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Information for MAs & IFATCA Reps

ITF Remote Towers Conference

The IFATCA website: http://ifatca.org/ is undergoing a major upgrade. Please be patient with us as we migrate the site to a new platform. Some pages may be read on mobile devices, it does take longer to load pages, but we are working on it. Please report any issues you find to ifatca@ifatca.org or via the Contact Us page.

In order to help its affiliates on developments concerning Remote Tower Operations RTO and ATC Automation, IFATCA has created a dedicated webpage:

- IFATCA Webpage Return to Visitor Control and Tool Servicing
- IFATCA's view on the concept of Remote Tower Services (Presentation)

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Dear reader / subscriber,

- In our attempt to present the latest electronic issue of The Controller. Our magazine is available on a variety of platforms:
  - The IFATCA website: http://the-controller.ifatca.org, where you can read the magazine online, download it as a PDF, or read on mobile devices, it does take longer to load pages, but we are working on it. Please report any issues you find to ifatca@ifatca.org or via the Contact Us page.
  - Issuu.com, we have had no problems with our publication on Issuu.com, for the best user experience we invite readers to: Issuu.com, which allows you to read The Controller in full screen mode. Please go to: http://issuu.com/ifatca and http://ifatca.org/data-library. Most of all, the issues are now available for free - but we do ask you to register with Issuu.com.
  - Important: For those of you that subscribed to the old app on Apple iOS, please be aware that Apple has removed the app from the App Store and therefore it can no longer be found there. You can find the latest issue on the website.
  - For Member Associations: a print-ready PDF version (about 40Mb) can be downloaded from the Publications section of the Members Only website: http://www.ifatca.org/members-only/publications/the-controller/. Please note that the Members Only website is not optimized for mobile devices and is best viewed on a USB stick. Please contact the editor via editor@ifatca.org, or our Membership Assistant.

Besides being free, an electronic issue also offers new possibilities to interact with the magazine, for example by clicking on the links provided in the table of contents.

Please contact the editor via editor@ifatca.org, or our Membership Assistant Gretchen and Patricia, please forward them to subscribe to our magazine via: http://eepurl.com/bsLuzg and please let them know.

On behalf of the Editorial Team, I hope you will enjoy this latest issue of The Controller,

Kind regards,
Jeroen Bos
http://www.the-controller.net

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ICAO Global

Secretary General underscores Aviation's vital role in Sustainable Development and Climate Change

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon paid a special visit to the Montréal Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on Monday 6 February to underscore the importance of aviation and the role it plays in its core role in helping to establish global civil aviation standards and policies.

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ICAO State Letters

The ICAO State letter process can respond to proposed changes is through IFATCA's liaison with ICAO. All ICAO State Letters (SLEDs) were sent to IFATCA's Executive Board or Air Traffic Management Committee. The SLEDs are then reviewed by the Committee and a response is drafted. The SLEDs are then sent to the Executive Board for approval. The response is then sent to the IFATCA contact person in charge of the issue in the NEWS ITEM state column. These views will be collated by the Executive Board and included in the response to the State Letter. Please contact the IFATCA Office if you have any questions regarding the ICAO State Letter process.

NUMBER	SUBJECT	REPLY DUE	IFATCA REPLY
2016/11 click here	Draft SPACI and Annex ATS Symposium, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 9 to 13 May 2016		Information
2016/09 click here	Convening of a High-level Meeting on a Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) 2017-2019 and Promotion of the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP), Montreal, 19 to 21 April 2016		Information
2016/08 click here	Proposed Amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Council		Information
2016/07 click here	Proposal for the Establishment of the ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)		Information
2016/05 click here	ICAO Global Aviation Dialogues (ICADs) on market-based measures to address CO2 emissions from international aviation, Cairo, Egypt, March to 8 April 2016, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 11 to 13 April 2016		Information
2016/04 click here	ICAO Global Aviation Dialogues (ICADs) on market-based measures to address CO2 emissions from international aviation, Montreal, March to 8 April 2016, various ICAO Regions		Information
2016/03 click here	Invitation to Symposium for Aerodrome Operations		Information
2016/01 click here	Adoption of Amendment 39 to Annex 6, Part I		Information
2015/60 click here	Symposium for Fatigue Management Approaches in Aviation: Guidance from the ICAO Panel on the RTC, 4th November 2015 to 8th November 2016, and 2016 Conference of the FRMS Community, Montreal, 2 to 4 May 2016		Information
2015/78 click here	Proposed Amendment to Annex 14, Volume I, Aerodrome Design and Operations	EAPT	by 29 February 2016
2015/77 click here	Proposed fifth edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750)	EAPT / 21 December 2015	by 10 March 2016
2015/76 click here	Proposed 2017-2019 edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)	EAPT	by 23 February 2016
2015/66 click here	Second ICAO/ACI/IATA Symposium, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 14 to 17 March 2016		Information
2015/153 click here	Invitation to the Fourth Meeting of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Panel (RPASP/4)		Information
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ICAO Electronic Bulletins

ICAO Electronic Bulletins rarely requires information and do not require action.

NUMBER	TITLE	DATE
EB 2016/16 click here	Rule of Wise and Aviation	11/02/2016
EB 2016/15 click here	Democratic People's Republic of Korea Plans for Satellite Launch	03/02/2016
EB 2016/14 click here	Distribution of Final Audit Reports under the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Protocol Questions	05/02/2016
EB 2016/13 click here	Programme Coordinator Vacancy Notice	29/01/2016
EB 2016/12 click here	Revocation of a Significant Safety Concern (SSC) - Sierra Leone	29/01/2016
EB 2016/11 click here	Report by the Government of Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Concerning Millions of Non-Machine Readable Ordinary Passports	26/01/2016

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Americas Region (AMA)

NATCA Offers Support for Air Traffic Control Reform Proposal Before Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. – NATCA President Paul Rinaldi today appeared before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to offer support for a proposal to commercialize the U.S. ATC. Rinaldi offered support for reforms that boost planning & flexibility for the FAA.

- NATCA Press Release

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Asia Pacific Region (ASP)

AAI upgrades tech to make flying easier, but airlines fail to catch up

Over the past few years, Airports Authority of India has been on a path to modernise its technology. But airlines have been planning a different route.

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European Region (EUR)

ICB Technical Sub-Group (TSG/42) Documentation

- Draft Minutes of Technical Sub Group 41
- Draft Discussion Paper on Risk Assessment
- Draft Discussion Paper on Safety Issues Tracking
- Draft Discussion paper on SWIM
- EASCG Activity Report to ICB TSG/42
- EUROCAE Report to TSG/42
- EASA progress report activities in the field of ATM/CNS

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European Route Network Improvement Plan (EUROPE) - Part 3 - Airspace Management Guidelines

- The ASM Handbook, an important tool for airspace management, is now available in the form of the Flexible Use of Airspace

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Other Information

IFALPA Unmanned Aircraft (UAS) and Recording Systems (UARS)

- UPDATE - Airborne Image Recorders (AIR) and Recording Systems (AIRS)

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Safety Nets... if used

With a 2nd anniversary, a light aircraft being towed by maintenance personnel at Calgary's international airport collided with a commercial jetliner accidentally at night as an aircraft was being towed to a maintenance hangar. Fortunately, the damage was relatively minor and no one was injured. Investigators found that the tug driver had not been properly trained and was not aware of the need to obtain clearance before towing an aircraft across an active runway. Nor was he aware of the need to turning aircraft so required and to be towing aircraft so required and to be towing aircraft so required and to be towing