

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW
ASSOCIATION**

**17TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

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

**BUDAPEST, FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2005
SOFITEL BUDAPEST HOTEL**

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2005 has been an interesting year for the airline industry with a slight upturn in the market compared to the previous very difficult years. In Europe the major event has obviously been the effects of 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 old European Union. It is therefore only appropriate that European Air Law Association devotes time at the annual meeting for a detailed analysis of the consequences of the enlargement and the deregulation. The Association bids welcome participants from new member countries and the airline industry in those countries. We are happy that the meeting can be held in Hungary, which is the first time in Central Europe.

2005 has seen the entry into force of a new regulation on denied boarding and important developments in protection of disabled passengers. The European Air Law Association considers these issues to be an important element of the Association's focus and has therefore organized a panel, which will discuss the impact of these very practical subjects concerning passenger protection.

EASA and the Single European Sky are fairly new areas for the airline industry. A panel discussing these important issues will form part of the meeting.

The European Commission has recently published a paper on state aid to airports. In light of the ongoing discussion on low cost carriers, regional airport and state aid, a conference without a thorough analysis of these issues would be less than satisfactory.

Finally, with the introduction of internet booking, the relationship between airlines and travel agents has obtained a new dimension. Can the travel agency industry survive, now that commissions are under severe pressure?

The conference will be held in beautiful Budapest in the five-star Sofitel Hotel Budapest. You should not miss the opportunity to be updated on the airline industry and its legal regime, to visit Budapest and to use the annual meeting as an excellent venue for networking.

The Association is grateful to Ant. N. Sakkoulas Publishers, Athens (who has published the books of the Association's conferences) for their generous assistance in printing these programmes for the Association without charge. The Association is much indebted to Malév Hungarian Airlines, for its outstanding sponsorship of the Budapest meeting.



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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2005

CONFERENCE DINNER

19:00

Cocktail Reception and Dinner

The dining room of the Academy of Sciences

Dinner Address

Dr. János Kóka, Minister of Economy and Transport of the Republic of Hungary

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CONFERENCE

- 08:00 – 08:45 **Registration**
- 08:45 – 09:00 **EALA biennial meeting** (EALA members only)
- 09:00 – 09:15 **Opening Address**
Professor P.D. Dagtoglou, President of EALA
- 09:15 – 9:40 **Key note address**
Dr. László Kiss, President of ECAC and Director General of Civil Aviation of Hungary
- 11:30 – 13:00 **The new entrants, deregulation in Central Europe**
Moderator: **Andras Pakay**, Pakay and Gyurkovics Law Office, Budapest
Panellists: **Hamza Gabor**, Professor of Law, Budapest
Eva Stoklaskova, Director Legal Affairs, Czech Airlines
Dr. Margaret Polkowska, Chief Specialist, Polish Civil Aviation Office,
Law and Legislation Department
Mátè Gorgely, Administrator, Bilateral Aviation Agreements, DG TREN,
European Commission
- 11:10 – 11:30 **Coffee/tea**
- 11:30 – 12:15 **Current issues regarding travel agents**
Moderator: **Henrik Lind**, Partner, Gorrissen Federspiel Kierkegaard, Copenhagen
Panellists: **Dr. H. Jochen Martin, LL.M.**, Secretary General, Association of German
Travel Agents and Tour Operators (DRV)
Connie O'Keefe, Director Legal Services, IATA
- 12:15 – 13:00 **State Aid and Airports**
Moderator: **Professor Dr. Carl Otto Lenz**, Former Advocate General of the Court
of Justice of the European Communities
Panellists: **Marie Wolfcarius**, Head of Unit, Internal Market and Competition,
DG TREN, European Commission
Pierre Frühling, Partner, Verhaegen Walravens, Brussels
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Safety in European Skies**
Moderator: **Dr. Pablo Mendes de Leon**, Leiden University
Panellists: **André Auer**, CEO of JAA
Roderick Van Dam, Legal director of Eurocontrol
Frederik Kämpfe, Vice Director, Legal Department, EASA
Olga Koumartsioti, Administrator, Department for Air Transport, DG
TREN, European Commission
- 16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee/tea**
- 16:15 – 17:45 **Passenger protection issues. The new denied boarding regulation and the draft regulation on disabled passengers**
Moderator: **John Balfour**, Senior Partner, Beaumont and Son, London
Panellists: **Simon Evans**, Director, UK Air Transport Users' Counsel
Kinga Arnold, Legal counsel, Wizz Air
Hans Ollongren, Senior Vice President, SAS
- 17:45 – 18:00 **President's closing remarks**
Professor P.D. Dagtoglou, President of EALA
- 18:00 – 18:30 **Cocktail Reception**

DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER, THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2005

Speakers and delegates are invited to a drinks reception and dinner to commence at 7 pm at **The Academy of Sciences**, Roosevelt Square, Budapest. The charge for the dinner is included in the conference fee. However, if a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of GBP 60 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Sofitel Budapest Hotel, Roosevelt tér 2, 1051 Budapest, Hungary, telephone (+36) 1/266 1234 and telefax (+36) 1/266 9101.

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 and papers, (and a free copy of the published papers of the 2004 Annual Conference) is GBP 450 for members (as at 1 October 2005) and GBP 550 for non-members. The 2005 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:

- **Sofitel Budapest Hotel** (which is also the conference venue), Roosevelt tér 2, 1051 Budapest, Hungary, telephone (+36) 1/266 1234, telefax (+36) 1/266 9101 and e-mail H3229-RE@accor.com. The rate is EUR 185 for a double room per night.

Furthermore, as an alternative a limited number of rooms have been reserved at Hotel Taverna, Vaci u. 20, 1052 Budapest, Hungary, telephone (+36) 1/485 3100, telefax (+36) 1/485 3111 and e-mail hote@hotel.taverna.hu. The rate is EUR 100 for a double room per night.

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.

CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 24th October 2005, although the organizers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30th October 2005, subject to deduction of GBP 75 to cover administration. Thereafter there will be no refund. Cancellations should be notified to Mr. Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided. 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 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.