ECAC Study Group on Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) met for its last meeting of the year and reviewed comments received on the draft General Testing Methodology for the certification of EDD to include remote explosive scent tracing (REST). The group also made progress in developing guidance material on implementing covert tests for the use of EDD in different fields of deployment (e.g. hold baggage screening, cargo screening). Both documents should be completed by the end of the year. ■

► CASE Project

Second CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training for the Egyptian CAA

Cairo, 17-21 November — Following a first session in July 2019, the CASE Project delivered a second Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 activity to an additional eight national auditors from the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority, leading to an overall headcount of 16 since the start of CASE activities in Egypt.

The training course was conducted by an instructor from the CASE Project team and an instructor released by the United Kingdom, and was closed by Captain Sameh El Hefny, President of the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority.

New CASE mentoring activity for AVSEC inspectors

Lisbon, 18-22 November — Like the training on airport operations featured in the October issue of News Point, the CASE Project organised a new mentoring activity in November, which aims to further strengthen the knowledge and skills of the national auditors of a Partner State by sharing first-hand, on-site experience with their counterparts from an ECAC Member State.

The first activity involved national auditors from Cabo Verde and Portugal, thanks to the valuable support of the Portuguese *Autoridade Nacional da Aviação Civil* (ANAC). Two national auditors from Cabo Verde participated as observers in an ANAC audit team which, as part of its regular quality control programme, conducted an audit on Humberto Delgado International Airport in Lisbon from 18 to 22 November 2019.

The two experts nominated by Cabo Verde had already completed a Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training course within the framework of the CASE Project in April 2018, followed by a level 2 course in May 2019, and have extensive experience in performing compliance monitoring activities (audits or inspections) in their home State. ■



► EaP/CA Project

Best practices for national auditors training hosted by Ukraine

Kiev, 5-7 November — Following the Best Practices for National Auditors - Level 2 training course held in Kiev in October, ECAC organised a second course in Kiev in November for eight national auditors from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine. The purpose of the course was to further strengthen the participants' skills and competencies in aviation security inspecting and auditing. The course was conducted by two instructors from the United Kingdom and the ECAC Secretariat.

Mentoring activity in Moldova

Chisinau, 12-14 November — ECAC organised a mentoring activity for representatives of the Civil Aviation Authority of Moldova. The objective of the activity was to review Moldova's aviation security legal framework and provide proposals to amend and develop their national civil aviation security programmes, taking into consideration ECAC Doc 30, Part II recommendations. The activity focused on reviewing the latest drafts of the National Civil Aviation Security Programme, the National Civil Aviation Security Training Programme and the National Civil Aviation Quality Control Programme. The ECAC Secretariat is very grateful to the Romanian Civil Aeronautical Authority for releasing two security experts to deliver this activity.



Steering Committee reviews the implementation of the Project and its extension

Brussels, 26 November — The fourth Steering Committee meeting of the EaP/CA Project – for which ECAC is responsible for implementing the security component – was an opportunity to review the outcomes of the Project and exchange views with Partner States on their experience and evaluation of the Project's performance.

Acting Executive Secretary of ECAC Patricia Reverdy presented participants - comprising representatives from eight Partner States - with an overview of the activities delivered by ECAC in the security field between June 2018 and November 2019. The presentation highlighted the benefits as well as the challenges faced by the Project in implementing its capacity-building activities in aviation security.

Representatives of the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) - the Project funder - and EASA - the overall implementer - announced that the Project would be extended in the field of safety. While this extension will focus on safety activities only, Ms Reverdy explained that the current Partner States would be eligible to continue benefitting from capacity-building activities in aviation security, either under the regular ECAC Capacity Building Programme – including for some non-ECAC Member States – or, for Central Asia countries, under the upcoming CASE II Project. ■



What's on in December and January?

December 2019

- 10 12th ECAC Forum of Directors General (Forum/12), Paris
- 11 153rd meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/153), Paris

January 2020

- 9 3rd meeting of the European Coordination Group on Facilitation matters, Paris
- 14-15 49th meeting of the Guidance Material Task Force, Paris
- 28 44th meeting of the CEP Management Group, Paris
- 29-30 75th meeting of the Technical Task Force, Paris

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