

## SM ICG Celebrates 10th Industry Day at Aviation House, Gatwick

The Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG), a group of 18 aviation regulatory bodies, held its tenth semi-annual Industry Day event with representatives from 43 European aviation industry organizations on May 16, 2017 in Gatwick, United Kingdom (UK). This event marks the fifth opportunity for European aviation industry 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 Civil Aviation Authority of UK (UK CAA), included nine presentations and an open discussion on safety management system (SMS) interfaces

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 24 products and several have been translated into French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish. The newest product, *Safety Culture for Effective Management*, made its debut at this event and will be published on SKYbrary in the coming weeks. 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 with subsequent events held in The Hague, Netherlands, Seattle, Washington, USA, Bern, Switzerland, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Cologne, Germany, Vancouver, Canada, Rome, Italy, and Miami, Florida, USA.

Simon Roberts, UK CAA SMS Programme Manager and Chair of European Human Factors Advisory Group, welcomed industry participants, noting that, "The SM ICG is a valuable asset. Trust and partnership are key in safety management. We cannot move safety forward on our own." After opening remarks, 10 industry representatives (Captain Malcolm Rusby, Corporate Aviation Safety Executive (CASE); Joram Verstraeten, Netherlands Aerospace Centre (NLR); Jorge Leite, TAP Portugal; Captain Jim Pegram, easyJet; Andy Evans, Aerossurance; Gilles Fontaine and Sophie Rougé, Airbus; Tony Pearce, Leonardo MW Ltd.; Gillian Walton, Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group (ADG); and Colin Russell, Baines Simmons) presented their experiences with and perspectives on SMS interfaces with service providers. Those briefings and speaker biographies are available for download at [http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry\\_Day\\_-\\_May\\_2017](http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry_Day_-_May_2017).

Among the open discussions, Chris Parsons of Atkins Global remarked on the degree to which interfaces matter, saying, "Quite often, we like to think our company has a good SMS, but safety management practices may not be part of a company's contracting processes, which include price and deadlines. In that way, an organization could experience safety issues merely through its commercial practices."

Amer Younossi, Deputy Division Manager, Safety Management and Research Planning Division at the FAA and 2017 SM ICG Chair, thanked industry participants, concluding "The aviation community is starting to realize how important safety management interfaces are. We cannot continue to operate in silos, because what each organization does affects other parts of the aviation system. Thank you for sharing your experience with us today. We welcome your feedback so that our products will continue to be useful to the global aviation community."

### Send Feedback

The SM ICG welcomes your feedback. For further information regarding the SM ICG or to provide feedback on SM ICG products, please contact [Régine Hamelijncx](#), [Amer Younossi](#), or [Jacqueline Booth](#).

This article was prepared by the Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG). 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. In this document, the term “organization” refers to a product or service provider, operator, business, and company, as well as aviation industry organizations; and the term “authority” refers to the regulator authority, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), National Aviation Authority (NAA), and any other relevant government agency or entity with oversight responsibility.

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 (CAA NZ), the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong (CAD HK), 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), the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB), the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Safety Organization, Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE GCAA), and the Civil Aviation Authority of United Kingdom (UK CAA). Additionally, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is an observer to this group.

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- 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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