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### EDITORIAL

Dear ESASI Members,

Last May, we had a great gathering in sunny Jurmala in Latvia where we discovered this jewel of the Baltic coast. During my opening conference address, I had the pleasure to highlight the increased number of attendees from many, many different countries and how this has grown year on year. The increased numbers has not prevented our group from having fruitful exchanges on different topics in confidence. It is indeed crucial that we all respect the confidentiality of the debates and discussions that take place during our ESASI seminars. Maintaining a steady flow of safety information has always been fundamental to improving aviation safety. This has continuously worked well during our ESASI seminars and I am delighted that it has continued this way.

In Jurmala, the airline community was better represented than the previous years with participants from Aer Lingus, Air Italy, Austrian Airlines, Bluebird Cargo and British Airways. Your committee will strive to convince more airlines to join ESASI and to share their front-line experience in our future seminars. Our seminar was also marked by the formal or informal participation of our neighboring societies such as the Middle East North African Society of Air Safety Investigators (MENASASI) represented by Thomas Curran, AsiaSASI represented by Thomas Wang, PakistanSASI represented by Syed Naseem Ahmed as well as the Regional (CIS) Society of Air Safety Investigators represented by Sergey Zayko. We also welcomed the presence of Caj Frostell, the ISASI International Councilor.

During the Seminar Mr Zayko presented an award to Ivars Gaveika, the Director of the Transport Accident and Incident Investigation Bureau (TAIB) of Latvia, on behalf of the Interstate Aviation Committee. This appreciation echoed the thanks of the ESASI delegates for the great Latvian hospitality.

Thank you all for having joined us in Latvia and we look forward to seeing you during our next ISASI or ESASI events!

Olivier Ferrante

ESASI President

## ESASI Committee



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## ESASI 2018

ESASI 2018 was held in Riga/Jurmala (Latvia) on 22-23 May 2018. It attracted more than 120 delegates from all over Europe and from the neighboring regions, in particular the Middle East and North Africa Society of Air Safety Investigators (MENASASI). The success of the ESASI seminar depends on good participation and on the high standard of presentations. The ESASI executive committee is glad to note a growing number of participants each year.

The Seminar was introduced by the Director of the Transport Accident and Incident Investigation Bureau (TAIIB) of Latvia, Mr Ivars Gaveika. Mr Edgars Tavars, the Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Transport of Latvia delivered a keynote address on the importance of safety investigations in the aviation system. This arrangement with the opening of the Seminar by a high-level official set the tone and importance of the Seminar. In addition, the Latvian authorities had proposed an excellent venue.

For the first time, the ICAO EUR/NAT office was part of the ESASI programme. Mr Desjardin highlighted the upcoming amendments to Annex 13 and the accident and incident investigation capabilities of the States in the ICAO EUR/NAT area of accreditation. Indeed, the Seminar programme included a variety of presentations on topics such as updates on regulations (ICAO, EU), case studies, investigation techniques, family assistance, emergency response plans, SMS, Human Factors, etc. A complete summary of the seminar will be proposed as an article for the ISASI Forum.

The presentations delivered during ESASI 2018 are available on the ESASI restricted webpages (if you do not have the password, please contact an ESASI committee member). ESASI's policy has consisted of asking speakers to prepare only PowerPoint presentations to convince these busy speakers to participate because they would not have to write full papers as required for the larger ISASI seminars. This has enabled ESASI to have good and balanced technical programmes for its seminars.

The ESASI Committee recognises the outstanding involvement of Ivars Gaveika's team during the months leading to this seminar and during the event itself.

## Summary of the feedback

Delegates welcomed the opportunity to give their views and returned 63 feedback forms. Overall both the written and verbal feedback are very good. The slightly negative point was the table and room layout. The high number of participants implied that several participants felt a bit squeezed. The organization committee elected to provide tables but this type of set up could be changed for the next conference.

The feedback from the speakers has been very good. All liked the timing system as it was clear when to finish and they knew that the longer they talked the less opportunity they had for questions. Participants have greatly appreciated the time-management of the event. Regarding the time for questions, it really depends on the subjects, keeping in mind that the coffee breaks are designed for exchanges and questions. Some presenters, such as in the case of the FACTS study, kept their presentations short to allow extra questions.

All participants lauded the venue and in particular the sand show and the beautiful sunset on the Baltic Sea!



(Extract of the Sand Show)

## Preparation of the Derby Workshop

As ISASI 2019 will be held in Europe (The Hague, The Netherlands) on 2-6 September 2019, there will be no ESASI Seminar in 2019. Instead, the executive committee proposed to organize an **ESASI workshop in conjunction with the 2019 Spring ECAC ACC meeting**. This proposal was endorsed by the 48th meeting of the Group of Experts on Air Accident Incident Investigation (ACC/48) that took place on 26-27 June 2019 in Bucharest.

The Spring ECAC ACC meeting will be shortened to one day and followed by the ESASI workshop that will last one day and a half. It will be entitled "Safety Investigation Throughout the Aircraft Life Cycle". Rolls Royce will kindly host both events in their Learning and Development Centre (LDC) in Derby UK.

The ECAC meeting will be organised on Tuesday 21 May 2019 and the **ESASI workshop on 22-23 May 2019**.

This set up has the advantage of limiting the number of meetings on accident investigation in that period of the year. This will also be a good venue to advertise the upcoming international Seminar that will again be organised in Europe, after those of 2015 (Germany) and 2016 (Iceland).



*(Derby Museum and Art Gallery)*



### ISASI 2018

**"The Future of Aircraft Accident Investigation"**

**Intercontinental Hotel, Festival City,  
Dubai, 30 October to 1 November 2018**

## NEXT MEMBER'S MEETING

For those of you who will participate to the ISASI seminar in Dubai, the ESASI committee would like to inform you that ESASI will hold its society meeting in **Dubai on Tuesday 30 October 2018** at the end of the first day of ISASI 2018.

Please find below the **provisional agenda**:

- 1) Feedback from the ESASI Seminar held in Riga
- 2) ESASI financial situation
- 3) Next projects:

ESASI Workshop May 2018

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- 4) ESASI WebSite (Public or restricted access to ESASI seminar presentations)
- 5) AOB

Please contact your committee members if you would like to add any specific subject for discussion.

THANK YOU!

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