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Newsletter from the EB

The Executive Board decided to prepare and send this Newsletter as a result of the discussion to improve communication with our membership. It shall serve to increase transparency and better information flow.

The intention is to publish the Newsletters on a monthly basis via different media, such as FB, IFATCA homepage and IWEN. It contains short paragraphs on various points tackled during the EB meeting and teleconferences held.

More detailed information can be provided on individual request.



EB Meeting—Seoul 2nd - 5th Feb

The EB was invited by the Korean association to hold one of its two annual meetings in Seoul. It was a four-day meeting.

The meeting was attended by all EB members and was very productive.

High appreciation is due to the Korean Association, notably to Mr. Song Ki Jeon for receiving us warmly and for providing an efficient working environment.

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Submission of Reports

The EB thanks all IFATCA representatives for their dedication and good work and for submitting their reports in a timely manner (most of them). They were discussed and where appropriate, actions were initiated and will be communicated to the authors and representatives. At this meeting, we were predominantly dealing with reports concerning conference mostly from our standing committees – FIC, CAC, CSC, TOC and PLC. All working papers for conference will be made available via the website by the end of March.

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Finances

The Federations finances remain in a strong position, with all reps being reimbursed in a timely manner.

A long term financial strategy was discussed, with initial discussions about options for simplifying the EVPF role and utilising more professional support in an evolution of the role. In the more immediate term, budget planning for the 17/18 fiscal year and the various reports to conference were discussed in detail.

The enormous support of the Office Manager and CATCA was noted and is appreciated.

ASP/AFM/AMA

The EB has decided to set up a Regional Support Fund to aid the EVPs of the AFM, ASP and AMA regions in administering the affairs of their respective regions. The funds would be held in a joint account held by and administered by IFATCA, with the amounts dispersed to each region decided by the respective EVP and carefully tracked. The European Region already has a mature Regional Support Fund in place and will be used as a model for the other three regions as they institute this policy. More details will be forthcoming at Conference.

Visit to Incheon Air Traffic Control Center

The EB had the opportunity to visit Incheon Airport for a comprehensive tour of the tower and ACC facilities. Both are very modern facilities and capable units, handling nearly 1000 movements a day at the airport and over 2300 movements a day through the ACC. The EB was briefed on the new surveillance equipment and electronic strips shortly to be introduced into the tower, as well as being given a thorough tour and briefing on the new modern ACC and the impressive back up facilities, as well as the plans for the second ACC to open in Daejeon later this year. The EB then had the opportunity to provide an interactive briefing to ATC managers and controllers on a number of topics, including advanced ATFM techniques.

The briefing was attended by around 40 staff. The motivation and enthusiasm of the South Korean controllers was very impressive. The EB sincerely thanks our South Korean association for organising this facility visit and indeed their wonderful and generous hosting of the EB meeting in the beautiful city of Seoul.

Plea to MAs to update your IHB

One of the best aspects of being a member of IFATCA is the strength of association.

The ability to interact and exchange information between us is indeed an important asset. The Information Handbook (IHB) is for members to furnish and gather valuable information about neighbouring or distant associations.

Unfortunately, in its present form, it seems that the IHB is cumbersome to use and its platform is outdated, thus not inviting. Additionally, updating its content seems arduous since most of the information found in the IHB is old, the members rarely forward their new details despite numerous pleas to do so.

The EB, therefore, decided to review its content and put it in a new format on an upcoming new IFATCA web site. The new IHB will be secure, easier to access and to read, plus updates will be possible directly and changes seen immediately.

We hope that these modifications will render this valuable tool more user-friendly and that members will use it to its fullest and keep it current.

SESAR Contract

After having participated into the first period of the SESAR project, IFATCA is close to sign a new contract that secures IFATCA participation and inputs to the future SESAR developments. The SESAR 2020 contract is expected to be signed during the World ATM Congress in Madrid, Spain in March. The involvement of IFATCA will change from a direct participation to being part of a team that will mainly review the work of the projects. IFATCA will still be part of the IVT (international validation team).

EVPP will present a report at conference of the present IHB state. It is dated 2015.

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AFM IFATCA 'Think Safety' Seminar in Ghana

In cooperation with ICAO, GHANA CAA and the Ghana ATC academy, IFATCA will organize its second Safety Seminar in Accra Ghana from the 3-5th of April.

The website will be launched shortly.

Conference Reminder

The registration to conference can only be completed with the special access code, which can be obtained from IFATCA office at:

office@ifatca.org.

The second reduced conference registration fee deadline is March 31 2017.

There will be an introduction to conference and conference procedures on Sunday, May 14 2017, at 18.30 (time and location TBC). The introduction will be done by PCX, Patrik Peters.

AMA IFATCA Meeting in Buenos Aires

John Carr, EVPAMA, has set up a meeting of the South American MAs in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the last week of Mar 17. The meeting is open to both MAs and observers from interested nations. To date we have attendance confirmations from Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia, Chile and Peru. We are waiting for confirmation of Venezuela, Ecuador and Columbia. Of these ten nations five are currently MAs and five will attend as observers. Many thanks to our former and soon to be reinstated MA Argentina, under the leadership of Cesar Salas and Gabriella Logatto, for their assistance in planning/hosting this meeting. It should also be noted that both Argentina and Honduras have expressed interest in petitioning the Conference for membership in IFATCA at Conference.

Vacancies within the IFATCA Executive Board

The following EB positions are open for nominations in 2017:

Deputy President (DP)

Executive Vice-President Finance (EVPF) – for one year only

Executive Vice-President Technical (EVPT)

Executive Vice-President Asia Pacific (EVPASP)

Executive Vice-President Africa Middle East (EVPAFM)

The nomination forms and other conference forms can be obtained from the conference page (www.ifatca.org/conference2017) in the membership area or the IFATCA office.