

NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Dear ESASI Members and Friends,



While 2022 saw the end of an era with the last Boeing 747 rolling off the production line, commercial aviation activity moved towards pre-pandemic levels with healthy order and delivery books for several of the major manufacturers. We have seen significant strides in technology and sustainable aviation fuel, as well as the maturing of Unmanned Aerial Systems. Urban Air Mobility is also close to becoming a reality in Europe and the UK has become home to a number of new spaceports.

These changes are, in part, driven by expertise and innovation from outside the traditional aviation industry. The challenge is to ensure that we embrace this change while ensuring that the hard-won lessons that have been learned in improving aviation safety are not lost.

ESASI continues to play its part in improving aviation safety by reaching out to all areas of our industry through our annual seminars, twice yearly FocusOn... sessions and quarterly newsletters. We are also preparing, what we believe is a strong bid, to hold the ISASI seminar in Lisbon in 2024. If successful, our share of the profits from this seminar will be used towards our charitable aim of improving aviation safety through education and training.

ESASI members are well represented at ECAC-ACC, ENCASIA and ICAO-AIG; this unique position allows us not only to keep members abreast of developments, but also provides a channel for us to represent your views. Our society supports the Military Air Safety Investigation group (MASI) and has strong links with other Regional ISASI organisations whom we warmly welcome at our seminars and FocusOn... sessions. It was also a pleasure to hear that last year Dave King was appointed as the Chair of the ISASI Lederer Award Committee, and Rob Carter was re-elected as the Vice Chairman of ISASI. Congratulations to you both.

In this newsletter you will hear from my fellow committee members on ESASI's activities during 2022, as well as the work they will be carrying out on your behalf during 2023. We look forward to FocusOn... 'ICAO' which takes place on 1 February and our seminar in Bratislava which is planned for 26 and 27 April.

The success of ESASI is only possible through your continuing support. We very much value your feedback and ideas, and offers to present at the seminars and FocusOn... sessions.

I look forward to catching up with many of you in Bratislava - Registration is now open!

Brian McDermid

ESASI Committee Member

ESASI Committee: Nuno Aghdassi, Secretary (Portugal); Thorkell Agustsson, European Councillor (Iceland); Robert Carter (UK); Arben Dika (Kosovo); Olivier Ferrante, President (France); Kate Fitzgerald (Ireland); Matt Greaves, Treasurer (UK); David King (UK); Brian McDermid (UK)

FocusOn...ICAO February 1st 2023

The ESASI Committee are delighted that the third FocusOn... event will take place on Zoom at **14:00 UTC on 1st February 2023** and will cover the enormous topic of ICAO. FocusOn...ICAO will cover the ICAO organisation from the 1944 Chicago Convention, through its structure, guidance material, circulars, State Letters and Annexes. It will look at its implementation and explore the Annexes particularly relevant to the air accident investigation community, which includes Annex 13. The session will conclude with an open discussion on the topics covered.

We have an excellent panel of speakers lined up to present ICAO from a number of different perspectives.

The speakers are Padhraic Kelleher, President of the Air Navigation Commission; Thor Thormodsson, Air Accident Investigator, ICAO Air Navigation Bureau; Arnaud Desjardin, Safety Officer ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Office Paris; Simon Lie, Annex 13 Research Group and Olivier Ferrante, Chair ICAO Accident Investigation Group Panel. The session will be chaired by Kate Fitzgerald, Inspector of Air Accidents from the Air Accident Investigation Unit (AAIU) of Ireland.

The formal part of the session will be kept to a maximum of two hours and the virtual meeting room will be opened from 1300 UTC to allow you to meet and enjoy a coffee. We also intend to keep the virtual room open for a further 30 minutes at the end of the session to allow members, who so wish, the opportunity to continue informal discussions.

If you are interested in joining FocusOn...ICAO, then please send an email to registrations@esasi.eu to obtain a link to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



ESASI 2023

Registration is Open!

ESASI 2023 will to be held in Bratislava, Slovakia on 26-27 April 2023. Like for ESASI 2022 in Budapest, Hungary, it will follow an ECAC ACC event so that delegates can combine these two events in one trip.



Bratislava is a beautiful city on the Danube river, located between Vienna and Budapest.

The meeting will be held in the Park Inn by Radisson Danube Bratislava (see picture hereafter)



The ESASI website contains the registration form to join ESASI 2023 and the links to the Park Inn hotel for the negotiated room rate at 104 Euros.

Registrations are now open, and you are invited to book early to take advantage of the reduced fee for early birds (150 Euros if you book before 28 February 2023 then the fee will be 200 Euros).

European MASI (Military Air Safety Investigators) meeting – 27 April 2023



The network of European military air safety investigators will meet on 27 April 2023 afternoon after the ESASI seminar. If you are interested in contributing to this meeting, please send a short abstract to Wg Cdr Andrew Green before 31 March 2023.

Email: Andrew.Green102@mod.gov.uk

The format of the presentations is flexible in order to build an interactive programme. The main goals are to share experience and to renew acquaintances across the different Military Air Safety Investigators groups.

ESASI New Members

ESASI is glad to welcome several new members who have recently joined ISASI.

Mr. Ismo Aaltonen, Finland

Mr. Daniel Arey, USA (based in the UK)

Mr. Peter Beer, Austria

Ms. Hannah McInrue, United Kingdom

Mr. Peter Pateman, Student in the UK

Dr. Alpo Vuorio, Finland

ESASI also welcomes a new Corporate Member: The Aeronautical Accident and Incident Investigations Commission of Kosovo.

Farewell, Tom Curran

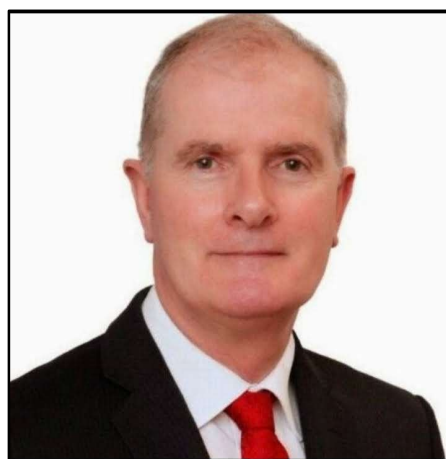
The ESASI Committee is sad to report the passing of Tom Curran on January 18th, 2023. Tom was a well-known and popular figure in the world of flight safety and investigation and a great supporter of ISASI and ESASI. After retiring from a distinguished career at Aer Lingus, Tom promptly accepted a senior

position in safety and accident investigation with the GCAA in the United Arab Emirates. During this time he was a major figure in the development of the MENASASI Regional Society of ISASI.

The ESASI Committee also had the pleasure to closely work with Tom Curran and MENASASI when preparing ISASI 2018 in Dubai.



Many ISASI members will remember the excellent 2018 ISASI Seminar in Dubai. Tom, Joan and the MENASASI team put an immense amount of work into this event. This effort really showed in the attention to detail, which extended over the whole proceedings. Tom was a passionate aviation enthusiast and claimed, of his aviation career *“I never worked for a day in my life”*. We understand that he will be laid to rest close to Dublin Airport where, as Joan says, *“He will continue to hear the sound of those aircraft engines – and identify them by sound”*. Farewell, Tom, and very many thanks!



ISASI Lederer Award Committee



David King, MBA, BSc, CEng, FRAeS, was appointed as the Chair of the ISASI Lederer Award Committee. He has just started to work on the recruitment of new members for the Lederer award selection committee as well as on a robust nomination process.

Looking at 2022 in the mirror

2022 was the year of finally resuming our face-to-face events. During the past year, your committee organised ESASI 2022 in Budapest (see picture hereafter), issued two newsletters, met 20 times via Zoom and face to face in Budapest during ESASI 2022 but had to postpone the FocusOn... webinar to 1st February 2023.



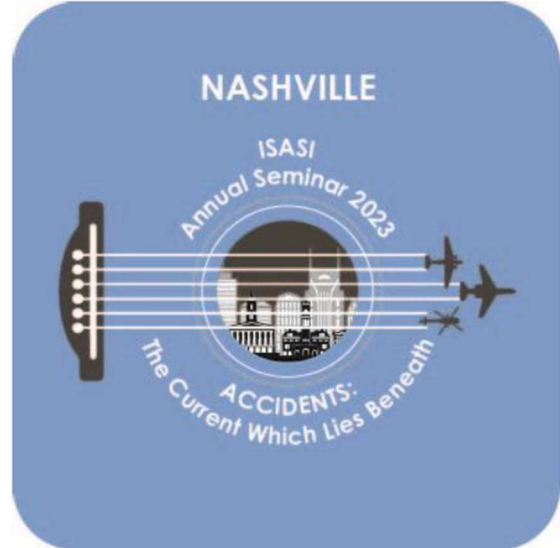
You will hear more about this activity report during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) that will be held in Bratislava on Wednesday 26 April 2023 evening.

ISASI 2023, Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Save the dates: August 21 – August 25, 2023

The 2023 Theme is “Accidents: The Current Which Lies Beneath”. ISASI 2023 will be an “in-

person” event with Tutorials on Monday the 21st, the seminar presentations from Tuesday the 22nd through Thursday the 24th, and various evening get togethers during the week.



Hint for ESASI 2023

There are ferries on the Danube to travel between Bratislava and Vienna in 75 minutes according to the Twin City Liner website:

<https://twincityliner.com/en/content/vienna-bratislava>

It is recommended to book in advance!



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<http://www.isasi.org/Memberships/Individual.aspx>