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ACI World Releases Video Commemorating 20 Years of Service to the Airport Community

MONTREAL, 1 December 2011 – ACI World is pleased to announce the release of a video celebrating 20 years of service excellence to the airport community. The video features accolades from seven former ACI World chairmen commemorating the founding of ACI World, steadfast leadership and innovation in forming a single worldwide airport organization that today serves as the Voice of the World's Airports.

As part of this special video project, handheld flip cameras were mailed around the world to Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, and to the United States to capture the sentiments of former chairmen on ACI's past, present and future, and its impact on the airport community.

- Click [here](#) to view the 20th Anniversary Video or visit: <http://www.aci.aero>
- Click [here](#) to view the 20th Anniversary Book or visit: <http://www.aci.aero>

Featured in ACI World's 20th Anniversary Video:

- Mr Lim Hock San, ACI World Chair, 1992 – Singapore
- Mr Jack F. Moffatt, ACI World Chair, 1992-1995 – Australia
- Mr Paul B. Gaines, ACI World Chair, 1996-1997 – United States of America
- General Jean Fleury, ACI World Chair, 1998-1999 – France
- Dr Ghanem Al Hajri, ACI World Chair, 2000-2003 – United Arab Emirates
- Mr Neils Boserup, ACI World Chair, 2004-2007 – Denmark
- Mr James C. Cherry, ACI World Chair, 2008-2009 – Canada

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According to Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World, “This very special milestone project symbolizes the very best quality of ACI World’s legacy — 20 years of unwavering support of the airport community. Just 20 years ago, ACI was born from negotiations and the merger of two international organizations and today stands strong along with ICAO and IATA as the three pillars of civil aviation. Born from an ambitious agenda, ACI World continues to operate in dedicated service to its members worldwide, in the best interests of airports and in promotion of professional excellence in airport management and operations. Prior to the establishment of ACI in 1991, the airport organizations that existed at the time counted 350 member airports. In 2011, ACI counts 580 members operating 1650 airports in 179 countries and territories — Happy 20th Anniversary ACI.”

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- ACI is the only worldwide association of airports. It is a non-profit organisation whose prime purpose is to represent the interests of airports and to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations. ACI has 580 members who operate over 1650 airports in 179 countries and territories.

- Airports Council International - Celebrating 20 years, 1991 – 2011. Airports Council International was founded in 1991, making 2011 our 20th Anniversary year, an occasion which deserves both recognition and celebration. As a result of the rigorous efforts and close cooperation among the component units of ACI, World, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America-Caribbean and North America, the association has grown in stature and standing to be the globally recognized Voice of the World's Airports.

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- A Timeline of ACI

1948: Establishment of the Airport Operators Council (later Airport Operators Council International – AOCI), based in Washington D.C.

1950: Establishment of the Western European Airports Association WEEA, based in Zurich.

1962: Establishment of the International Civil Airports Association ICAA, based in Paris.

1970: Establishment of the Airport Associations Coordinating Council (AACC) to represent collectively AOCI, ICAA and WEEA with ICAO, IATA and other worldwide aviation organizations.

1971: ICAO grants AACC observer status.

1972: Opening of AACC permanent secretariat in Geneva.

1974: United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN/ECOSOC) grants AACC consultative status.

1985: Dissolution of WEEA. Member airports join ICAA and/or AOCI.

1991: Establishment of the Airports Council International (ACI), integrating AOCI and ICAA and succeeding AACC.

Structured in six geographical regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America, and the Pacific, ACI establishes its headquarters in Geneva and regional offices in Cairo, New Delhi, Brussels, Caracas, Washington D.C., and Honolulu.

1991: Establishment of ACI World Standing Committees. Regional Committees on same subjects and others also set up.

1991: Appointment of Oris W. Dunham as the Director General of ACI World.

1991: Appointment of Alexander Strahl as Secretary General of ACI World.

1991: Election of George J. Bean (Tampa) as ACI World Chairman.

1992: Election of Lim Hock San (Singapore) as ACI World Chairman.

1992: Election of Jack Moffat (FAC, Australia) as ACI World Chairman.

1992: ICAO announced its intention to liaise with ACI on airport issues of environment and congestion charges

1993: Establishment of the ACI Fund for Developing Nations' Airports, based in Geneva.

1993: ACI and ICAO co-host a Facilitation Area meeting for Asia-Pacific.

1994: Establishment of the ACI World Business Partner programme.

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- 1994:** Relocation of ACI Pacific Regional Office from Honolulu to Vancouver.
- 1994:** Opening of the ACI Liaison Office with ICAO in Montreal.
- 1995:** ACI plays an active role in the ICAO AVSEC Panel and ICAO Panel of Experts on Air Navigation Services Economics.
- 1996:** Election of Paul Gaines (Houston) as ACI World Chairman.
- 1996:** Launch of ACI World website www.airports.org and Airport World Magazine.
- 1996:** ACI strengthens relationship with WTO.
- 1997:** Appointment of Jonathan Howe as the Director General of ACI World.
- 1998:** Election of Jean Fleury (Paris) as ACI World Chairman.
- 1999:** Greenport 99 - first speciality Airport Environment Conference and Exhibition.
- 2000:** Election of Ghanem Al Hajri (Sharjah) as ACI World Chairman.
- 2000:** ACI plays a major part at the ANSConf 2000 on Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services.
- 2001:** ACI had 550 members operating 1400 airports in 170 countries.
- 2001:** WBP more than 170 members.
- 2002:** Appointment of Robert J. Aaronson as the Director General of ACI World.
- 2002:** Relocation of ACI Africa Regional Office from Cairo to Tunis.
- 2004:** Election of Niels Boserup (Copenhagen) as ACI World Chairman.
- 2004:** Relocation of ACI LAC Regional Office from Caracas to Merida, and ACI Pacific Regional offices from Vancouver to Hong Kong.
- 2006:** Transitional merge of ACI Pacific and ACI Asia Regions; centrally managed from Hong Kong.
- 2007:** Election of James Cherry (Montreal) as ACI World Chairman.
- 2007:** Relocation of ACI Africa Regional Office from Tunis to Casablanca.
- 2008:** ACI Asia-Pacific Region officially merged.
- 2008:** Appointment of Angela Gittens as the new Director General of ACI World.

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2008: Relocation of ACI World from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2 (Ancienne Aerogare) at Geneva International Airport.

2009: Relocation of ACI LAC Regional Office from Merida to Sao Paulo.

2010: Election of Max Moore Wilton (Sydney) as ACI World Chairman.

2010: Relocation of ACI LAC from Sao Paulo to Quito.

2010: Relocation of ACI World Headquarters from Geneva to Montreal.

2011: ACI celebrates its 20 year anniversary