

IFATCA EUROPE

News!



All the good (?) things have an end - The Last Newsletter!

Dear Members, Friends & Colleagues,

welcome to the last newsletter for the European Region - at least the last one in this format.

As I finish my second term as EVP at the upcoming annual conference, the continuation of this service lies in the hand of my successor. A total of fourteen newsletters were produced, six "normal" plus a special Single European Sky newsletter per year.

Despite the very few comments ever received, I hope that you enjoyed reading them for the last two years.

What happened in the few weeks since the last publication mid February?

Working papers for annual conference in Punta Cana are available now and I invite you to carefully read what many representatives, officials and EB members have prepared for you.

A short informal Regional Meeting will be held on Friday morning at conference. Those MAs wishing to inform the audience on problems, investigations, developments and more, shall please prepare a short note (or report). I urge those who have recently encountered major problems to use this feature to give an update to their colleagues and delegates at the meeting.

This is an offer - this is not a must!

LUXEMBOURG

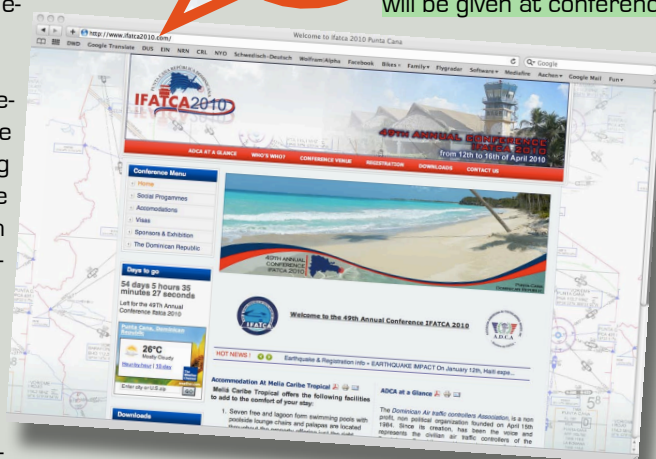
Following the runway incursion at Luxembourg airport, our member association asked the Executive Board for assistance, which we provided in form of a letter to the Luxembourg government. This letter led to an invitation by the Minister of Transport to discuss the accident and follow up actions. PCX, our Human Factors Expert Bert Ruitenbergh and EVP EUR met in Luxembourg on Thursday 25th March. The meeting was well received by our colleagues. We explained our concerns and outlined a possible approach to overcome the difficulties associated with the accident. The minister and his staff listened to our explanations address the systemic issues rather than looking at the symptoms of existing bad procedures. A follow-up of the meeting is expected and an update will be given at conference.

deadlocked situation in their negotiations for a new collective agreement.

Cannot afford to come to conference?!

Make use of the Conference Attendance or the European Support Fund!

Member associations in need of financial support to attend the 49th Annual Conference can address EVP EUR or the office in Montreal. IFATCA upon request will financially support an MA being unable to send a delegate to conference. Additionally the ESF [European Support Fund] is available to all European MAs.



A main item of the dispute are adjustments in the cost of living factor, which were agreed to be paid to some aviation professionals (pilots), but not to the air traffic controllers.

As the Executive Board felt this being more of a union matter, it was decided to submit a letter of general support with the plea to continue negotiations in order to find an acceptable solution to all parties involved.

BELGIUM

The ongoing "battle" of our Belgian colleagues entered another round.

After IFATCA's intervention last autumn, an audit had been ordered by the government to investigate the Belgian ANSP BELGOCONTROL. The findings of

ICELAND

Our colleagues in Iceland called for strike action (4 hours per day affecting all domestic and in-/outbound flights; overflights were not involved) following a

this audit were published last week. BELGOCONTROL management denied to accept the audit, which in turn forced our colleagues to call for industrial actions (commencing 23rd March), which have - according to latest news - been postponed for ten days. As this dispute has moved on to a political stage, it unfortunately leaves the scope of the professional involvement of IFATCA. We carefully monitor the development and will assist where we can.

SESAR

Following our participation in the definition phase, IFATCA has now joined the SESAR Joint Undertaking. Signing the contract will permit IFATCA to participate in the technological upgrade pillar of the Single European Sky.



IFATCA has now the possibility to shape the future of the air traffic management technology by assisting the SESAR JU and to contribute with our global policies. The contract was signed at this years' ATC Global in Amsterdam beginning March.

IFATCA FAB Coordinator News



Time to get organized!

Dear colleagues,
Allow me a few minutes to explain you what to expect from your FAB Coordinator.
In the context of the Single European Sky and the development of Functional Airspace Blocks (FAB), it became apparent that a more structured and systematic coordination was needed between the member associations of IFATCA in order to establish continuous cooperation links at regional level. Information flows seem to differ greatly from one country to the other. Coordination of ideas at operational staff level and outside official meetings are not yet optimal.
Therefore, after the idea of a FAB Coordinator was searched last spring, the IFATCA European



Upcoming events:

- FABEC State Ready discussions, Larnaca, 17/03/10
- 60 Years Great ATJ presentation, Athens, 22/03/10
- AICAC Spring meeting, Zagreb, 26-27/03/10
- IFATCA World Conference, Punta Cana 12-14/04/10

"Yesterday is the past - Tomorrow is a mystery - Today is a present..."
Chinese say



Punta Cana - How do we get started?

In the last months, I have started to take contacts with some Member Associations in order to start providing them with relevant information. I also had the chance to attend several Blue Med and FABEC meetings. At the moment a small dedicated web site is being developed to give you access to as much information as possible and to start the needed interactive process.
To this end, we have to take best use of the upcoming Punta Cana Conference to meet, discuss any problems you might encounter, and plan.
Therefore, in cooperation with Patrick Peters,

IP Europe and our colleagues from the organizing Committee, I plan to organize various "Get together" from **Monday 23th till Friday 26th**, namely **dedicated FAB breakfast sessions**. I had, of course, to always available at various moments, so don't hesitate to "reach out"!
Please check upon arrival for further information.
Let me wish you a safe and enjoyable trip towards the Dominican Republic and I am looking forward to our exchange of information.
Best regards,
Patrick Peters

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FAB Coordinator

See the attached newsletter - and prepare for our FAB breakfast(s) at conference.

NEW representative

Robert Bailey, former board member of the Austrian association - now working in Munich for the DFS, volunteers to be our new representative for the ICAO AWOG (All Weather Operations Group). Welcome to the team!

It's time to say good bye! It was fun creating this - hope you liked it! Looking forward to see a lot of you very soon! Have a safe journey!

Your EVP Europe

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Functional Airspace Blocks Breakfast

Get-Together

IFATCA World Conference, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Check for signs at the entrance of the Restaurant

Let's get together to share our problems, experiences, ideas and solutions!

Join me every day from Monday till Friday morning to start the day with your "FAB Breakfast" !

Venue: (Restaurant to be confirmed)

Breakfast schedule:

Monday:	08h30 - 09h30 / BLUE MED FAB
Tuesday:	07h30 - 08h15 / DANUBE FAB
Wednesday:	07h30 - 08h15 / FAB CE - FAB EC
Thursday:	07h30 - 08h15 / BALTIC - NEFAB
Friday:	07h30 - 08h15 / All together!

Note: Dedicated day subject but all welcome to share experience at any time.

Patrick Peters - IFATCA FAB Coordinator

12-14/04/10, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic