

Industry Representatives Tout SM ICG Products at Cologne 'Industry Day' Event

For the sixth time, the Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG), a group of 16 aviation regulatory bodies, held its semi-annual Industry Day event with representatives from 41 European aviation industry organizations on May 22, 2015 in Cologne, Germany. This event marks the third opportunity for European aviation service providers to hear directly from authorities that are working together and to provide feedback on SM ICG products. Pascal Kremer, Airline Safety Manager at Luxair, described how his organization has used and integrated six SM ICG products into its SMS operations, "[They] helped us get a better understanding of SMS, develop our procedures, and add credibility to our work with management, auditors, and the national aviation authority. We adapted the content to our own operations." The full day session, hosted by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), included nine industry presentations and an open discussion on Safety Management Systems (SMS) training.

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 French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. In recent years, the SM ICG has increased outreach to the greater international aviation community. The Industry Day event has been so well received in Europe that organizers received twice the offers to present than the meeting agenda could accommodate. The inaugural Industry Day event was held in Ottawa, Canada in 2012 and the four subsequent ones were held in The Hague, Netherlands, Seattle, Washington, USA, Bern, Switzerland, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Jean-Marc Cluzeau from the Strategy and Safety Management Directorate at EASA welcomed participants saying, "Safety promotion and training are key issues and we are working on these...We are eager to work with [industry] and learn from your safety management experience from the field. We know you will continue to inspire use on this SMS journey." 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. Industry representatives (Pascal Kremer, Luxair; Giancarlo Buono, International Air Transport Association (IATA); Jorge Leite, TAP Portugal; Richard Hol, Transavia; Claire Pelegrin, Airbus; Patrick Pezzatini, Airbus Helicopters; Raquel Mercedes Martinez Arnaiz, FerroNATS; Keven Baines, Baines Simmons; and Alfred Roelen, University of Amsterdam) presented their experiences with SMS training. Those briefings and speaker biographies are available for download at http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry_Day_-_May_2015.

Industry Day participants discussed SMS training in their organizations. Topics included the need to train both service providers and regulatory inspectors, competencies and the importance of creating training specific to organizational roles and processes, training methods, the need to customize training for each organization, how consistent training provides shared perspective, preparing the learner by setting expectations for post-training performance, SMS education in academia, and the importance of educating managers from the beginning.

Gian-Andrea Bandieri summed up the event's importance, "The intent of SM ICG documentation is understood and organizations are adapting products to suit their needs." Edmund Bohland, Deputy Head of the Policy and Planning Department at EASA, and current SM ICG Chair, thanked industry participants and concluded, "We heard excellent presentations today that are in line with SM ICG work priorities. We have an inspector competency and training project underway and this dialog provided great input. We hope to continue to work together in our efforts to improve aviation safety."

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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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