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Report of EVP Europe

1. Introduction

- This report covers the period from the end of Regional Meeting in Porto in October 2003 till the beginning of October 2004 just before the Regional Meeting in Bucharest .
- It was once again a challenging year which was marked with sad events , assassination of and attacks to colleagues , lack of respect , dismissals, etc . It was another year with a lot of work , a lot of trips in order to attend meetings and conferences , and a lot of abnormalities that needed the immediate attention of the Federation . It is really a tough job to be an IFATCA EVP Europe. It needs a lot of devotion and almost it has become a full time job for me.

2. European ATM

IFATCA is now deeply involved in the works of the SES and through dedicated teams of volunteers studies and gives input and comments to all mandates entrusted to EUROCONTROL by the EC.

Generally speaking it can be said that the IFATCA activities of the European Region are constantly increasing. Next to EUROCONTROL, which comprises high-level groups such as the Provisional Council (PC), the ATM/CNS Consultation Group (ACG), the European ATFM Group (EAG), Performance Review Commission (PRC), the Safety Regulation Commission (SRC), the Safety Group, the Civil/Military Interface Committee (CMIC) ,the Dynamic Management of European Airspace, etc. ,work at an expertise level increased again this year. IFATCA's expertise was requested in domains such as CEATS (Central European ATS Unit), Air Navigation Team, the Human Resources Team and its sub-groups, Data Link, Runway Incursions, 8.33, Airport Operations Team (AOT) as well as future application of ATM tools (GNSS, Mode S, etc).

In the social domain, IFATCA is close to all European MAs and was present in an ATC meeting for the Central Eastern European Region that took place in Antalya in May 2004. A lot of support was also given to many MAs through Press Releases and letter of support.

Also in the social side, there is a new dynamic development in the field of social dialogue with the European Union and the new role of IFATCA as a member.

3. Activity report

Please find below my activity report :

<u>Number</u>	<u>Event / Place/Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Follow-up</u>
A6	European Regional Meeting , Porto,17-19 Oct 03	Minutes distributed	
EURO 19	EUROCONTROL Prov Council 17 Brussels, 6 Nov 03	Report distributed	
ICAO 3	EANPG/45, Paris, 1-3.Dec 03	Report distributed	
EURO 20	Just Culture Workshop Brussels , 11Dec 03	Report distributed by PCX	
EURO 21	Performance Review Commission/PRR7 Brussels , 1.3.04	IFATCA comments submitted	Report available
EURO 22	EAG 17 / ATFM , Brussels , 2-3 Mar 04		Report available
A 8	Pre-conference EBM 43rd Annual Conference European RM Post-conference EBM Hong Kong , 19-27 March 2004	Chaired European RM	ERM minutes available
EU 2	EASA 2 Industry meeting Brussels , 26.4.04		Report available
EU 3	ICB 1 – Industry Consultation Body Brussels , 28.4.04		Report available
MA 5	3rd ATC CEE meeting Antalya, Turkey , 3-5 May 04	Chaired the meeting	Report available
MA 6	Olympic Games 2004 vs ATC forum Athens , 25.5.04	Main speaker	Presentation available
MA 7	CYATCA-CYATSEA SES Seminar Nicosia, 27.5.04	Main speaker	Presentation available
PR 8	Hellenic Association of ATSEE/IFATSEA Seminar on SES-Facing the challenge Athens, 28,29 June 2004	Delivered speach	Presentation available
A 9	EBM Moscow ,13.6-17.6.2004		Report available
A 10	One-day special Regional Meeting ,SES London , 5 July 2004	Co-chaired meeting	Minutes available
EU 4	Common Requirements for the Certification of ANSPs EU , Brussels , 27 Sep 04	Report distributed	
EURO 23	SES Functional Airspace Blocks ws 1 Luxembourg , 28-29 Sep 04	Delivered Speech Presentation available	Report distributed
A 10	EBM Montreal , 9-11 Oct 04		Report available

A	=	Administrative
EU	=	European Commission
Euro	=	EUROCONTROL
U	=	Union related
MA	=	Member Associations
ICAO	=	ICAO
PR	=	Public Relations

4. Member Associations

Belarus

The situation in Belarus is getting worse every day . The latest information received from our colleagues was that Oleg was officially informed without any explanation that his labour contract will not be prolonged after 1.10.2004 and accordingly he will be dismissed after that date. Oleg believes (and without many doubts), that the reason for his coming dismissal is his trade union activity.

Last month I met in Nicosia with Marios Meletiou from ILO and we had an extended discussion on the unacceptable situation in Belarus asking him how ILO can assist to give a solution to this problem. Mr Meletiou has accepted my invitation to attend and speak at the European Regional meeting in Bucharest .

I am also in contact with EVP P Doug Churchill and Laura Cassani , LOIO and we are all waiting for the result of the ILO's investigation on the Belarus' situation. The report should be finished and published at the beginning of November.

More discussions and possible solutions for assistance during the Bucharest meeting .

Moldova

Moldova has become the 43rd European MA of IFATCA during the Annual Conference of Hong Kong in March 2004 . Delegates from Moldova will attend the Bucharest meeting and I am very much looking forward to welcome them on board .

Malta

The Maltese Association organised in the first week of September the 25th ATC football and tennis Tournament . 12 teams and many tennis players from various European countries have participated in a well organised and in a friendly and relaxing family environment . I was part of the Cyprus team (we took the 4th place) . During my stay in Malta , I had the opportunity to visit the Malta ACC, Approach and Tower and to discuss various ATC issues with the EB and officials from the Maltese ATS Enterprise.

5. Non-MAs

Spain

Although the Spanish Association (USCA) wants to join IFATCA again, they refuse to pay their outstanding debt. I have unofficially informed them that pending on advice from our standing committees, FIC –CAC on payment of outstanding debts, the final decision to accept their application will be taken by the Directors at the IFATCA 2005 annual conference in Melbourne next March. USCA has been invited once again to attend the ERM in Bucharest as observers.

6. IFATCA European Regional Support Group/ “Ambassadors”

A lot of EUROCONTROL , EU , ICAO and other meetings were well attended and presentations delivered by our “ambassadors” such as in HRT, ANT, AOT, EAG/ODSG, 8.33 KHz, CEATS, SRC,

LINK 2000+, ASMGCS, SCST, Rwy Safety, etc. Separate reports are prepared and distributed to all through the Office (IWEN) .

The “ambassadors” are spending too much effort and time and are providing great support to EVP Europe. I have established a continuous contact with all of them, trying to motivate them to continue to work for IFATCA. Of course, more are still needed. A meeting of all the ambassadors, EVP EUR and ex Tec Sec and new TP Sec will take place on Friday 22 October 2004 in Bucharest, just before the ERM of IFATCA.

7. EUROCONTROL

Provisional Council , Brussels , 18 – 6 Nov 03

I have attended this meeting . A separate report is provided

Just Culture Workshop , Brussels – 11 Dec 03

This workshop was attended by PCX , LOEU , PLC (SC4) chairman and by myself . I delivered a presentation on IFATCA views and concerns on the legal impediments of ATCOs in an open reporting system and the just culture environment . Full presentation is available .

PRC/PRR7 , Brussels , 1 March 2004

I attended this meeting on behalf of IFATCA. IFATCA’s comments to the interim report were prepared and given for consideration to the chairman of the meeting . A separate report is also available.

ATFM – EAG 17 meeting, Brussels, 2-3 March 2004

I also attended this meeting. A separate report is available

8. EUROPEAN UNION

Single European Sky (SES)–IFATCA involvement

After the decisions taken during Hong Kong European Regional Meeting , 4 dedicated teams have been initially created in order to follow up the huge work of the current implementation process established by EU on SES. Various workshops have and will be attended by our reps . The focal point of this initiative is PCX assisted by EVP EUR and LOEU. LOEU is still attending most of the meetings concerning the EU, JATMWG, Social Dialogue, etc. An internal IFATCA workshop on the updates of SES has taken place in London on the 5th July 2004 with great success . All dedicated teams have been able to produce comments to the draft regulations.

During the Bucharest ERM a dedicated session will be allocated on SES in order to update all MAs.

EU European Aviation Safety Agency – EASA Industry meeting, Brussels, 26.4.04

EASA is an agency of the European Union which has been given specific regulatory and executive tasks in the field of aviation safety. It is a key part of EU’s strategy to establish and maintain a high uniform level of civil aviation safety in Europe. EASA held its second Industry meeting on the 26th April 2004 in Brussels. IFATCA received and accepted an invitation and attended this meeting by EVP Europe. A separate report with my views on this agency is available.

EU Industry Consultation Body – ICB , Brussels , 28.4.04

Another important Body for ATCOs and our social partners (JATMWG). I attended it together with the LOEU. A full report is now available. Next ICB 2 meeting will take place in Brussels on November 26 and I am planning to attend it on behalf of IFATCA

9. ICAO

ICAO EANPG/45 MEETING, Paris, 1-3 December 2003

I have attended this meeting on behalf of IFATCA. A separate report has been distributed. Next EANPG/46 meeting will take place in Paris on 30 Nov – 2 Dec 2004 , and I am planning to attend it on behalf of IFATCA.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

Olympic Games 2004 vs ATC , Athens, 25 May 2004-06-02

A forum was organised by the Greek ATCA with above title. I was invited and delivered a presentation on ‘ European ATM -Challenges to ATCOs and the Single European Sky ’. My presentation is available.

Single European Sky Seminar , Nicosia , 27 May 2004

A seminar was organised by the Cyprus ATCA and Cyprus ATSEA on above subject. I delivered a presentation on Single European Sky – ESARRS- FBA, etc. This presentation is also available.

Safety Awareness Conference, HAATSEE/IFATSEA , Athens, 28,29 June 2004

A 2-day conference was organised by the Greek Air Traffic Safety Electronic Engineers under the auspices of IFATSEA. I was invited and delivered a presentation on ‘ European ATM -Challenges to ATM Personnel and the Single European Sky - FABs’ . My presentation is available.

3rd ATC CEE Meeting , Antalya ,3-5 May 2004

Another very interesting ATC Central Eastern European meeting took place, this time in Antalya organized by the Turkish ATCA (TATCA). This is the third meeting of this kind (the first one was in Sep 02 in Kiev, Ukraine and the second in Sep 03 in Sofia , Bulgaria). A lot of professional and union issues were discussed. Our members in this region of Europe are phasing serious problems and meetings like this one are welcomed by them. The next such meeting will take place next spring in Israel. Separate report with all the details is available.

EMAC – LEBATCA , Brussels , 27 April 2004

On the 27 April 2004 , I had a business dinner in Brussels with EUROCONTROL officials and officials from DCAs of Cyprus , Egypt, Lebanon ,Syria and Jordan who had a meeting on EMAC (Establishment of a European – Middle East Regional Co-ordination Mechanism in ATM matters). Among others I met and exchange views with the Director General of Civil Aviation of Lebanon Dr H Chaouk. We discussed the situation in Lebanon with the newly formed LEBATCA (Lebanese ATCA) and its interest in joining IFATCA. He invited us to Beirut for further talks and possible membership of LEBATCA in IFATCA .

In August 2004 , while I was on short family holidays in Beirut , I had the opportunity to meet and talk with many colleagues working in Lebanon . Recently they have formed an association called LEBATCA (Lebanese ATCA) , with 35 members and they are still interested in joining IFATCA. Their administration is not willing for the time being to recognize or to assist them financially or otherwise . They face serious problems with low salaries , lack of recognition , isolation from International information ,lack of procedures,etc. I promised to them that I will forward their problems to EVP AFM and to the rest of the EB for discussion.

11. 22nd European Regional Meeting in Rhodes Island , Greece , October 2005

The next European Regional meeting will take place in Rhodes Island in Greece next October . I am in regular contact with the Greek OC in order to see all details. More information will be presented in Bucharest.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

Till the end of this year I am planning to attend the following meetings :

<i>1. EUROCONTROL PC 21, Brussels, 4-5 Nov 2004</i>
<i>2.. EUROCONTROL Meeting with CEATS Manager,5 Nov 04, Brussels</i>
<i>3. IFATCA/ATC EUC /IFATSEA/ ETF JATMWG High level meeting , Rome , 19 Nov 04</i>
<i>4. EUROCONTROL FAB Workshop 2 , Luxembourg , 22-23 Nov 04</i>
<i>5. EU ICB 2 Meeting , Brussels , 26 Nov 04</i>
<i>7. ICAO EANPG 46 , 30 Nov – 2 Dec 04, Paris</i>

13. CONCLUSSIONS

- As I have said at the beginning of this report , it is not an easy job to be an EVP Europe. The work load has increased tremendously in the last couple of years and definitely I need your support and understanding in carrying out my duties. I hope that I had lived up to your expectations till now. I will always welcome any positive criticism , comments , suggestions, etc., that will improve my performance in the future.
- Oral updates will be given on various issues during the Regional meeting of Porto.
- I would like to thank once again Marc, Dave, Catharina, Pat Roose, Tatiana , all other Ex.B. members, IFATCA “ambassadors”, M.A’s, Cyprus DCA, Cyprus Airways, British Airways, KLM, my colleagues (especially Christos), and all others for their support to me.

See you all in Bucharest ,

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« The future.....the future is not some place we are just going tothe future is something that we are creating and shaping by our actions or inactions !! »

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