

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW
ASSOCIATION**

**11th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Recent Developments In
European Air Transport
Law and Policy

Lisbon, Friday 5 November 1999

In 1999 liberalisation of the air transport market in the EC has continued to have many positive results. As with US deregulation in 1978, it is clearly leading to growing consolidation, principally by way of alliances, and the Commission's ongoing investigation of the transatlantic airline alliances continues to dominate the agenda.

For all its positive results, some question whether liberalisation has been achieved at the cost of a deterioration in public service, despite the scope left by the 1992 third package for public service obligations.

With the increased competition resulting from liberalisation, airlines have come under pressure to cut costs. A prime target has been distribution costs, assisted by developments in technology. This is leading to differences in the relationship between airlines and travel agents and in the role of agents.

In its communication on the European airline industry adopted in May 1999, the Commission made it clear that the completion of the single market in air transport with a genuine external dimension, particularly involving the US, is a priority.

All these topical issues will be discussed at the Association's annual conference for 1999.

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Programme

- 08.30 - 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 - 09.15 Introduction
Professor P.D. Dagoglou, President of the Association
- 09.15 - 09.30 Welcome address, **João Cravinho**, Minister, Ministério do Equipamento, do Planeamento e da Administração do Território, Portugal
- 09.30 - 11.00 Is the concept of public service compatible with a liberalised, competitive air transport industry?
Moderator
Sven Unger, Mannheimer Swartling, Stockholm
Panellists
Alda Maria Santos Pato, Lawyer and Assistant to the Board of Directors, TAP, Lisbon
Robert Espérou, Former Inspector General, French Civil Aviation
Hans Krakauer, Senior Vice President, International Airline Passengers Association, Office of Government & Industry Affairs, Faro

- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee/tea
- 11.30 - 13.00 Current issues arising with airline alliances
Moderator
Frank Montag, Freshfields Deringer, Brussels
Panellists
Serge Durande, DGIV, EC Commission, Brussels
Nicolai von Rückteschell, General Counsel, Lufthansa, Frankfurt
Filipa Mendes Pinto, Portugalia, Lisbon
Jon Moss, Director of Regulatory Affairs, United Airlines, Chicago
- 13.00 - 15.00 Lunch
Palácio Galveias
Campo Pequeno (facing the conference location)
- 15.00 - 16.00 Airlines and travel agents
Moderator
Fernando Beteta, Estudio Internacional, Madrid
Panellists
Pietro Girardi, Lawyer, Rome
Jacques Maillot, President Director General, Nouvelles Frontières, Paris
- 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee/tea
- 16.30 - 18.00 Aviation relations between the EC and non-EC states
Moderator
Andrew Charlton, IATA, Geneva
Panellists
René Fennes, DGVII, EC Commission, Brussels
Jeffrey Shane, Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, Washington DC
Rainer Münz, Ministry of Transport, Germany
Speaker from South American airline/government (to be confirmed)
- 18.00 President's closing remarks and drinks

Cocktail Reception

The law firm A M Pereira, Saragga Seal, Oliveira Martins, Judice & Associados kindly invites all conference speakers and delegates to a cocktail reception at its offices at Av da Liberdade 224, 1250-148 Lisbon (tel (+3511) 319 7300) from 7pm to 8.15 pm on Thursday 4 November.

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 GBP40 will be required to cover costs. The dinner will take place on Thursday 4 November at 8.30pm at Hotel Tivoli Lisboa, Panoramic Terraço Restaurant, Av da Liberdade 185, Lisbon (tel (+3511) 319 8900). All speakers and delegates at the conference and all members of the Association are welcome (subject to availability).

Conference Venue

Culturgeste, Edifício Caixa Geral de Depósitos, Arco do Cego, 1000 Lisbon (tel (+3511) 790 5454).

Registration fee

Conference (to include dinner, drinks, lunch, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 1998 Annual Conference)

GBP 300 for members (as at 1 October 1999), GBP 400 for non-members

Please note that the reduced membership rate is only available to those who have become paid-up members for 1999 by 1 October 1999.

The 1999 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 Tivoli Lisboa, Av da Liberdade 185, Lisbon (tel (+3511) 319 8900 fax (+3511) 319 8950) at a reduced rate of PTE24,500 (Euro 121.21) for a single room and PTE26,500 (Euro 132.18) for a double room. The rates include buffet breakfast. Bookings should be made directly with the hotel, and reference should be made to the European Air Law Association. The deadline for booking is 4 October 1999.

Reduced Ticket Fares

TAP has kindly offered participants in the conference a 50% reduction on the normal fares on its network. At all TAP ticket offices please refer to the European Air Law Association's 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 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 PLC, P O 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 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 19 October 1999, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 26 October 1999, subject to deduction of GBP50 to cover administration and overheads. Cancellations should be notified to Mr Henrik Lind at the address given above (fax (+45) 3341 4133). No refunds will be given for any cancellation received after 26 October 1999. 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 notice.