

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

1992 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Recent Developments in
EC Air Transport
Law and Policy**

6 November in Rome

1992 has been a landmark year in the development of EC air transport law and policy. The adoption of the third package represents a significant step towards the achievement of the internal market in this sector, although some of the remaining qualifications provide ample scope for debate among lawyers. There have also been a number of important developments in the application of the competition rules, such as the Commission's decision on British Midland's interlining dispute with Aer Lingus. With the third package adopted, attention is increasingly focussing on the EC's external aviation relations, in particular with other European non-Member States. At the same time, the trend to globalisation and mergers continues, and raises important issues of control. All these subjects will be examined in the Association's annual conference for 1992. In addition, in view of the conference's location in Rome, there will be a particular Italian perspective on certain current issues.

09:00 Registration

09:15 Annual General Meeting

09:30 Opening Address by The President of the Association

Professor P.D. Dagtoglou, University of Athens, attorney-at-law,
Athens and London

09:40 Introduction by morning's Chairman Lord Slynn of Hadley, Member,
Judicial Committee of the House of Lords

First Session: Reflections on the Third Package

09:45 Harmonised Licensing Requirements
Professor P.J. Slot, University of Leiden

10:10 Fares
Dr. P.P.C. Haanappel, Director European
Aeropolitical Affairs, IATA

10:35 Discussion

10:50 Coffee Break

Second Session: Air Transport and the Competition Rules

11:20 Essential Facilities, including Interlining: a Requisite for Fair
Competition?
T. Soames, Norton Rose, Secretary of the Association

11:45 Some Aspects of Fair Competition: a Critical View
Professor J. Stuyck, University of Leuven, Liedekerke, Wolters,
Waelbroeck & Kirkpatrick

12:10 Discussion

- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:15 Introduction by the afternoon's Chairman
Professor F. Mancini, Judge, European Court of Justice
- 14:20 Welcome Address
G. Bisignani, CEO, Alitalia and Chairman, Association of European Airlines

Third Session: External Relations

- 14:35 Legal Problems with the European Economic Area
A. Saggio, Judge, European Court of First Instance
- 15:00 EC aviation policy: an international law perspective
Professor Bin Cheng, University of London
- 15:25 Discussion
- 15:40 Tea Break

Fourth Session: Round Table Session

- 16:00 Globalisation of the European Air Transport Industry and the Role of Competition and Merger Control
Dr. J. Temple Lang, Director, Directorate D, DGIV EC Commission
F. Sørensen, Head of Air Transport Division, DGVII EC Commission
M. Walker, Legal Director, British Airways
P. Malanik, Head Multilateral Affairs, Austrian Airlines
A representative of a US airline has been invited to participate

Fifth Session: Closing Session

- 17:20 The Increasing Importance of Environmental Considerations for the Air Transport Industry
C. Ripa di Meana, Minister for the Environment, Italy
- 17:40 G. Tesini, Minister for Transport, Italy has been invited to speak, but his participation cannot yet be confirmed.
- 18:00 Chairman's closing remarks

End of conference

Reception (details to be given at the conference)

Location

Alitalia Auditorium, via della Magliana 886. 00148 Roma (close to the airport).
telephone: (396) 656 27093 (or 656 27100), fax: (396) 656 27101.

Date

6 November 1992, 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Fee

(to include lunch, drinks after the conference and conference papers)

£200 for members

£300 for non-members

Non-members may wish to consider becoming members of the Association, as the current annual subscription is only £25 for individual members and £75 for corporate members. Anyone joining will be eligible for the reduced £200 conference fee and should send the appropriate subscription fee at the same time.

Lunch

Lunch will be served near to the Alitalia Auditorium. Full details will be given at the conference.

Transport

A bus will take delegates from the Grand Hotel to the Alitalia Auditorium, departing at 8.00 a.m.

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been reserved in the Grand Hotel, via Vittorio Emanuele Orlando 3, 00185 Roma, telephone: (396) 4709 telefax: (396) 474 7307 for the nights of 5, 6 & 7 November 1992 at a preferential rate. Bookings should be made directly with the hotel as early as possible on the enclosed room reservation form, or by phone or fax with reference to the conference in order to enjoy the reduced rate.

Reservations

Because the number of participants at the conference is limited, early reservation is advised. Acceptance of reservations is conditional upon availability of space. Reservations may be made by completing the enclosed booking form and sending it with the fee to the European Air Law Association, c/o the Treasurer, John Balfour, Frere Cholmeley, Rue Guimard 15, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. Payment should be made, please, in pounds sterling, by a cheque drawn on a British bank account or by Eurocheque. If neither of these is possible, an international money order or a sterling bank draft may be used, in any case made payable to European Air Law Association. Alternatively, payment (in pounds sterling) may be made directly to the Association's bank account No. 48048100 at National Westminster Bank, 6 Tothill Street, London SW1 19ND, sort code 60-40-03, with the name of the sender enclosed.

Cancellations/Changes

The closing date for reservations is 23 October, 1992, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30 October, 1992, subject to deduction of £50 to cover administration and overheads. Cancellation should be notified to the Association at the address given above (fax: (322) 512.04.26). No refunds will be given for any cancellations received after 30 October, 1992. The name of the delegate may be changed at any time before commencement of the conference.

Programme Content

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, the Association reserves the right to alter the content or the names of speakers without advance notice.