



EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Oslo, Friday 7TH November 2014
Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica

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EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 26th Annual Conference, to be held in Oslo, a city with a proud history going back more than one thousand years. Oslo has many links with transport, including air transport, and serves as a hub for commerce and trade in Northern Europe. Moreover, exactly one hundred years ago, the Norwegian aviator, Tryggve Gran became the first pilot ever to cross the North Sea.

EALA's mission

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 26 years EALA has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for the discussion of topical developments regarding aviation law, especially from a European perspective. The mission of EALA is, among other things, to:

- serve as the leading and essential association addressing the development of air law in Europe;
- ensure dissemination of information about, and the study of, air law in Europe, and
- be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other.

EALA's 26th Annual Conference

While the EU is trying to develop its relations with third countries and complete its internal regulations and policies, EALA intends to analyse past achievements while looking forward on the basis of that evaluation. Those achievements concern the maintenance of a level playing field, not only in the internal market but also in relations with third states and their carriers in accordance with the principle of 'fair competition' which should enable air carriers to operate their services under equivalent and harmonised conditions. The EU and ICAO are attempting to promote this principle in multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral fora. One important issue which arises is that of state aid. EU law on state aid is enforced against EU member states, often in a context concerning EU airlines, but the question is how to enforce it against non-EU states and their airlines. Hence, EU airlines find themselves in a particular position which affects their operations and their status under the current EU market access regulation, i.e. Regulation 1008/2008, which is designed to protect the values of the EU internal market for the benefit of EU air carriers so defined under

that regulation. EU policymakers face multifaceted and challenging questions on the maintenance of the basic principles of the constitutional treaty of the EU (the TFEU) promoting 'an open market with free competition' while, at the same time, assuring sustainable connectivity and, again, the sustainable health of the European airline industry, requiring cross border investments and the guarantee of sufficient choice for passengers based in the EU. These dilemmas will be discussed in several sessions during our forthcoming Annual Conference by speakers from various backgrounds so as to assure a balanced articulation of the complex issues and so as to contribute to a better understanding and formulation of new ideas.

In addition to these economically oriented subjects, EALA also wants to pay attention to the subject of safety which continues to dominate the aviation agendas in Europe and other parts of the world – not least because of the two tragic Malaysia Airlines events; the mysterious disappearance of MH370 and the presumed shootdown of MH17 in Ukrainian airspace. Thus, accident and incident investigation remains a relevant subject, not least for reasons pertaining to international air law.

Finally, we wish to offer an update on other topical subjects, including bankruptcy of airlines, the regulation of unmanned aircraft, the EU ETS which is becoming a perennial topic, and recent cases involving passenger protection, also on the particular position of handicapped passengers.

This topical agenda should attract all those who are involved with European and international aviation and we look forward to welcoming you in Oslo.

The conference will take place at Holmenkollen Park Hotel, located in stunning surroundings 350 metres above Oslo city centre with fabulous views of the Norwegian capital and the fjord beyond. This location, just a few steps away from the famous Holmenkollen ski jump and the Ski Museum, sheltered from the city's hustle and bustle, will help the delegates to meet each other and to network also before and after the sessions of the conference.

EALA is grateful for the generous sponsorship provided by Avinor AS.



PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

DELEGATES DINNER

18:00

Private drinks and tour at the Holmenkollen Ski Museum, Kongeveien 5, Oslo followed by dinner, Saga Hall, Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2014

CONFERENCE – Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica, Kongeveien 26, Oslo

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**, Saga Hall C, Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome addresses:**

Key note address: **Pablo Mendes de Leon**, president of EALA, professor of air and space law, University of Leiden, Leiden
Stein Erik Nodeland, director, Civil Aviation Authority, Norway

09:30 – 11:00 **Topic:** **State Aid**

Moderator: **Vincent Correia**, professor of public law, University of Poitiers/University of Paris, Paris

Panellists: **Pierre Frühling**, partner, Holman Fenwick Willan LLP, Brussels

Mildred Trögeler, senior manager technical & regulatory affairs, Association of European Airlines, Brussels

Nicolas Imbert, case manager, state aid, European Commission, Brussels

Lisa Marie Williams, senior legal adviser, Emirates, Dubai

11:00 – 11:30 **Refreshments**, coffee/tea break

11:30 – 12:30 **Topic:** **Accident investigation**

Moderator: **Anna Masutti**, partner, LexJus Sinacta, Bologna

Panellists: **Fredrik Kämpfe**, deputy chief legal adviser, EASA, Cologne

Robert Lawson, QC, Quadrant Chambers, London

Sarah Stewart, partner, Stewarts Law LLP, London

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**, Restaurant Galleriet, Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica

14:00 – 15:30 **Topic:** **New business models in aviation**

Moderator: **Alexander von Ziegler**, partner, Schellenberg Wittmer AG, Zurich

Panellists: **Dan Edwards**, head of economic policy and international aviation, UK CAA, London

Josef Maurer, political assistant for civil aviation and tourism,
European Transport Workers' Federation, Brussels

Laurent Timsit, senior vice president, international & regulatory affairs, Air France, Paris

15:30 – 16:00 **Topic:** **Update (single European Skies, EU ETS, accident investigation,
unmanned aircraft, disabled PAX, bankruptcy)**

Speaker: **Jiri Hornik**, partner, Kocián Solc Balastik, Prague

Leslie Lugo, senior legal counsel and division counsel, IATA, Montreal

16:00 – 16:30 **Refreshments**, tea/coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 **Topic:** **Access to the EU aviation market - fortress Europe or open house?**

Moderator: **John Balfour**, consultant, Clyde & Co, London

Panellists: **Emmanuelle Maire**, head of unit DG Move, European Commission, Brussels

Julie Oettinger, aviation consultant, The Hague

P. Nikolai Ehlers, partner, Ehlers Ehlers & Partner, Munich

Laura Pierallini, partner, Studio Legale Pierallini, Rome

18:00 – 18:15 **Topic:** **The regulation of frequent flyer programmes in Norway**

Speaker: **Christine B. Meyer**, director general, The Competition Authority, Norway

18:15 – 18:35 **Announcement of the winners of the EALA Prize (best paper)**

Vincent Correia, chairman of EALA's Academic Committee

18:35 – 18:45 **Closing remarks**

by the president of EALA, **Pablo Mendes de Leon**

18:45 – 20:00 **Drinks**, Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica

CONFERENCE DINNER, THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2014

Delegates, moderators and panellists are invited to a visit at the Holmenkollen Ski Museum with a joint walk from the Holmenkollen Part Hotel Riga at 17:45 followed by a cocktail reception and dinner to commence at 19:30 at Saga Hall, Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica. If a participant wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 95 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica, Kongeveien 26, 0787 Oslo.

REGISTRATION FEE

The conference registration fee (includes attendance of sessions, conference materials, dinner, two cocktail receptions and luncheon) is EUR 700 for members and EUR 850 for non-members. The 2014 membership fee is EUR 40 for individuals and EUR 120 for companies/firms.

Reduced fees of EUR 490 for members and EUR 595 for non-members are available for delegates from the Baltic states, Eastern Europe and the Balkan states. By application to EALA's treasurer, a reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 24th October 2014, although the organisers may accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 31st October 2014, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Thereafter, no refund can be offered. Cancellations should be notified to EALA's treasurer, Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided in the registration form. A registered delegate may be substituted at any time before commencement of the conference on request.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, EALA 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 BXK/EALA.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Mihaela Galea, email mga@gorrissenfederspiel.com
For Dutch lawyers, please instead contact Paula van der Wulp, email p.vanderwulp@law.leidenuniv.nl

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the hotel below. Better rates may possibly be found through other sources. Reservations should be made directly with the reservation department of each hotel. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please provide the following code to the hotel when booking: "EALA 2014".

Holmenkollen Park Hotel Rica (**) (conference venue)**

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Standard Single Room	NOK 1,095
Superior Room without view	NOK 1,295
Superior Room with view	NOK 1,395
Extra for Double Room (rates include breakfast)	+NOK 300