

SM ICG Holds Fourth 'Industry Day' Outreach Event in Bern

The Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG), a group of 14 aviation regulatory bodies, held its fourth Industry Day with representatives from 27 European aviation industry organizations on May 16, 2014 in Bern, Switzerland. Participant David Lambourne, Specialist Airworthiness Engineer for Rolls Royce PLC, was encouraged by the work of the SM ICG, and said, "We are glad to hear that large authorities agree on interpretation of Safety Management System (SMS) rules and that their application will be fairly consistent among regulators...the work of this group is essential." This event marks the second opportunity for European aviation service providers to hear directly from authorities that are working together and for those authorities to receive feedback on SM ICG products. The full day session, hosted by the Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA) of Switzerland, included eight presentations and an open discussion on Safety Risk Management (SRM) and its application.

The SM ICG was established in 2009 to promote a common understanding of safety management principles and requirements, facilitating their application across the international aviation community. Since its formation, the group has published many products; the newest is *The Frontline Manager's Role in SMS*, which provides practical guidance to those managers who have great influence on SMS implementation in their organizations. In recent years, the SM ICG has been focusing more on outreach to the greater international aviation community. The inaugural Industry Day event was held in Ottawa, Canada in 2012 and the two subsequent ones were held in The Hague, Netherlands and Seattle, Washington, USA.

Ryan Hunninghaus, Head of Safety Risk Management at FOCA, kicked off the event by acknowledging that both aviation service providers and regulators face challenges in safety management implementation. After opening remarks, Simon Roberts, United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority (UK CAA) SMS Programme Manager and Chair of European Human Factors Advisory Group, gave an overview of the SM ICG and its work, noting that "[the group] is a valuable asset for advancing the understanding and application of safety management." Seven industry representatives (Rainer Lindau, Lufthansa Technik; David Lambourne, Rolls Royce PLC; Captain Bartolomeo Ferreri, INAER; Captain Martin Timmons, Ryanair; Yvan Boishu, Air France; Captain Kemal Helvacioğlu, Pegasus Airlines; and Antonio Härry, SR Technics) briefed their experiences with SRM. Industry day speaker biographies and all presentations are available for download at http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry_Day_-_May_2014.

Industry Day participants discussed SRM implementation in their organizations. Topics included tools for risk analysis and challenge of selecting them, trend monitoring and analysis, integrated management systems, the bow tie methodology and barrier risk management, providing practical training and straight-forward messaging to employees, the financial benefits of SRM, the challenges of managing and analyzing data from multiple sources, and the need for globally acceptable SMS principles.

Rainer Lindau, Vice President Quality and Safety at Lufthansa Technik, found the discussion very useful and summed up the importance of safety management, "For us, SRM implementation is more than meeting a requirement; it's about being successful for our company and our customers." Amer Younossi, Deputy Division Manager, Safety Management and Research Planning Division in the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Safety Organization and current SM ICG Chair, thanked industry participants and concluded, "The SM ICG was formed when industry asked regulators to harmonize. We hope to continue to work together and improve aviation safety across the globe."

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The purpose of the SM ICG is to promote a common understanding of Safety Management System (SMS)/State Safety Program (SSP) principles and requirements, facilitating their application across the international aviation community.

The current core membership of the SM ICG includes the Aviation Safety and Security Agency (AESA) of Spain, the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) of Brazil, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Netherlands (CAA NL), the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) of Australia, the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC) in France, the Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile (ENAC) in Italy, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA) of Switzerland, the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafi), Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB), the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Safety Organization, Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of United Kingdom (UK CAA). Additionally, the Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong (CAD HK), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE GCAA) are observers to this group.

Members of the SM ICG:

- Collaborate on common SMS/SSP topics of interest
- Share lessons learned
- Encourage the progression of a harmonized SMS
- Share products with the aviation community
- Collaborate with international organizations such as ICAO and civil aviation authorities that have implemented or are implementing SMS

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