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# Air Safety Investigators NEWSLETTER

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#### **EDITORIAL**

Dear ESASI Members,

The 49<sup>th</sup> ISASI annual Accident Investigation and Prevention Seminar was held in Dubai from 29 October to 2 November 2018, with nearly 300 participants (including guests and companions) from 46 different countries. This successful Seminar was entitled the "Future of Aircraft Accident Investigation".

The Seminar went well and ran smoothly thanks to strong support from the General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE. The technical programme, lauded by participants, included excellent speakers who articulated their presentations around this motivating theme. They addressed rising challenges such as the investigation of systemic aspects, UAS, Big Data, new and complex technologies, etc. The MENASASI organisers warmly thanked ESASI for our support before and during the Seminar.

The recent European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) had an impact on the conference through the non-publication of the list of participants as a precautionary measure. An excellent supplementary presentation at short notice by Phil Sleight on this topic closed the first day with ways to deal practically with this new EU requirement. My own view is that the future of air accident investigation could unfortunately be characterised by extra red tape that investigators will have to overcome, to carry out their safety mission.

This newsletter summarises the International Council Meeting held prior to the Seminar on Sunday 28 October 2018. It also provides an update on:

- Recent contacts with the European Association of Aviation Psychologists (EAAP);
- ESASI's healthy financial situation;
- Supporting students through the Rudi Kapustin Scholarship;
- Our future projects such as the "Derby Workshop" and of course ISASI 2019.

If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your ESASI Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Olivier FERRANTE

**ESASI President** 

## **ESASI** Committee



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## Feedback from the ISASI International Council Meeting

On Sunday 28 October 2018, Rob Carter and Olivier Ferrante represented ESASI at the ISASI International Council Meeting (ICM). In addition to the usual agenda items, the ICM reviewed the Seminar Policies and Procedures. Regarding the publication of ISASI seminar proceedings, it was decided to publish all papers on the ISASI public website without the use of any credentials.

The ICM was also informed that the ISASI executive positions had all been up for re-election. The only position that was contested was Vice President; Alister Buckingham (New Zealand), Graham Braithwaite (United Kingdom) and Ron Schleede (United States) were candidates. Ron Schleede was re-elected. Those re-elected for a two-year term were: President, Frank Del Gandio; Vice President, Ron Schleede; Secretary, Chad Balentine; Treasurer, Robert (Bob) MacIntosh; US Councillor, Eugene (Toby) Carroll, Jr. and International Councillor, Caj Frostell.

At the end of the meeting, the ISASI 2019 team composed of VNV (Dutch ALPA), TU Delft University and the Dutch Safety Board (DSB) presented the preliminary programme for the next International Seminar that will be held in The Hague, The Netherlands, on September 1 to 6, 2019.

## EAAP: European Association of Aviation Psychologists

Thanks to Mr Nuno Aghdassi, ESASI has recently established contacts with Dr. Michaela Schwarz from the European Association of Aviation Psychologists (EAAP). This has already resulted in cross-referencing each other's websites. ESASI also had a number of members who attended the successful 33rd EAAP Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

EAAP members will be welcome to participate at the ESASI workshop, which will be held in Derby (UK) in May 2019. The ESASI technical committee has developed a programme with a number of sessions that have a common interest for both societies.

EAAP members will also be invited to send abstracts to the ISASI 2019 call for papers.

#### Financial update

The ESASI financial situation remains sound with a reserve of around £40,000. In order to maintain an affordable seminar, ESASI had planned to sponsor the 2018 ESASI Seminar up to £10,000. The strong attendance at the Seminar in Riga (120 participants) meant that the ESASI contribution was £5,000 while maintaining a very attractive registration fee and hotel room rate at a reasonable price.

As part of the Society's development, we plan to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in the UK to formalise our not-for-profit status.

## ESASI Supports the Rudi Kapustin Scholarship

During ISASI 2018, your President informed Frank Del Gandio, Ron Schleede and Barbara Dunn that ESASI would donate \$1,000 to the Rudi Kapustin scholarship fund. This was done with the agreement of the other members of the ESASI committee present, following the ISASI business meeting.

This donation will contribute to support young students to attend the next ISASI seminar and hopefully embrace a career for aviation safety. There have been a number of European recipients.

The ESASI committee would like to perpetuate and, subject to ESASI finances, increase such donations in the future.

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#### **Next projects**

ESASI Workshop: "Safety Investigation Throughout the Aircraft Life Cycle – Design for Safety", Derby (UK), 22 to 23 May 2019

It was decided not to hold an ESASI seminar in 2019 so as not to conflict with ISASI 2019, which will be held in The Hague (The Netherlands) on 1 to 6 September 2019. Instead, the executive committee are organising an ESASI workshop in conjunction with the 2019 Spring ECAC ACC meeting. This workshop will be entitled "Safety Investigation Throughout the Aircraft Life Cycle -Design for Safety". Rolls-Royce are kindly hosting both events in their Learning and Development Centre (LDC) in Derby. Rob Carter and Olivier Ferrante briefed ESASI members of these plans during the Members' meeting at ISASI 2018. The ESASI Workshop will be held on 22 and 23 May 2019 and the ECAC ACC ('Group of experts') meeting ('ACC/50') will be held the day before, 21 May 2019. The approach of holding 'back-to-back' meetings recognizes that both organisations have many active members in common. Of note, Rob Carter has also been the ECAC ACC chairman for already one year.

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The ESASI Workshop format was chosen to avoid distracting individuals from participating in ISASI 2019. The ESASI committee will not issue a call for papers for the workshop, but instead will invite speakers from across all sectors of European aviation. A strong technical committee composed of representatives from Safety Investigation Authorities (SIAs), Industry, Regulators and Academia has already started working on its content and objectives.

The meeting of European military investigators will now take place at the military tutorial to be held in The Hague on Monday 2 September 2019 just prior to the start of ISASI 2019.

#### ISASI 2019: The Hague (NL), September 2019

In continuation of the Dubai's theme "Future of Aircraft Accident Investigation", the theme for ISASI 2019 is "Future Safety: has the past become irrelevant?"

The ESASI executive committee will support the Dutch organisers by searching for European sponsors (other than Dutch) while ISASI will be looking for non-European sponsors.

When the call for papers is published, ESASI will widely disseminate it to attract a good selection of quality papers.

