

Captain Martin Chalk Elected to Lead Global Pilots

Madrid, 13 April - Captain Martin Chalk of the United Kingdom was elected as IFALPA's 18th President during the final Plenary Session of the Federation's 70th Conference. He succeeds Captain Don Wykoff of the United States.

Capt. Chalk, who started his flying career with the Royal Air Force, currently flies A380s for British Airways. He previously served as IFALPA's Deputy President, a role he assumed in 2014, and was also President of the European Cockpit Association from 2005 until 2011.

Commenting on his election Capt. Chalk promised the delegates "I will work hard to repay your faith", and called upon on all pilots worldwide: "Unity – we must live and breathe it."

Meanwhile, Captain Chris Lynch of the United States was elected as the Federation's Deputy President succeeding Capt. Chalk.

Captain Mike Pinho from the United States follows Capt. Lynch as IFALPA's new Executive Vice President (EVP) North America, while Captain Osvaldo Neto of Brazil took over as EVP Caribbean and South America from Captain German Diaz Barriga of Mexico.

Canadian Captain Rod Lypchuk was re-elected to the IFALPA Executive Board as Executive Vice President Administration, Membership & Finance, as was Captain Ben Mansumitchai of Thailand as Executive Vice President Asia Pacific.

###

Note to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. IFALPA's mission is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations.

See the Federation website www.ifalpa.org

©2015 The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations

In the interests of flight safety, reproduction of this Press Release in whole or in part is encouraged.

It may not be offered of sale or used commercially. All reprints must credit IFALPA.