EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recent Developments in European Air Transport Law and Policy

Zurich, Friday 9 November 2001

The year 2001 has continued to see the trend to alliances and consolidation between airlines, but also, importantly, indications of the EC Commission's emerging policy in this area.

Airports have also continued to receive increasing regulatory attention, particularly with regard to relations between airports and neighbouring communities in the face of the increasing demand for capacity at airports.

The practical operation of Council Directive 94/56 on aircraft accident investigation has been tested by experience, particularly following the Concorde accident.

All these topical issues will be discussed at the Association's annual conference for 2001 in Zurich. As the location is Zurich, it is also appropriate to consider the issue of the European Aviation Area, which Switzerland is expected to join in the near future. Dr Mario Corti, President of the Board and CEO of Swissair, has kindly agreed to give a talk at the conference dinner.

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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 address Dr Hans Werder, Secretary General of the Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland
09.30 - 11.00	The European Aviation Area
	Moderator Professor Carl Otto Lenz, Baker & McKenzie, Brussels
	Panellists Urs Haldimann, Head of the Competence Centre International Affairs, Federal Office for Civil Aviation, Switzerland Ludolf van Hasselt, DG Transport and Energy, EC Commission Francis Schubert, Corporate Secretary, Skyguide (formerly Swisscontrol)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee/tea

11.30 – 13.00	Topical issues concerning airports (including airport systems and relations between airports and neighbouring communities)
	Moderator Richard Everitt, Chief Executive, National Air Traffic Services
	Panellists Regula Dettling-Ott, Schiller Denzler Dubs, Switzerland Bernd Nierobisch, Executive Director, German Airports Association Giuseppe Guerreri, Studio Legale Guerreri, Rome
13.00 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 14.45	Some reflections on European air transport liberalisation Frederik Srensen, Aviation Consultant, formerly DG Transport and Energy, EC Commission
14.45 – 16.15	Aircraft accident investigation (including the issues of independence and the relationship between the technical and the judicial investigation)
	Moderator Fernando Beteta, Estudio Internacional, Madrid
	Panellists Ken Smart, Chief Inspector of Air Accidents, UK Kurt Lier, Former Head, Swiss Aircraft Accident Investigation Office Peter Schlegel, Director, Bundesstelle für Flugunfalluntersuchung, Braunschweig
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee/tea
16.45 – 18.15	Airline alliances, mergers and take-overs – the emerging Commission policy
	Moderator Frank Montag, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels
Ş	Panellists Joos Stragier, DG Competition, EC Commission Mats Lönnkvist, SAS Peter Malanik, Secretary General and Vice President International Relations, Austrian Airlines
18.15	President's closing remarks
	Drinks

Drinks Reception and Dinner Thursday 8 November 2001

Speakers and delegates are invited to a drinks reception and dinner, to commence at 7pm and 8pm respectively at the Baur au Lac Hotel on 8 November. Dr Mario Corti, President of the Board and CEO of Swissair will give a talk at the dinner. The charge is included in the conference fee, but if a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of GBP40 will be required.

Conference Venue

Baur au Lac Hotel, Talstrasse 1, 8022 Zurich (tel (+411) 220 5020), (fax)+411 220 5044).

Registration Fee

The registration fee (to include dinner, drinks, lunch, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 2000 Annual Conference) is GBP 300 for members (as at 1 October 2001) and GBP 400 for non-members. The 2001 subscription is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

Hotel Accommodation

A limited number of rooms has been reserved in the following hotels:

Baur au Lac, Talstrasse 1, 8022 Zurich (tel (+411) 220 5020), (fax)+411 220 5044) at the rate of CHF 590 per night and room without breakfast, additional night during the weekend at CHF560 including taxes and breakfast.

Glärnischhof, Claridenstr, 30, 8002 Zurich (tel (+411) 286 2222) (fax (+411) 286 2286) at the rate of CHF 350 per night for a single and CHF430 for a double room. Additional nights during the weekend at CHF 270 for a single and CHF340 for a double room.

Splügenschloss, Splügenstrasse 2, 8002 Zurich (tel (+411) 289 9999) (fax (+411) 289 9998) at the rate of CHF395 per night for a single and CHF480 for a double room.

Ascot, Tessinerplatz 9, 8002 Zurich (tel (+411) 208 1414) (fax (+411) 208 1420) at the rate of CHF360 for a single and CHF430 for a double room.

Rooms are available on a first come first served basis and bookings should be made directly with the hotel as soon as possible by referring to the European Air Law Association 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 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 29 October 2001, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 5 November 2001, subject to deduction of GBP50 to cover administration. Thereafter there will be no refund. Cancellations should be notified to Mr Henrik Lind at the address given above. 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.

Law Society CPD

The conference has been approved by the Law Society of England and Wales for the purposes of Continuous Professional Development credits under reference BXK/EALA.

Free Places and Grants for Postgraduate Air Law Students

The EALA offers a limited number of free places to post-graduate air law students who demonstrate satisfactory qualifications, and also to cover transport and accommodation costs. Interested applicants should write to Mr Henrik Lind, at the address given above, giving details of their qualifications and interest. The award of such free places and grants is entirely at his discretion, and his decision shall be final.