

EB NEWSLETTER – APRIL

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IFATCA

As it was announced in the last February Newsletter in order to improve communication between the Executive board and IFATCA member associations, the Executive Board has an intention to publish newsletters on a monthly basis and distribute via different media, such as FB, IFATCA homepage and IWEN. Member associations are welcome to share their feedback with the Board.

PCX, EVPEUR and CMs' Coordinator attended World Conference in Madrid. PCX participated in three panels, a CANSO panel on 'Creating a performance and innovation culture in ATM', a Frequentis panel on 'Remote Towers' together with ICAO's Crystal Kim and a SESAR panel on 'Automation' (presentation kindly prepared by Anthony Smoker). All presentations were featured in the World ATM Now – Newspaper of the World ATM Congress. The congress allowed for intense networking and our booth (co-hosted with NATCA and various



other members & union partners (Prospect, USCA, NZALPA, Civil Air & CATCA) once again counted many visitors.

For the second year IFATCA PCX has been invited to attend the 6th World Civil Aviation Chief Executives Forum in Singapore. The forum, first held in 2013, serves as a platform for aviation leaders to discuss the latest developments and issues affecting the civil aviation industry and to

exchange insights and ideas. Patrik will be participating in a panel called ‘Embracing growth, building efficiency.’ Other members of this high level panel moderated by Martin Rolfe (CEO NATS) will be Mr. Wang Zhiqing (Deputy Administrator CAA China), Mr Meyer (Senior Vice-President Safety and Flight Ops. IATA) and Mr Yoshimura (President ICAO ANC).

PCX joined our IFATCA RVP Mike O’Neill for a short visit to the meet with our Maldivian members who are facing worrying challenges in their working environment – even more so with the completion of a new runway in 2019 and therefore increasing traffic figures. A more comprehensive report on the visit is available from EVP ASP.

NATCA held its utmost successful 3-day Communicating For Safety event in Las Vegas this March. PCX attended on the Federations behalf and was able to attend all sessions. More than 1500 participants followed an intense schedule with interesting debates and presentations - amongst others by Gordon Graham, who, in his very unique way, talked about ATC Operations – Why things go right and why things go wrong. You can read more about the event following these links for the daily dispatch newsletter:

Monday, March 20 issue

<http://natca.uberflip.com/i/800196-daily-dispatch-i-march-20-2017>

Tuesday, March 21 issue

<http://natca.uberflip.com/i/801525-daily-dispatch-ii-march-21-2017>

Wednesday, March 22 issue

<http://natca.uberflip.com/i/802044-daily-dispatch-iii-march-22-2017>

Also, here is the Archie League Medal of Safety Awards book that has the stories of all of this year's winning flight assists:

<http://natca.uberflip.com/i/800199-13th-annual-archie-league-medal-of-safety-awards>



One of the Archie League Awards recipients this year is our IFATCA committee member Jaymi Steinberg.

Following this, PCX attended – together with RVP John Carr – the South America meeting in Buenos Aires to improve membership in the South American region. A separate report will be available at conference.

EUROPE

Spain

Two members of USCA (the Spanish MA) working in Fuerteventura Tower have been dismissed on charges of not extending the service beyond the scheduled time while performing their duties in November last year. The service provider in Fuerteventura is

the private company SAERCO. In collaboration with USCA IFATCA have intervened and sent letters to the company concerned as well as the Spanish Regulator. In the letter IFATCA highlighted that took place within a privatised operator and that is paramount for safety that ATCO decision-making is performed with sufficient freedom to decide in complex situations, where procedures fail to comprehensively cover all eventualities. IFATCA will monitor the case and update when necessary.

SESAR contract:

The SESAR 2020 has been finally signed on the last week of March. We are happy that it finally worked out. The contract makes it possible for IFATCA to participate to many activities of importance.

Latvia

IFATCA has been granted a right to intervene as a their party in the Court's proceedings in the case of the Latvian controller Ausra Straume. With the help of Paul Neering IFATCA has drafted and submitted the paper according to the requirements of the European Court of Human Rights.

AMERICAS

The EVP AMA has visited the Dominican Republic.

As it was informed previously the EVP AMA has set up a meeting of the South American MAs. The meeting has attended by 23 people from 8 countries.

The reports will be submitted to conference.

ASIA PACIFIC

By the request of the Maldives association PCX and EVPASP visited Maldives meeting with the controllers and the managements. Based on the discussions the letter with suggestions to improve the system has been sent to Maldives.

An opportunity presented to travel to the Maldives via India, so the EVP met with controllers of the Indian Guild of India to familiarise with their issues and concerns.

AFM

ICAO/IFATCA Think Safety workshop in Accra Ghana



On the 3-5th of April around 40 people participated to the 2nd ICAO IFATCA think safety seminar. Participants came from Kenya, The Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Ghana and ranged from CAA representatives, ANS managers to ATCOs. The course revolved around Safety management systems, incident investigations, Critical Incident Stress Management and Just

Culture. The three-day course was based on ICAO Annex 19 and systemic safety ideas. The workshop was superbly organised by our Ghanaian member association, GHATCA, who is also the host of next years IFATCA conference.



REMOTE TOWERS COORDINATION GROUP

The EB has decided to establish a new working group on Remote Towers. The Member Associations are encouraged take part in the coordination group. The meeting with the participants will be organised during conference in Toronto.

Time and location will be announced later.

Expense support

The EB would like to especially acknowledge and thank those ANSPs and Member Associations who financially support our representatives to a greater degree than normal procedures require. These efforts certainly help the Federation. Of particular note is the very generous support offered to the IFATCA President and EVP EUR by their respective ANSPs, relieving the Federation of a significant amount of their travel expenses.

Conference Reminder:

The registration to conference can only be completed with the special access code, which can be obtained from IFATCA office at: office@ifatca.org.

There will be an introduction to conference and conference procedures on Sunday, May 14 2017, at 18.30 (time and location yet to be confirmed). The introduction will be done by PCX, Patrik Peters.

IFATCA – Once Sky, One Voice

Office

Membership invoices have been forwarded electronically to all MAs. Please contact the office if you did not get your invoice. It is very important to pay the fee before the annual conference.

The Working Papers have been posted on the IFATCA web site and can be downloaded from www.ifatca.org. Please contact the office if you forgot an access ID and a password.

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