

# World Report October 2007





#### **DIRECTOR GENERAL'S NOTE**

Advocacy on behalf of airports worldwide is one of my primary mandates, and in this capacity I recently promoted airport views in three very different forum settings. At the *UN World Tourism Organisation's Forum on Climate Change*, I participated in a debate on transportation's environmental impact and airport mitigation efforts. At *InterAirport* in Munich, I addressed the theme of introducing new technologies to improve our performance. At the *World Air Transport Forum* in Cannes I had the opportunity to raise our deep concern for congestion and capacity issues and to explore some ideas for meeting both growth and long-term sustainability objectives. It was gratifying to see that representatives from all sectors, not just the airport community, share our vision of strong leadership in finding the operational, technical and economic solutions that will take our industry forward and sustain the industry in this period of steady expansion.

September and October have also been busy months for ACI staff. They have been working with several of the world standing committees on key issues, participating in ICAO working groups on important issues of safety, security, environment and economics, and delivering new products and training opportunities to our members — as reported below.

I look forward to welcoming many of you to the World Annual General Assembly in Buenos Aires next week, where our hosts AA2000 have prepared a wonderful reception for delegates from around the world. For those of you who are unable to attend, we will be sending out daily reports from Buenos Aires to keep you well informed about this exciting event.

Robert J. Aaronson

## NEXT WEEK, SPECIAL EDITIONS OF THE ACI (DAILY) WORLD REPORT WILL BE SENT WITH NEWS FROM THE WORLD CONFERENCE

## **COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

# ACI Operational Safety Subcommittee: Emergency Preparedness and Safety Auditing

At their last meeting in Amsterdam, the Operational Safety Subcommittee established an action plan to move forward with a new handbook dealing specifically with Emergency Preparedness. The committee identified a gap in the documentation available to aerodrome operators through a number of presentations and discussions on the subject. It was agreed that the best approach for this document was to create a best practice handbook very much like the new Airside Safety Handbook or the Aerodrome Wildlife Management and Bird hazard Prevention Handbook. The estimated publication timeline is early 2009.

In addition, the committee is currently working on a Safety and SMS auditing tool that will be made available to ACI members early next year. This checklist will allow aerodrome operators to assess their Safety Management Systems and ensure that all requirements are duly completed.



## Environment - ACI at ICAO

At the ICAO Assembly in Montreal in September a majority decision of the member States did not support a European proposal for an Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) that would encompass all flights to, from and within the EU. It was agreed, however, to form a new body, the Group on International Aviation and Climate Change, to develop policy, in the next few years, on technical, operational and market-based measures (including ETS) to address aviation's GHG emissions. The Europeans are likely to press ahead with their ETS without ICAO's support.

Emanuel Fleuti (Zurich) and Xavier Oh will participate in the CAEP Steering Group meeting in November, where items from the Assembly including those addressing climate change will be incorporated into the CAEP work programme. It is the role of the steering group to guide and watch over progress coming from the working groups.

CAEP's working groups continue to meet in the lead up to the Steering Group meeting. The Noise and Emissions technical groups met in Seattle in October with ACI participation boosted by Los Angeles and Seattle airports. Important topics for ACI included a new NOx stringency for 2010, a review of current aircraft performance against the noise standards, technology goals for noise, emissions and fuel burn, and investigations of engine PM and APU emissions. In Washington DC, the Operations working group has been continuing work on airport local air quality guidance material, EMS, curfews, encroachment, noise abatement procedures, and ATM improvements. ACI participation has been supported by Zurich, Dublin, Frankfurt and DFW airports.

The full Bulletin report of the ICAO Assembly can be downloaded from the ACI website www.aci.aero click on 'About ACI' and 'ACI at ICAO'

#### **ACI FVFNTS**

## ACI General Assembly, Buenos Aires, 5 to 7 November

Over 450 executives from the world's airports begin to gather in Buenos Aires this weekend ahead of the Airports Council International world annual assembly. This year, the world assembly is being held in conjunction with the ACI Latin America and Caribbean annual regional conference. The conference is being hosted by Argentinean airport operator Aeropuertos Argentinas 2000. An exhibition that runs alongside the conference showcases airport technologies. Airport CEOs, board members and senior managers are joined with other leaders from the aviation industry to discuss issues of importance for the industry.

This year, the focus is on leadership and the importance of good management for running an efficient airport, with discussions on effective leadership, sustainable growth and the environment, the state of the industry and a focus on the future of aviation in the Latin American region.

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from, and interact with, Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez, President of the ICAO Council and Jaan Albrecht, CEO of Star Alliance, who will give keynote addresses. Other speakers include: Iñigo Meirás, CEO Ferrovial Aeropuertos and BAA Vice-Chairman; Javier Marin, Director of Spanish Airports, AENA; Héctor Navarrete, Director Regional Airports, ASUR; Bijan Vasigh, Ph.D., Professor, College of Business, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; Benjamin de Costa, Aviation General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; Nancy Graham, Director of the Air Navigation Burgay, ICAO: Catherine Mayer, Vice President, Airport Services, SITA: Miguel So.







## Airneth Seminar on the future of ICAO 24 October, The Hague

This international seminar was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and chaired by Prof. Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, Leiden University and former Minister of Economic Affairs. The key overall theme was decision making in ICAO and other International Organisations and if the current system needed to be revised or amended taking into account the developments in Aviation since the adoption of the Chicago Convention.

Representing ACI, Anne McGinley delivered a presentation that focused on how ICAO interacts with the aviation industry and how ICAO in recent years has become increasingly aware of the positive role that industry can play, the value of its expertise and how industry can assist ICAO in a practical way in decision-making.

Meeting attendees included officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Transport, European Commission, current and former Council members from ICAO, representatives from Leiden and Amsterdam Universities, with the participation of the President and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation William Voss.

#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

# AeroBidz - The e-business portal for the global airport industry

ACI and MERX, who successfully launched Aerobidz in September, report that the new website has been receiving a large number of hits. This new e-tendering service is designed exclusively for ACI member airports and their suppliers to improve the complex tendering process via a centralised location where they can view a wide range tender opportunities, order the associated documentation and post bids electronically.





Positive feedback has been received from suppliers already utilising the tool. Find out all about how to get involved at **www.aerobidz.aero** To provide a preview that will help airports and suppliers to gain a better understanding how the new portal works, an Introductory Webinar will be set up for 21 November at 15:00 GMT.

Aerobidz representatives will be available at booth #9 at the ACI World Conference in Buenos Aires, November 5-8, 2007 to demonstrate the portal. For more information please contact Margot Bowker at +41 22 717 8766 (Europe) or Brigitte Vachon at +1 613 727 4961 (North America).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

# July 2007 MONTHLY Worldwide Airport Traffic Statistics Report

ACI's Monthly Worldwide Airport Traffic Statistics reports feature detailed traffic data on member airports participating in the monthly collection. The reports give traffic data on total passengers, total cargo and total aircraft movements for the reporting month, year-to-date and running 12-month period. Formats available: PDF and Excel

# July 2007 MONTHLY International Passengers & Freight Report

ACI's Monthly International Passenger and Freight Report is a complimentary report to the Monthly Worldwide Airport Traffic Statistics reports featuring only international passengers, international freight and air transport movements for the reporting month, year-to-date and running 12-month period. Formats available: PDF and Excel

# ACI Airport Economics Survey 2007

Scheduled for release in December, the latest edition of ACI Airport Economics Survey 2007 will provide analysis of the survey input from over 600 airports worldwide, including such topics as employment trends at airports, financial results, capital expenditure, and regional breakdown of non-aeronautical revenue by source. It will also include articles submitted by industry experts on a variety of topics and extensive tables on airport expansion projects and airport ownership. The survey will be available in PDF and print formats.

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#### **ACI FUND**

# Next Stop Cairo

The ACI Fund's next seminar (bilingual English-French) will be held in Cairo, Egypt from 2-6 December and will focus on safety, security and crisis management. Although registration is open until 3 November, the seminar is now fully booked. If, however, you would like to be added to the waiting list or enquire about future ACI Fund seminars, please contact Michelle Barre at **mbarre@aci.aero** immediately.

#### **TRAINING**

# Online Learning with ACI: Live on 5!

On Monday, 5 November 2007, the ACI Online Learning Centre goes "Live". In a new initiative responding to ongoing demand from ACI members for professional and cost-effective training services, the ACI Global Training Hub is opening its Online Learning Centre (OLC), which provides a single source of internet-based training courses for airports and airport-related businesses. Access to the OLC is available to airports/businesses on an annual subscription basis or directly by individual users who wish to purchase single enrolments. The airport-wide accounts include a built-in central control to provide a comprehensive framework for Human Resources departments to administer training and compliance activities within each airport authority/business. Real-time assessment gives end-users immediate feedback on their progress during each course. Training courses may be assigned and tracked by individual airport managers or administrators. For more information and to subscribe please visit the ACI Online Learning Centre at www.gth.aero/OLC or contact the OLC Administrator via elearning@aci.aero.

## **TRAINING**

# ACI GTH: Aviation English

The ACI Global Training Hub, in partnership with FlightSpeak, a specialised aviation English language institute, delivered the first airport-specific operational and management level English courses in Krakow last month. This course, which addressed operational language specific to safety, also dedicated two and a half days to the language necessary for management to handle negotiations. A total of 40 participants attended both courses, each of them satisfied with their experience and especially appreciative of the high level of expertise and teaching experience of the instructors as well as the pertinence of the information provided and the skills acquired. These courses provided not only a lexicon of common airport related terms and essential phrases but also worked with the students to review general vocabulary, examining areas of possible misinterpretations and miscommunication. Encouraging participants to actively use their language skills and boost their self confidence were two of the key objectives of the courses. The courses used a number of teaching methods, namely reading and listening comprehension exercises as well as group discussions, and gave each person the opportunity to make a presentation to help expand their comfort zone within a safe classroom environment. The next Aviation English courses will be held in early 2008 and will offer four airport issue specific operational levels as well as two management level courses, focusing on negotiating skills and international relations. www.gth.aero

## **TRAINING**

## Coming up at GTH

- Airport Security and Facilitation for Major Events, 13-15 November in Incheon/Seoul
- Airport Security Being prepared 26-29 November in Dubai
- Introduction to the Airport Business 04-06 December in Incheon/Seoul
- EU Regulations in Warsaw, 04-05 December
- Understanding and Managing Airport Environmental Issues (AMPAP Elective), 03-07 December in Geneva

#### **TRAINING**

# AMPAP "students": senior, diverse and committed

The ACI/ICAO Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme (AMPAP) now counts 45 participants from 23 nations making their way to professional accreditation with the designation International Airport Professional (IAP). ACI AMPAP Team Leader Paul Behnke reports, "The programme has ramped up very quickly from its mid-March launch. ICAO and ACI have been impressed with the level of participation, the diversity of participants across the regions, and the expertise which the enrollees have brought to the programme".



The initial AMPAP course, an Air Transport System overview, has been held three times, in Montreal at ICAO Headquarters, in Panama City and in Geneva. The first on-line course, Airport Operations/Safety and Security, ended October 30 with 28 of the enrollees opting to take the 3-week on-line session, a participation percentage which greatly exceeded expectations. Highlights after the first six months of the programme:

- The participants are remarkably diverse in terms of geographic representation, coming from North America (16), Latin America/Caribbean (11), Asia/Pacific (8), Africa (5) and Europe (5).
- While AMPAP courses are open to airport management personnel of all levels, the first enrollees have been more senior than anticipated. 13 CEO's or airport directors are enrolled, along with 10 deputy CEO's and senior vice presidents, 16 directors, and 6 managers and advisors.
- Participants come from airports of all sizes: 9 from airports serving over 30 million passengers, 4 from airports serving 10 to 30 million passengers
  and 29 from airports with traffic of under 10 million passengers. Three airport systems have been represented as well (Aeroports de Paris, ACSA
  South Africa and Sweden's airport organisation).

Behnke also notes a healthy competition among participants to be among the first to achieve IAP designation. "By offering the two remaining mandatory courses on-line in the first half of 2008, we could very well see our first IAP's conferred by mid-2008, well ahead of the 3-year period given for completion of the requirements". The next Air Transport System overview course will be held in Dubai from January 25 to 29, 2008. Airport managers interested in enrolling should visit the website **www.iap.aero** or contact the registrar, Monica Tai Chew at **mtaichew@iap.aero** 

## **NEW WORLD BUSINESS PARTNERS**

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