EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA)
22nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EALA has the great pleasure of inviting you to its 22nd annual conference with The Ministry of Justice, Vienna as the venue. Since 1989 EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues for the aviation industry. Over the last 22 years EALA 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 mission of EALA is:
- To serve as the leading and essential association addressing the development of air law in Europe.
- To ensure dissemination of information about, and the study of, air law in Europe.
- To be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other.
- To engage in or promote any other activity which the Committee decides is in furtherance of EALA’s principal objects.

The year 2010 has again been an exciting year for aviation. The volcanic ash crisis impacted heavily on operations, and a number of important developments have left their imprint on the agendas of all those who are involved with European and international air transport. Less than two weeks after our last conference in The Hague (2009), the Court of Justice of the EU made a controversial decision in the Sturgeon case regarding passenger protection. The economic downturn encourages and urges airlines to consolidate. EU policymakers are preparing measures for security which have to be matched with privacy objectives. In this very year, the EU and US have signed a second phase agreement on the further liberalisation of air services. The EU based Emission Trade Scheme is challenged by non-EU parties. EU states are committed to synchronise air traffic management by forming Functional Airspace Blocks.

All these subjects will be addressed in Vienna, which is the perfect location for bridging views from Western and Eastern Europe. For the first time in the history of EALA prominent Russian speakers will express their opinions on European and international air transport affairs.

You should not miss the unique opportunity to be updated on the aviation industry and its legal regime, to visit the beautiful city of Vienna and to take full advantage of the opportunities for meeting and discussion with others interested in European and international air law.

EALA is grateful for the generous sponsorship provided by the Austrian Ministry of Justice, the City of Vienna, Austrian Airlines, Vienna Airport.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER 2010
CONFERENCE DINNER - Vienna City Hall, Stadtsenat-Sitzungssaal, Lichtenfelsgasse 2, Vienna

18.00 – 19.00 Conference registration
19.00 Cocktail reception and dinner

Presentation of the EALA Lifetime Achievement Award by John Balfour, Clyde & Co, EALA committee member, London

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2010
CONFERENCE - The Ministry of Justice, “Großer Festsaal”, Museumsstrasse 7, Vienna

08.30 – 09.00 Last minute registration

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome address: The Austrian Minister of Justice, Claudia Bandion-Ortner and the President of EALA, Professor Pablo Mendes de Leon

Keynote address: The Director General of Civil Aviation of Austria, Manfred Bialonczyk
09:30 – 10:40  Topic: Focus West – EU-US Air Transport Agreement  
Moderator: Professor Brian Havel, DePaul University, Chicago  
Panellists: John R. Byerly, former U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Transportation Affairs, Washington, D.C.  
Daniel Calleja, Director of Air Transport, European Commission, Brussels  
Conor McAuliffe, Managing Director, European Affairs, United Airlines, Dublin  
Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus, Secretary General, Association of European Airlines, Brussels

10:40 – 11:00  Refreshments – coffee/tea break

11:00 – 12:20  Topic: Focus East – recent aviation issues in Austria, Russia and Ukraine  
Moderator: Hannes Jarolim, Partner, Jarolim/Flitsch Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Vienna  
Panellists: Olga Pleshakova, CEO Transaero Airlines  
Yuri Miroshnikov, CEO, Ukraine International Airlines, Kiev  
Peter Malanik, CEO, Austrian Airlines, Vienna  
Professor Sigmar Stadelmeier, Head of the Institute of International Law  
Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Linz

12:20 – 13:00  Topic: Aviation Security and Passenger Protection  
Moderator: Barbara van Koppen, General Counsel, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Amstelveen  
Speaker: Marian-Jean Marinescu, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Transport and Tourism, Strasbourg

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch  
Luncheon speaker: Herbert Kaufmann, CEO, Vienna Airport (VIE)

14:30 – 15:40  Topic: Recent developments in competition law  
Moderator: Geert Goeteyn, Partner, Howrey LLP, Brussels  
Panellists: Allan Ryan, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels  
Jorge Padilla, CEO Europe, IEG, Brussels/London/Madrid  
Maria DaCunha, General Counsel, British Airways, London  
Peter Eberl, European Commission, DG COMP, Brussels

15:40 – 16:00  Refreshments – tea/coffee break

16:00 – 17:40  Topic: Update on infrastructure, the Emissions Trading Scheme and Functional Airspace Blocks of the Single European Sky Programme  
Moderator: Anna Masutti, Professor of Air Law, University of Bologna, and Partner, AS&T, Bologna  
Panellists: Roderick D. van Damm, Head of Legal Service, Eurocontrol, Brussels  
Christoph Gottstein, Head Legal Services, Austrocontrol, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Zivilluftfahrt mbH, Vienna  
Denys Wibaux, Director Legal Affairs and External Relations, Bureau of ICAO, Montreal (to be confirmed)  
Chris Schroeder, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Environment and Fuel Projects, Qatar Airways, Doha, Qatar

17:40 – 17:55  Announcement of the winner of the EALA Prize

17:55 – 18:00  Closing remarks  
By the President of EALA, Professor Pablo Mendes de Leon

18:00 – 19:30  Cocktails at the Ministry of Justice
Cocktail Reception and Dinner, Thursday 4th November 2010

Conference panellists and delegates are invited to a cocktail reception and dinner to commence at 7 p.m. in the Vienna City Hall, Stadtsenat-Sitzungssaal, Lichtenfelsgasse 2, Vienna. 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 130 will be required.

Conference Venue
The Ministry of Justice, Großer Festsaal, Museumstrasse 7, 1070 Vienna, Austria.

Registration Fee
The conference registration fee (to include attendance of sessions, conference materials, dinner, two cocktail receptions and luncheon) is EUR 700 for members (in good standing as of 1 October 2010) and EUR 850 for non-members. The 2010 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 substantial 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 100. 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.

Cancellation/Changes
The closing date for reservations is 24th October 2010, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30th October 2010, 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 in 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.

English Solicitors Regulation Authority CPD
The Conference has been approved by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in England for the purposes of Continuous Professional Development credits under reference BXX/EALA.

Nederlandse Orde van Advokaten
For Dutch lawyers only: for a certificate, please contact Mrs. Paula van der Wulp, e-mail: p.vanderwulp@law.leidenuniv.nl.

Hotel Accommodation
A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the following hotels. The walking distance to the conference venue is in brackets.

Hotel Imperial (15 min)
Kärntner Ring 16, 1015 Vienna
Tel.: +43 1 50110 404 · Fax: +43 1 50110 410

Classic room for single occupancy: € 230
Classic room for double occupancy: € 260
Deluxe room for single occupancy: € 280
Deluxe room for double occupancy: € 310

Breakfast: Included
Room reservation: http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/
Book/EuropeanAirLawAssociation

Hotel Sacher Wien (12 min)
Philharmonikerstraße 4, 1010 Wien
Tel.: +43 1 51456 541 · Fax: +43 1 51456 799

Superior room for single occupancy: € 215
Superior room for double occupancy: € 215

Breakfast: € 32.00/person
Room reservation: reservation.vienna@sacher.com

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof Vienna (10 min)
Herrengasse 10, 1010 Wien
Tel.: +43 1 534 04 868 · Fax: +43 1 534 04 844

Superior Single room: € 169
Superior Double room: € 189

Breakfast: Included
Room reservation: ulrike.doerffling@herrenhof-wien.steigenberger.at

General:
Reservations should be made directly with the reservation department of each hotel on or before 29th September 2010. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please provide the following code to the hotel when booking: EALA Conference November 2010.