

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

1997 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Recent Developments In
European Air Transport
Law and Policy**

Madrid, 7 November

1997 has seen the removal of the last remaining qualifications to a fully liberalised EC air transport market, and increasing signs that liberalisation is stimulating structural changes and producing significant benefits for passengers. It has also seen the focus of regulatory attention moving from liberalisation to safety matters, with initiatives in the field of foreign safety oversight, the reformation of Eurocontrol and the creation of a single European aviation safety authority. Also in high profile during 1997 have been EC/US issues - in connection with transatlantic airline alliances (particularly British Airways/American Airlines) and the Commission's reaction to the Boeing/McDonnell Douglas merger. These various developments will provide the principal topics for discussion at the Association's annual conference for 1997.

09.15	-	09.45	Registration
09.30	-	09.45	General meeting of members
09.45	-	10.00	Introductory remarks Professor P. D. Dagtoglou, President of the Association Chairman of the morning session
10.00	-	10.15	Welcome address Jesus Perez Blanco, Deputy Director, Spanish Civil Aviation Authority
10.15	-	10.40	The single air transport market - the record to date Bob Cotterill, Head of Economic Policy, UK Civil Aviation Authority
10.40	-	11.05	Investigation of accidents in the light of the EC Directive - pros and cons Fernando Beteta, Estudio Internacional, Madrid
11.05	-	11.15	Questions and discussion
11.15	-	11.45	Coffee
11.45	-	12.10	Concentration in the aircraft manufacturing sector Colin Mannin, Senior Counsel, Airbus Industrie
12.10	-	12.35	Recent issues in the aircraft manufacturing sector Pedro Montoya, Deputy General Counsel, CASA
12.35	-	12.45	Questions and discussion
13.00	-	14.30	Lunch

- 14.30 - 14.40 Introductory remarks
Professor C. O. Lenz, Advocate General, European Court
of Justice
Chairman of the afternoon session
- 14.40 - 15.05 Current issues in aviation safety regulation
Val Eggers, Chairman, ECAC
- 15.05 - 15.30 A single authority for aviation safety
Peter Malanik, General Manager Technical and
Operations, Association of European Airlines
- 15.30 - 15.45 Questions and discussion
- 15.45 - 16.15 Tea
- 16.15 - 17.45 Panel discussion on airline alliances
Moderator : Richard Whitaker, Editor, Airline Business
Chris Allen, Head of Competition & Industry Affairs,
British Airways
Ben van Houtte, Head of Division, DG VII EC
Commission
Peter van Fenema, Vice President Foreign Relations and
Co-operation , KLM
Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus, Vice President International
Relations, Lufthansa
Mark Gerchick, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US
Department of Transportation
- 17.45 - 18.00 Closing remarks

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 40 will be required to cover costs. The dinner will take place on Thursday 6 November at 8.30 pm, with drinks from 8pm, at Restaurante La Pepa, Calle Cava Baja 38, 28005 Madrid (tel : (341) 366.72.12). All speakers and delegates at the conference and all members of the Association are welcome (subject to availability).

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE

Castellana Intercontinental Hotel, Paseo de la Castellana 49, 28046 Madrid (tel : (341) 310.02.00, fax : (341) 319.58.53).

FEE

Conference (to include dinner, lunch, drinks after the conference, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 1996 Annual Conference):

GBP 250 for members (as at 1 October 1997)

GBP 350 for non-members

Please note that the reduced membership rate is only available to those who have become paid-up members for 1997 by 1 October 1997.

The 1997 subscription is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms has been reserved in the Castellana Intercontinental Hotel (details above) at a reduced rate of PTA 18,000 for a single room and PTA 20,000 for a double room for the night of 6 November, and PTA 16,400 for a single or double room for the nights of 7 and 8 November (in all cases + 7% VAT). Bookings should be made directly with the hotel, and reference should be made to the European Air Law Association.

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 Ms Sophie Hardy, Estudio International, Velázquez 57, 28001 Madrid, Spain (tel : (341) 431.48.10, fax: (341) 575.33.43)**. Payment should be made, please in any of the following ways (in order of preference):

- by direct transfer (net of bank charges) to the Association's account at National Westminster Bank, PO Box 3308, 57 Victoria Street, London, SW1 ONH, Sort code 56-00-33, identifying the name of the sender, to account no. 48048100 (Sterling)
- 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 20 October 1997, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 27 October 1997, subject to deduction of GBP 50 to cover administration and overheads. Cancellations should be notified to the Association at the address given above (telefax (341) 575.33.43). No refunds will be given for any cancellation received after 27 October 1997. 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.