



EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



20th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Prague, Friday 7 November 2008
The Municipal House (Obecni Dum)
Náměstí Republiky 1090/5
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Czech Republic

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It is with great pride that EALA celebrates its 20th Anniversary with Prague as a venue. Since 1989 EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues for the aviation industry. It is fair to say that EALA over those 20 years has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for discussion of topical legal issues regarding aviation, especially so from a European perspective.

The present status of EALA is to a great extent due to the leadership and guidance by EALA's president for the last 20 years, Professor P.D. Dagtoglou. EALA's long-term serving president has decided to step down at the Prague conference and will be succeeded by Pablo Mendes de Leon, Professor of Air and Space Law, University of Leiden.

That is why this event will be marked by a very special dinner at the world-famous Municipal House in Prague. To celebrate the 20th Anniversary we have invited Ondrej Havelka and his "Melody Makers", the famous Czech swing orchestra, which will perform during and after the dinner. We firmly invite everybody to bring their spouse to the event in order to make it a truly memorable and enjoyable evening.

The Friday programme commences by a retrospective over the last 20 years to mark the milestones in the development of community law in the aviation sector.

Privatisation of community air carriers is still an important issue, not least for many of the Eastern and Central European airlines. Thus we have devoted the first panel to a presentation and analysis of the often difficult issues, which arise in the course of privatisation.

Air traffic management in Europe is rapidly developing. We will analyse this complex area of safety regulation.

Taxes and other fees to be paid for air transport constitute an area of growing concern for the airlines. We will look further into the relationship between taxation on the one hand and the Chicago Convention and related instruments on the other hand.

Furthermore, we will present the most recent developments in European competition law as applied to the aviation industry. As always, interesting cases will be brought to the attention of the participants and explained by the most expert speakers.

Finally, a presentation on issues relating to airlines in financial distress will be made.

The conference will be held in the fascinating and world-famous Municipal House in Prague (Obecni Dum) located very close to all three conference hotels. You should not miss the opportunity to be updated on the aviation industry and its legal regime, to visit beautiful Prague and to take full advantage of the networking opportunities of the EALA conference.

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2008

CONFERENCE DINNER

The Municipal House, Grégr and Palacký Halls

19:00

Cocktail reception and dinner dance.

EALA 20th Anniversary address:

Pablo Mendes de Leon, President of EALA, Professor of Air and Space Law, University of Leiden.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2008

CONFERENCE

The Municipal House, Sladkovský Hall

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration.**

09:00 – 09:15 **Opening address:** The President of EALA.

09:15 – 09:45 **Opening keynote address** – “Civil Aviation in the Czech Republic”:
Ivo Vykydal, Deputy Minister of Transportation, the Czech Republic.

09:45 – 10:15 **Twenty years of Community air law:** John Balfour, Partner, Beaumont & Son Aviation at Clyde & Co. LLP, London.

10:15 – 10:45 **Refreshments.**

10:45 – 12:15 **De-nationalisation of Community air carriers.**

Moderator: Professor Dr.jur. Regula Dettling-Ott, Dettling-Ott Anwaltsbüro, Winthertur, and Head of International Relations and Government Affairs, Swiss International Air Lines, Zürich.

Panellists: Olivier Onidi, Head of Unit EC-DG Energy & Transport, Internal Market, Air Transport Agreements & Multilateral Relations, EU Commission, Brussels.
Dr. Karel Drevinek, LL.M., Partner, VWeil, Gotshal & Manges s.r.o., Prague.
Dr. Philipp Goedeking, Managing Director, Airconomy Aviation Intelligence, Frankfurt.

12:15 – 13:45 **Lunch.**

13:45 – 15:00 **Air Traffic Management (ATM) in Europe. Qvo Vadis?**

Moderator: Roderick van Dam, Head Legal Bureau, Eurocontrol, Brussels.

Panellists: What is and what will be EASA's role in ATM issues:
Frank Manuhutu, Chief Legal Advisor EASA, Cologne.

From CEATS to FAB CE project:
Jiri Hornik, LL.M., Partner, Kocian Solc Belastik.

International legal aspects of the Single European Sky:
Professor Dr. Stephan Hobe, LL.M (McGill), Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law, Cologne.

15:00 – 15:30 **Refreshments.**

15:30 – 16:45 **Taxation in the airline industry; a growing concern.**

Moderator: Carlos Grau Tanner, Director Aeropolitical Affairs, IATA, Geneva.

Panellists: Joris Backer, Legal Counsel, Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam.
Robert Lawson, Barrister, Quadrant Chambers, London.

16:45 – 17:30 **Recent developments in competition law.**

Moderator: Brian Havel, Professor of Law and Director International Aviation Law Institute, De Paul University, Chicago.

Panellists: Geert Goeteyn, Partner, Howrey LLP, Brussels.
Werner Eyskens, Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, Brussels.

17:30 – 18:00 **Bankruptcy of airlines:** Jorn Wegter, Lawyer, Clifford Chance LLP, Amsterdam.

18:00 – 18:15 **Closing remarks by the president of EALA.**

18:15 – 19:00 **Cocktail reception.**

COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER DANCE, THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2008

Conference panellists and delegates are invited to a cocktail reception and dinner dance to commence at 7 p.m. at **The Municipal House, Grégr and Palacký Halls, Náměstí Republiky 1095/5, 111 21 Prague 1, Czech Republic.** 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 150 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Municipal House, Sladkovský Hall, Náměstí Republiky 1095/5, 111 21 Prague 1, Czech Republic, telephone +420 222 002 130, fax +420 222 002 130, e-mail vsestakova@obecnidum.cz.

REGISTRATION FEE

The conference registration fee (to include dinner dance, two cocktail receptions and luncheon) is EUR 800 for members (in good standing as of 1 October 2008) and EUR 950 for nonmembers. The 2008 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 nonmembers.

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.

You can either book a room directly with:

- Grand Hotel Bohemia, Královská 4, 110 00 Prague 1, telephone +420 234 608 111, fax +420 222 329 545, www.grandhotelbohemia.cz. The special rate is EUR 170/night for a single room and EUR 185/night for a double room including breakfast, VAT and local charges. Please refer to "EALA" when making the booking.

For Grand Hotel Bohemia bookings please contact: office@grandhotelbohemia.cz

Or you can book a room through Holidays Czech Airlines for either of the following two hotels:

- Hotel Paris, U Obecního domu 1, 110 00 Prague 1, telephone +420 222 195 195, fax +420 224 225 475 www.hotel-paris.cz. The special rate is EUR 149/night (single or double occupancy) including breakfast, VAT and local charges. Compulsory portage: EUR 7 p/p (in/out).
- Hotel Kempinski Hybernská, Hybernská 12, 110 00 Prague 1, telephone +420 226 226 111, fax +420 226 226 123, www.kempinski-prague.com. The special rate is EUR 185/night for a superior room and EUR 287 for a one bedroom suite (single or double occupancy) including breakfast, VAT and local charges.

For bookings for Hotel Paris and Hotel Kempinski Hybernská please contact Pavla.Sebestova@holidayscsa.com referring to "EALA". Holidays Czech Airlines will also be able to assist you with any other requirements you may have for your visit.

Rooms in the above mentioned hotels are available on a first-come first-served basis and bookings should be made as soon as possible. Transfer from the airport can also be booked through Grand Hotel Bohemia and Holidays Czech Airlines.

TICKET DISCOUNTS

Czech Airlines offers a ticket discount on its own and certain code-share flights (15% off economy class fares, 20% off business class fares). For inquiries concerning this offer please contact: dovolena@holidayscsa.cz or lucie1.konecna@holidayscsa.cz - telephone +420 220 104 702, fax +420 220 104 703."

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 24 October 2008, although the organizers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30 October 2008, 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 on the registration form. 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.