

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW
ASSOCIATION**

**16TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
EUROPEAN AIR TRANSPORT
LAW AND POLICY**

**BERLIN, FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2004
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2004 has been an interesting year for the airline industry with a substantial upturn in the market compared to the previous very difficult years. In Europe the major event has obviously been the enlargement of the European Union with 10 new member countries. This has already had an impact on the aviation industry and airlines in both the new member countries and the present European Union. It is therefore only appropriate that the European Air Law Association devotes time at the annual meeting for a detailed analysis of the consequences of the enlargement. The Association bids welcome participants from new member countries and the airline industry in those countries.

From a regulatory point of view the year has also been marked by the entry into force of a new European competition scheme with drastically changed procedural rules. The European Air Law Association considers these issues to be a core part of the Association's focus and has therefore established a panel, which will discuss the impact of the new regulatory scheme for the airlines and the aviation industry.

Low-cost carriers have again dominated the development in the industry. Already established low-cost carriers have expanded, the national carriers have set up their own low-cost carriers and new low-cost carriers have mushroomed all over Europe. At the same time issues have arisen as to the commercial agreements made by low-cost carriers and airports around Europe, which has again focused the attention on state aid. All these issues will be covered by a separate panel at the annual meeting.

In addition, we will focus on the development of the aviation industry in the host country, Germany, and also devote time to recent issues which will impact on the future development of the industry, such as the Air France/KLM merger and the status of the European/US open skies negotiations just after the American presidential election and the election of a new European Commission.

The conference will be held in vibrant Berlin in the historical settings of the Hotel Adlon, right at the Brandenburg Gate. You should not miss the opportunity to be updated on the airline industry and its legal regime, to visit Berlin and to use the annual meeting as an excellent venue for networking. We have also arranged tickets for those of you who are interested in a visit to the Berlin State Opera for a performance of Prokofiev's ballet *Cinderella*.

The Association is grateful to Lufthansa for their generous contribution to the costs of the seminar and to Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens (who publish the books of the Association's conferences) for their generous assistance in printing these programmes for the Association without charge.



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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2004

CONFERENCE DINNER

19:00

Cocktail Reception and Dinner

The *Abgeordnetenrestaurant* (the Members' Restaurant) in the *Reichstag* (German Parliament Building)

Dinner Address

Professor Dr. Stephan Hobe, Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, University of Cologne

After the dinner: visit of the Cupola of the *Reichstag*

FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2004

CONFERENCE

- :00 – 09:00 **Registration**
- :00 – 09:15 **Opening Address**
Professor P.D. Dagtoglou, President of the Association
- :15 – 09:45 **Aviation in Germany, including current issues relating to the airports in Berlin and the Zurich Airport dispute.**
Thilo Schmidt, Deputy Director General of Civil Aviation, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing, Germany
- :45 – 11:15 **The new competition regime as it applies to aviation.**
Moderator: **Frank Montag**, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels
Panellists: **Maria de Cuiña**, General Counsel, British Airways
Nicolai von Ruckteschell, Senior VP and General Counsel, Lufthansa
Trevor Soames, Partner, Howrey Simon Arnold & White, Brussels
- :15 – 11:30 **Coffee/tea**
- :30 – 13:00 **Enlargement of the European Union. The regulatory impact on the aviation industry.**
Moderator: **Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus**, Secretary General, Association of European Airlines
Panellists: **Branka Kartalija**, Director of Legal Affairs, Croatia Airlines
Peter Malanik, Secretary Counsel and Vice President International, Austrian Airlines
Rainer Münz, Head of Section, Air Transport Policy, Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing, Germany
Attila Sipos, Legal Director, Malev
- :00 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- Luncheon Address**
Eckhard Rautenberg, Head of Human Resources, Legal and Insurance Department, Air Berlin
- :30 – 16:00 **Low cost carriers. Current legal issues.**
Moderator: **P. Nikolai Ehlers**, Partner, Ehlers, Ehlers & Partner, Munich
Panellists: **Jim Callaghan**, Head of Regulatory Affairs and Company Secretary, Ryanair
Jörg Schumacher, Managing Director, Frankfurt-Hahn Airport
Ursula Sperber, Senior Legal Counsel, Head of Aviation Law, Lufthansa
Invited: **Representative of the EU Commission**, DG Energy and Transport
- :00 – 16:15 **Coffee/tea**
- :15 – 17:45 **Recent Developments**
Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Carl-Otto Lenz**, Honorary President of the Association
Panellists: **Daniel Calleja**, Chef de Cabinet of Commissioner Loyola de Palacio, and Director of Air Transport Designate, DG Energy and Transport (tbc)
The Air France/KLM merger:
Jan Ernst de Groot, Senior Vice President Government & Industry Affairs, KLM
The EU-US open skies negotiations:
Charlene Kennedy, General Manager-International and Regulatory Affairs, Delta Air Lines (tbc)
The Alitalia crisis:
Giuseppe Guerreri, Studio Legale Guerreri, Rome (tbc)
- :45 – 18:00 **President's Closing Remarks**
Professor P. D. Dagtoglou, President of the Association
- :00 – 18:30 **Cocktail Reception**

CONFERENCE DINNER, THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2004

All speakers and delegates are invited to a cocktail reception and dinner, to commence at 19:00 at the *Abgeordnetenrestaurant* (the MPs' restaurant) on the 1st floor of the *Reichstag* (German Parliament Building). Please enter the *Reichstag* through the North Entrance on *Paul-Löbe-Allee* (facing the *Paul-Löbe-Haus* and the bank of the river *Spree*). This will allow you direct access and will avoid any waiting. For security reasons we have to ask the participants attending the dinner for their date of birth. Please present your ID or passport at the entrance and be prepared for a security check.

Please do not confuse the *Abgeordnetenrestaurant* in the *Reichstag* with the rooftop restaurant *Käfer* in the *Reichstag*.

After the dinner there will be a guided tour of the glass Cupola of the *Reichstag*, a landmark of Germany's capital. The charge for the conference dinner is included in the conference fee, however, if a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of GBP 75 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Hotel Adlon Kempinski, Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin, Germany, tel: +49-30-2261 0, fax: +49-30-2261 2222, e-mail: adlon@kempinski.com, www.hotel-adlon.de

REGISTRATIONS

The closing date for registrations is 24 October 2004, although the organizers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Acceptance of registrations is conditional upon availability of space. No registrations will be accepted without payment.

REGISTRATION FEE

The conference fee (to include dinner, drinks, lunch, cocktails, papers and a free copy of the published papers of the 2003 Annual Conference) is GBP 450 for members (as at 1 October 2004) and GBP 550 for non-members. The 2004 membership fee is GBP 25 for individuals and GBP 75 for companies/firms.

Students - Air law students will by special application to the Treasurer be able to participate in the annual conference for a reduced fee of GBP 200. The number of students will be limited to 10. Those who are admitted to participate in the conference shall complete and submit the registration form and pay the reduced conference fee as per payment instructions set out below.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the following hotels:

- **Hotel Adlon Kempinski** (which is also the conference venue), (address and communication details see above at "Conference Venue"). The rate is EUR 250 for single occupancy / EUR 285 for double occupancy per night (not including breakfast). Bookings have to be made directly with the hotel and reference should be made to: EALA Annual Conference. The deadline for this offer is 10 October 2004, but booking as early as possible is highly recommended.

- **Maritim pro Arte Hotel** (Friedrichstrasse 151, 10117 Berlin, tel: +49-30-2033 5, fax: +49-30-2033 4209, e-mail: info.bpa@maritim.de, www.maritim.de. The rates are between EUR 129 and EUR 159 for single occupancy / between EUR 158 and EUR 188 for double occupancy per night (including breakfast). Bookings have to be made directly with the hotel and reference should be made to: EALA. The deadline for this offer is 10 October 2004, but booking as early as possible is highly recommended as the number of blocked rooms is limited.

VISIT OF THE BALLET "CINDERELLA" AT THE BERLIN STATE OPERA ON 5 NOVEMBER 2004

We have arranged tickets for those of you who are interested in a visit to the Berlin State Opera (Unter den Linden 7 – walking distance from the Hotel Adlon) for a performance of Prokofiev's ballet "Cinderella" on 5 November 2004 starting at 19:00 (max. 40). The prices are EUR 80 and EUR 68. Please indicate your interest on the registration form. The deadline for ticket requests is 4 October 2004. The tickets will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We will inform you if there are no more tickets left. Please pay and collect the tickets during the conference. We cannot accept cancellations of ticket reservations after 4 October.

CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES

Cancellations for the conference can be accepted up to 30 October 2004, subject to deduction of GBP 75 to cover administration. Thereafter there will be no refund. Cancellations should be notified to Mr. P. Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided. The name of the delegate may be changed at any time before commencement of the conference at no extra charge.

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 of the conference 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.