



EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

# 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2007 is a fascinating year for the airline industry, with the market showing encouraging signs of an upturn after several years of crisis. In this setting, new opportunities and new challenges confront European air transport. The EALA Conference, coming to Dublin, Ireland, for the first time, will address many of the issues of aviation law and policy that will shape the industry in the coming years.

The Cape Town Convention has been in force for nearly two years. While many security interest issues have been resolved, several important questions remain unanswered. Since the international registry is located in Dublin, the EALA has invited key experts to the registry's home jurisdiction to discuss its operation and its legal implications.

Institutional reform is being discussed by a High Level Group which EC Transport Commissioner Jacques Barrot established in early 2007 in order to enhance efficiency and transparency for air transport in Europe, with special reference to considerations of safety and rulemaking. The EALA's Dublin Conference is being held at precisely the right time to learn about the conclusions being formulated by the members of this High Level Group.

Through the abolition of the famous Shannon "stopover" rule, Ireland has been very directly affected by the new air services agreement between the EC and the United States. Dublin is therefore an appropriate venue to discuss how this agreement has the potential to radically change the regulatory environment prevailing between Europe and the United States. What challenges and opportunities will be created by an evolving single EC/U.S. marketplace? EC and U.S. experts, including the leaders of the European and American delegations, will consider these questions at the EALA Conference.

Finally, as always the Conference will present its recurring update on competition law developments in the aviation industry, this time with a particular emphasis on low-cost carriers. Three of Europe's top aviation competition lawyers will take the stage for this important discussion.

The Conference will be held in the exquisitely-restored conference center of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, centrally located in Dublin. You should not miss the opportunity to be updated on the aviation industry and its legal regime, to visit the exciting Irish capital, and to take full advantage of the networking opportunities offered by the EALA Conference.

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

DUBLIN, FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2007  
THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND  
CONFERENCE CENTER

## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2007

#### CONFERENCE DINNER ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

- 19:00            Cocktail Reception and Dinner
- Dinner Keynote Address:  
**Noel Dempsey**, The Minister for Transport of the Republic of Ireland

### FRIDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2007

#### CONFERENCE

- 08:00 – 08:30    Registration
- 08:30 – 09:00    Biennial meeting of the EALA
- 09:00 – 09:15    Opening Address:  
The President of the Association
- 09:15 – 09:45    Opening Keynote Address, “The State of the Aviation Industry in Ireland”:  
**Declan Collier**, Chief Executive Officer, Dublin Airport Authority
- 09:45 – 11:10    *The Cape Town International Registry of Aircraft: Operation and Hot Legal Issues*
- Moderator: **Attila Sipos**, Representative of Hungary on the Council of the  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
Panellists: **Silverio Espinola**, Principal Legal Officer, ICAO  
**Jeffrey Wool**, Secretary, AWG  
Chair, International Registry Advisory Board  
**Niall Green**, Managing Director, Aviareto (The Irish Government/SITA  
Joint Venture on the International Registry, Dublin)
- 11:10 – 11:40    Refreshments
- 11:40 – 13:00    *Safety in European Skies: Who is doing what in the future?*
- Moderator: **André Auer**, Chief Executive, Joint Aviation Authorities and Honorary  
President, European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC)  
Panellists: **Raymond Benjamin**, Executive Secretary, ECAC  
**Frank Manuhutu**, Chief Legal Advisor, European Aviation Safety Agency  
**Roberto Salvarani**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Transport  
and Energy, European Commission, Brussels

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch

Luncheon Keynote Address:

**Dermot Mannion**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Aer Lingus

14:15 – 15:45 *The EC-U.S. Air Services Agreement: Challenges and Opportunities*

Moderator: **Brian Havel**, Fulbright Visiting Chair in Comparative Law and Legal Pluralism, McGill University; Professor of Law and Director, International Aviation Law Institute, DePaul University, Chicago

Panellists: **John Byerly**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Daniel Calleja**, Director, Air Transport Directorate, European Commission

**Alan Dukes**, Director General, Institute of European Affairs, Dublin, Ireland, former Irish Minister for Finance

**Rene Fennes**, Head of International Relations, Ministry of Transport and Public Works, The Netherlands

**Barry Humphreys**, Director of External Affairs & Route Development, Virgin Atlantic Airways

**David Marchick**, Partner, Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, D.C., former senior U.S. Department of Transportation official

**Michael Whitaker**, Senior Vice President, Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs, United Airlines, Chicago

15:45 – 16:15 Refreshments

16:15 – 17:00 *Recent Developments in Competition Law: A Roundtable of the Experts*

Moderator: **Trevor Soames**, Partner, Howrey LLP

Panellists: **Jim Callaghan**, Company Secretary, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Ryanair

**Vincent Power**, Head of EU Competition Unit, A&L Goodbody Solicitors, Dublin

17:00 – 17:15 Closing Remarks by the President of the Association

17:15 – 18:00 Cocktail Reception

## COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER, THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2007

Conference panellists and delegates are invited to a cocktail reception and dinner to commence at 7:00 p.m. at **The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland**, No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. 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 EUR 120 will be required.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

**The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland**, No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland, telephone +353(01)16998800, fax +353(01)16394821, e-mail [info@numbersix.ie](mailto:info@numbersix.ie)

## REGISTRATION FEE

The Conference registration fee (to include dinner, two cocktail receptions, breakfast, and luncheon) is EUR 700 for members (in good standing as of 1 October 2007) and EUR 850 for non-members. The 2007 membership fee is EUR 40 for individuals and EUR 120 for companies/firms.

Delegates from the Baltic States, Eastern and Central Europe will benefit from a 30% reduction of the Conference fee, i.e., EUR 490 for members and EUR 595 for non-members.

Aviation law students, by special application to the Treasurer, will be able to participate in the Conference for a reduced fee of EUR 300. The number of such students will be limited to 10. Students who wish to participate in the Conference must complete and submit the registration form and pay the reduced Conference fee in accordance with the payment instructions set out below.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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

1) The main Conference hotel, located just a few minutes from the Conference venue, is **The Shelbourne Hotel**, 27 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2, telephone +353(01)6634500, fax +353(01)6616006. The special rate is EUR 250 for a double room and EUR 240 for a singleroom 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".

2) As an alternative, the EALA also recommends The Burlington Hotel, Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4, telephone +353(01)6605222, fax +353(01)6603172. The special rate is EUR 165 for a double room and EUR 140 for a single room per night (breakfast included).

## CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 24 October 2007, although the organizers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30 October 2007, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Thereafter, no refund can be offered. Cancellations should be notified to Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided below. The name of a registering delegate may be substituted 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 identity of the panellists 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 BXX/EALA.