

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW
ASSOCIATION**

**10th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

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

**Vienna, Friday 6 November 1998
Altes Rathaus, Festsaal**

1998 has seen further efforts by the European Commission to reduce the number of natural monopolies in the air transport market. The Council of the EU discussed a Directive aimed at regulating airport practices by limiting the level of charges, putting an end to unfair practices and improving transparency for users. At the same time, the Commission set conditions on airline alliances after having carried out investigations into several alliances between EU and US carriers.

Another significant issue in 1998 has been the review of conditions of carriage and tickets in consultation with the Commission and with consumer organisations as well as the proposal for a revision of Regulation No. 295/91 regarding denied boarding compensation. Also in high profile during 1998 has been the proposal for a multilateral treaty between the EU and Eastern European countries regarding the adoption of the air law regime of the EU and EU competition law, which would create a common European aviation area.

These various developments will provide the principal topics for discussion at the Association's annual conference for 1998.

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Programme

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08.30 - 09.00	Registration, Coffee
09.00 - 09.20	Introduction Prof. P.D. Dagtoglou President of the Association and Chairman of the morning session
	Opening address Dr. Hannes Jarolim , Jarolim & Partner, Vienna
09.20 - 09.30	Welcome address Caspar Einem , Minister of Transport
09.30 - 09.55	Airline alliances and competition regulations Dieter Wolf , President of the German Federal Cartel Office
09.55 - 11.15	1st Panel: Extension of EU air transport competition rules to air transport to and from the EU <i>Chairman</i> Humbert Drabbe , European Commission DG IV <i>Panellists</i> Helmut W.R. Kreis , Kreis, Kubac, Svoboda & Kirchweiger Rosa Maria Gulotta , Alitalia, Head of International Affairs Alain Benlezar , Air France, Vice President European and Industry Affairs Sandy Murdock , Shaw, Pittman, Potts, Trowbridge, Washington
11.15 - 11.40	Coffee

- 11.40 - 13.00 2nd Panel: Current airline/passenger issues
Denied boarding compensation - New IATA Conditions of Carriage
Chairman
John Balfour, Beaumont & Son, London
Panellists
Rob Donald, Director Legal Services, IATA, Montreal
Sefik Yuksel, General Manager Trade Practice, AEA
Philip Martin, UK Air Transport Users Council
- 13.00 - 14.25 Lunch
- 14.25 - 14.30 Introductory remarks
Prof. C.O. Lenz, Former Advocate General, European Court of Justice and
Chairman of the afternoon session
- 14.30 - 15.50 3rd Panel: Airports and abuse of dominant position
Application of Articles 86 and 90 of the EC Treaty to airports and airport
systems
Chairman
Trevor Soames, Norton Rose
Panellists
Dr. Herbert Bammer, President of Austrian Airlines, Chairman of the
IATA Board of Governors
Heinz Dillman, Flughafen Frankfurt Main AG, Head of Legal Department
Dr. Horst Bittlinger, Board of Airlines representatives in Germany
- 15.50 - 16.10 Coffee
- 16.10 - 17.40 4th Panel: Common European aviation area
Harmonisation of aviation rules in central and eastern European countries.
Chairman
Claude Probst, European Commission DG VII
Panellists
Dr. Gerhard Stadler, Director General CAA Austria
Klaus Koplín, Secretary General JAA
Zbigniew Kiszczak, LOT Polish Airlines
Urs Haldimann, Swiss Civil Aviation Authority
- 17.00 - 18.00 Closing Remarks
Prof. P.D. Dagoglou, President of the Association
- 18.00 - 19.00 Cocktail Reception

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 5 November at 8.30pm, with drinks from 8.00pm, at Wiener Börsensale, Wipplingerstrasse 34, A-1010 Vienna (tel: (+431) 533 73 58). All speakers and delegates at the conference and all members of the Association are welcome (subject to availability).

CONFERENCE VENUE

Altes Rathaus, Festsaal, Wipplingerstrasse 8, A-1010 Vienna (tel +431 534 36-0. fax +431 534 36-9901120).

REGISTRATION FEE

Conference (to include dinner, lunch, drinks after the conference, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 1997 Annual Conference)

GBP 250 for members (as at 1 October 1998)

GBP 350 for non-members

Please note that the reduced membership rate is only available to those who have become paid-up members for 1998 by 1 October 1998.

The 1998 subscription is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of standard rooms has been reserved in the Hotel Bristol, Kärntnerring 1 A-1010 Vienna (tel +431 515 16-0, fax +431 515 516 550) at a reduced rate of ATS 2.000 for a single room and ATS 2.300 for a double room for the nights of 5 and 6 November. The same rates apply for additional nights. The rates include buffet breakfast, service and tax. Bookings should be made directly with the hotel, and reference should be made to the European Air Law Association. As a consequence of Austria's presidency of the European Union till the end of 1998 and the extremely tight hotel room situation in Vienna we recommend to book as soon as possible but not later than 10 October 1998. After this date the rooms may not be available.

REDUCED TICKET FARES

Austrian Airlines has offered participants in the conference a 50% reduction of the normal fares on the Austrian Airlines network. At all Austrian Airlines ticket offices please refer to the European Air Law Associations annual conference.

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 Mr. Henrik Lind, Gorrissen Federspiel Kierkegaard, H C Andersens Boulevard 12, DK-1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark (tel +45 3341 4141, fax +45 3341 4133)**. 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 3038, 57 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0HN, Sort code: 56-00-33, identifying the name of the sender, to account no. 48048100 (Sterling)
- by Cheques for GBP drawn of 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 19 October 1998, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 26 October 1998, subject to deduction of GBP 50 to cover administration and overheads. Cancellations should be notified to the Association at the address given above (telefax +431 524 70 81 20). No refunds will be given for any cancellation received after 26 October 1998. The name of the delegate may be changed 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 notice.