1996 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recent Developments in European Air Transport Law and Policy

Copenhagen, November 8
Against the background of the on-going upturn in its economic performance, the air transport industry in 1996 continues to undergo radical change in structure and regulation. Issues of particular current importance in Europe include new developments in the areas of co-operation between airlines and slot allocation and issues which are attracting significant attention for the first time, such as developments in Eastern Europe, and frequent flyer programmes. The Association’s annual conference for 1996 is held in Copenhagen - The European Cultural City for 1996 - for the first time and will address these issues, as well as any others which may be current at the time. A dinner for all delegates will be held the evening before and for those interested a cultural event will be arranged Friday evening (information about which appears on the back page of the programme). The book on the London 1995 Conference will be distributed free to all participants.

09.00 - 09.30  Registration

09.30 - 09.45  Opening address
Professor PD Dagtopglou, President of the European Air Law Association

09.45 - 10.00  Welcome address
Jan Trøjborg, Minister of Transport

10.00 - 11.00  Aviation in Europe from a Scandinavian perspective
Vagn Sørensen, Senior Vice President of SAS, and
Bjarne Hansen, President of Maersk Air, member of the Comité des Sages

11.00 - 11.30  The alliance between SAS and Lufthansa. A model for future co-operation between airlines in Europe.

A general overview presented by Vagn Sørensen and Brussels counsel to SAS, Phillipe Chapatte of Slaughter & May. Introduction by Henrik Lind, Gorrissen Federspiel Kierkegaard.

11.30 - 11.45  Questions and discussion

11.45 - 12.00  Coffee

12.00 - 12.50  Frequent flyer programmes. How do they work and what are the legal issues.

Jørn Eriksen of Maersk Air, Morten Kofmann Christensen of Bech-Bruun & Trolle and Humbert Drabbe (Director Services) of DG IV, EC Commission.

12.50 - 13.00  Questions and discussion

13.00 - 14.15  Lunch
14.15 - 14.20  Introductory remarks
Professor C.O. Lenz, Advocate General, European Court of Justice and Chairman of the afternoon session.

14.20 - 15.00  Co-operation with airlines in Eastern Europe and legal harmonisation of the regulatory environment.
Frederik Sørensen, DG VII, EC Commission

15.00 - 15.20  Experiences of a Baltic airline
Mr. Kjell Fredheim, Managing Director of Air Baltic, Latvia

15.20 - 15.40  Questions and discussion

15.40 - 16.00  Tea

16.00 - 16.45  Recent developments in slot allocation
Frederik Sørensen, DG VII, EC Commission
Chris Allen, Head of Competition & Industry Affairs, British Airways
Scott Crosby, Kemmler Rapp Böhlke & Crosby, Brussels
David Starkie, Director, Economics Plus Ltd., London

16.45 - 17.15  Questions and discussion

17.15 - 17.30  Closing remarks
Professor Lenz and Professor Dagtoglou

17.30  Drinks
DINNER
A dinner will be held the evening before the conference for which no charge will be made to the delegates. If a delegate wishes to bring a companion, an additional payment of GBP 30.00 will be required to cover costs. The dinner will take place on Thursday November 7 at 8 pm. with drinks from 7 pm. at Nationalmuseet, Ny Vesteregade 1, Copenhagen K. All speakers and delegates at the conference and all members of the Association are welcome (subject to the availability).

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE
Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, Amager Boulevard 70, 2300 Copenhagen S.

FEE
Conference (to include dinner, lunch, drinks after the conference, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 1995 Annual Conference):
GBP 250 for members (as at October 1, 1996)
GBP 350 for non-members
Please note that the reduced membership rate is only available to those who have become paid-up members for 1996 by October 1, 1996.
The 1996 subscription is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

ACCOMODATION
A limited number of rooms has been reserved in The Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, Amager Boulevard 70, 2300 Copenhagen S (telephone +45 33 11 23 24, telefax +45 31 57 01 93) at a reduced rate of approximately GBP 90, incl. of VAT for a single room for the night of November 7, 1996. For those who wish to stay the 8th and possibly the 9th, a number of rooms have been reserved with an extra low rate for the 9th. Bookings should be made directly with the hotel, and reference should be made to the European Air Law Association.

CULTURAL EVENT
Tickets for Friday evening's performance at the Royal Theatre are available for those interested (max 50). The performance of the ballet „Hamlet“ starts at 8 pm. Please indicate your interest on the reservation form.

RESERVATIONS
Acceptance of reservations is conditional upon availability of space. Reservations may be made by completing the enclosed form and sending it to the European Air Law Association, c/o Henrik Lind, Gorrissen Federspiel Kierkegaard, 12 H.C. Andersens Boulevard, DK-1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark, Telephone: +45 33 41 41 41, Telefax: +45 33 41 41 33. Payment should be made, please in the any of the following ways (in order of preference):
- by direct transfer to the Association’s account at Den Danske Bank, 45 Raadhuspladsen, DK-1550 Copenhagen V, identifying the name of the sender, to account no. 3119 459486;
- by cheque for GBP drawn on an English bank; or
- by Eurocheque (for GBP).

Please do not send payment in any other form, as the Association’s bank is unable to accept it.

CANCELLATIONS / CHANGES
The closing date for reservations is October 20, 1996, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to October 27, 1996, subject to deduction of GBP 50 to cover administration and overheads. Cancellations should be notified to the Association at the address given above (telefax +45 33 41 41 33). No refunds will be given for any cancellation received after October 27, 1996. 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 the speakers without advance notice.