

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW
ASSOCIATION**

**14th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Recent Developments in
European Air Transport
Law and Policy

Stockholm, Friday 22 November 2002

At the end of 2002 the third package will have been in force for ten years. It is therefore a good moment to review the record in terms of compliance and problems which have been encountered.

Competition law continues to play an important role in the airline sector, and topical issues include frequent flyer programmes, the response by traditional airlines to low-cost airlines and arrangements between low-cost airlines and airports.

For the last few years state aid to airlines had been a dormant issue, but it is now back in earnest – in connection with the very different responses of the EU and the US to the events of 11 September, the similar but different fates of Sabena and Swissair and the opening of a Commission investigation into Olympic.

Passenger rights remains a subject high on the Commission's agenda, and its proposal for a regulation on compensation for denied boarding and flight delays and cancellation is exciting strong opposition from airlines.

All these subjects will be covered in the Association's annual conference for 2002, and in some cases from a particular Scandinavian point of view. General developments in both the Nordic region will also be discussed, particularly in view of the expected imminent special aviation arrangements between the Baltic states and the EU.

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PROGRAMME

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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration |
| 09.00 – 09.15 | Opening address
Professor P D Dagtolou , President of the Association |
| 09.15 – 09.30 | Welcome address
Mr Lars Rekke , Director General of the Swedish Civil Aviation Administration |
| 09.30 – 09.50 | Developments in the Nordic Area
Advokat Henrik Lind , Gorrissen Federspiel Kierkegaard, Copenhagen |
| 09.50-10.15 | Claims arising from 11 September 2001 – the current situation
George Tompkins , Schnader Harrison, New York |
| 10.15 – 11.15 | Passenger rights

Moderator
Professor Dr Stephen Hobe , Director, The Cologne Institute for Space and Air Law |

- Panellists
Mats Lönnkvist, General Counsel of SAS
Marianne Åbyhammar, Deputy Consumer Ombudsman, Swedish Consumer Agency
- 11.15 – 11.45 Coffee/tea
- 11.45 – 13.00 Review of EC “third package” after ten years and comments on ECJ’s “open skies” judgment
- Professor Pablo Mendes de Leon**, Leiden University
Ulrich Schulte Strathaus, Director AEA
John Balfour, Beaumont and Son, London
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 Current issues in competition law
- Moderator
Advokat Sven Unger, Mannheimer Swartling, Stockholm
- Panellists
Joos Stragier, DG Competition, EC Commission
Magnus Ulriksson, Head of Legal Affairs, Swedish Competition Authority
Filipa Mendes Pinto, Head of Legal Department, PGA- Portugalia Airlines, Lisbon
Trevor Soames, Howrey Simon Arnold & White, Brussels
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee/tea
- 16.30 – 18.15 Is state aid coming back?
- Moderator
John Balfour, Beaumont and Son, London
- Panellists
Thomas Kropp, Vice President, Corporate International Relations and Government Affairs, Lufthansa, Frankfurt
Donald Reichenbach, Reichenbach and Reichenbach, Zurich
Pierre Frühling, Verhaegen Walravens, Brussels
- 18.15 President’s closing remarks
- Drinks

Drinks Reception and Dinner Thursday 21 November 2002

Speakers and delegates are invited to a drinks reception and dinner, to commence at 7pm at Restaurant Solliden, Skansen, Stockholm. The charge for the dinner is included in the conference fee, but if a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of GBP 50 will be required

Conference Venue

Berns, Berzelii Park, Stockholm, tel +46-8-566 323 05, fax +46-8-566 326 83

Registration Fee

The registration fee (to include dinner, drinks, lunch, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 2001 Annual Conference) is GBP 400 for members (as at 1 November 2002) and GBP 500 for non-members. The 2002 membership fee is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

Hotel Accommodation

A limited number of rooms has been reserved in the following hotel:
Radisson SAS Strand Hotel, Nybrokajen 9, Box 16396, 103 27 Stockholm, Sweden. Tel +46-8-50 66 4000, fax +46-8-50 66 4001. The rate is SEK 2 212 for a standard single room and SEK 2 385 for a superior single room per night and room with breakfast. Additional night for Friday 22 November is the same price per night and 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.

The hotel is situated 5 minutes walk from the conference venue.

Reservations

Acceptance of reservations for the conference is conditional upon availability of space. Reservations shall 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):

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- by Cheque for GBP drawn on an English bank; or
- by Eurocheque (for GBP).

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Cancellations/changes

The closing date for reservations is 8 November 2002, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 13 November 2002, 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.

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