

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW
ASSOCIATION**

**12th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

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

Athens, Friday 3 November 2000

A significant feature of the airline industry during 2000 has continued to be the trend to alliance and consolidation, both within the European Union and in the rest of the world, raising important competition issues for the regulators.

The Commission has continued to be active in putting forward proposals for legislation and discussion papers. One priority area highlighted by the new Transport Commissioner, Mrs Loyola de Palacio, is air passengers' rights, and an initiative launched only earlier this year seems likely to produce concrete results soon.

It also looks as though the Commission's long-awaited proposals for revision of Council Regulation 95/93 on slot allocation will at last be published, possibly by the time the conference takes place.

Council Directive 95/46 on data protection has important practical implications for an industry such as the airline industry which processes so much personal data. Although the Directive has now been in effect for about two years, these practical implications are not always well understood.

All these topical issues will be discussed at the Association's annual conference for 2000 in Athens.

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Programme

- 08.30 - 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 - 09.10 Opening address
Professor **P.D. Dagtoglou**, President of the Association
- 09.10 - 09.30 Welcome addresses
Greek Minister of Transport and Telecommunications
and **Manolis Keramianakis**, Director of International Relations, Civil Aviation Authority, Greece
- 09.30 - 11.00 Passenger rights
Moderator
John Balfour, Partner, Beaumont and Son
Panellists
David Short, Director Legal Services, IATA
John Wilson, DG Energy and Transport, European Commission
Philip Martin, Director General, Air Transport Users Council
Owen Highley, Solicitor, British Airways
Lia Athanassiou, Legal Advisor to the Minister of Transport, Lecturer at the University of Athens
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee/tea

- 11.30 - 12.30 Implications of the new EC data protection regime for airlines
Moderator
Nikolai Ehlers, Partner, Ehlers Ehlers and Partner
Panellists
Ana Regidor Bailly-Bailliere, Senior Corporate Counsel,
Amadeus, Madrid
Douglas Abramson, Senior Vice President Human Resources,
General Counsel and Secretary, Worldspan, Atlanta
Frederik Sørensen, Head of Unit, DG Energy and Transport,
European Commission
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 14.05 Introduction by Chairman of the afternoon session
Professor Carl Otto Lenz, Baker & Mackenzie, former
Advocate General at the European Court of Justice
- 14.05 - 14.30 The Transatlantic Common Aviation Area
Dieter Bartkowski, Director Air Transport, Federal Ministry of
Transport, Germany
- 14.30 - 16.00 Airline alliances
Moderator
Trevor Soames, Partner, Norton Rose
Panellists
John Finnegan, DG Competition, European Commission
Greg Sivinski, Senior Attorney, American Airlines
Michel Folliot, Deputy VP Legal (Corporate) Transport Law
Regulation, Air France
William Bishop, Chairman, Lexecon (Consulting Economists)
- 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee/tea
- 16.30 - 18.00 Airport slots
Moderator
Hugh O'Donovan, Partner, Denton Wilde Sapte
Panellists
Pablo Mendes de Leon, Director, International Institute of Air
and Space Law, Leiden University
Frederik Sørensen, Head of Unit, DG Energy and Transport, European
Commission
Tina Stea, Director Legal Affairs and Company Secretary,
Athens International Airport
Another speaker to be confirmed
- 18.00 President's closing remarks
Drinks

Cocktail and Buffet Receptions

A cocktail reception will be held at the Grande Bretagne Hotel, Constitution Square (Syntagma), Athens, from 7pm on Thursday 2 November, to which all speakers and delegates are invited.

The law firm of G. Bissias & I. Bissias-Tagaris kindly invites all conference speakers and delegates to a buffet reception at 21 Dimokritou Street, Kolonaki (near to Grande Bretagne Hotel) after the close of the conference on Friday 3 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 2 November at 8.30pm at The Grande Bretagne Hotel, Constitution Square (Syntagma), Athens. All speakers and delegates at the conference and all members of the Association are welcome (subject to availability).

Conference Venue

The Grande Bretagne Hotel, Constitution Square (Syntagma), Athens (tel: (+301) 331 4555 fax (+301) 322 0211).

Registration Fee

The registration fee for the conference (to include dinner, drinks, lunch, papers and free copies of the published papers of the 1999 Annual Conference and the 1999 Munich Seminar on airline liability) is GBP 300 for members (as at 1 October 2000) and GBP 400 for non-members.

Please note that the reduced membership rate is only available to those who have become paid-up members for 2000 by 1 October 2000.

The 2000 subscription is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

Hotel Accommodation

A limited number of rooms has been reserved in the Grande Bretagne Hotel, Constitution Square (Syntagma), Athens (tel: (+301) 331 4555 fax (+301) 322 0211) at the rate of GRD 38,000 per night for a room (single or double). Bookings should be made directly with the hotel as soon as possible, 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 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 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 23 October 2000, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30 October 2000, 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 30 October 2000. 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.

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