

## First SM ICG 'Industry Day' Outreach Event Held in South America

The Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG), a group of 16 aviation regulatory bodies, held its fifth Industry Day with representatives from 15 South and Central American aviation industry organizations and one European company on December 12, 2014 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Marcos Eugênio Abreu of Guarulhos Airport, was already encouraged by SM ICG work and said, "[The airport] used the SM ICG *SMS Evaluation Tool* gap analysis and it was useful for us." This event marks the first opportunity for Latin American 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 National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) of Brazil, included seven industry presentations and an open discussion on the successes and challenges aviation service providers have experienced in their implementation of Safety Management Systems (SMS).

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 and several have been translated into Portuguese and Spanish. In recent years, the SM ICG has increased outreach to the greater international aviation community. The inaugural Industry Day event was held in Ottawa, Canada in 2012 and the three subsequent ones were held in The Hague, Netherlands, Seattle, Washington, USA, and Bern, Switzerland.

Cláudio Passos Simão, Director of Airworthiness at ANAC, kicked off the day saying, "The common objective for both aviation service providers and regulators is safety and it is important for each to know what the other is doing. To be successful in safety management, we must work together." 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, "We are developing guidance and tools and sharing them globally. We recognize that SMS can be misunderstood...the more authorities can harmonize, the better for industry that have multiple regulators." Industry representatives (Wagner Flores, Helibrás; Fábio Catani, Embraer; Hector Hidalgo Medellin, Avianca; Daniel Guillaumon, TAM Airlines; Marcos Eugenio de Abreu, Guarulhos Airport; Captain Dan Guzzo Comite, GOL Airlines; and Yvan Boishu, Air France) briefed their experiences with safety management. Those presentations and speaker biographies are available for download at [http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry\\_Day\\_-\\_December\\_2014](http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry_Day_-_December_2014).

Industry Day participants discussed safety management in their organizations. Topics included simplifying the complexity of SMS, challenges of multiple sites and activities, gathering information from across an organization and information sharing, handling multiple regulators, safety management at different levels, importance of people in the system, breaking down organizational silos, expanding the safety area through SMS, risk mapping, and the importance of management commitment.

Ana Claudia Galvao from BHS Helicopteros found the event informative and summed up its importance, "As industry, it's time to have these kinds of events more often so that others can reach the SMS level that companies in attendance today have achieved." 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, "We are pleased by SMS implementation progress in Latin America. We regulators learned a lot today and we hope this is just the beginning of your feedback to us."

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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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