

Minutes of the informal meeting of ESAM Executive Committee and Advisory Board working group

Zagreb, 5 September 2009
in front of 57th ICASM

Place: **Westin** Hotel – Zagreb – Croatia

Time: 5 September 15:00 -18:30

Persons present: Roland Vermeiren, Elena Cataman, Ioannis Diamantopoulos, Uwe Stüben.

1. The meeting was opened by the President.

Having seen the amount of work going on and coming up President asked for a short meeting of EC/AB members who were able to attend ICASM. We had to discuss some important organizational issues. Because there are only 3 EC and 1 AB members presented that can not be an ordinary EC meeting but a working group of it.

2. GA in Milan 6-7th November 2009

Roland – the organization of the GA in Milan – invitation should be sent urgently for our members

Uwe – invitation to the AB members should have been in the official invitation letter to members, also we shall notify new members to appoint their representative to the AB. Is there any statement in the application form for the representation at AB.?

Roland – no, but we should introduce it into the application form.

Roland – I propose EC and AB meeting to be held in the morning on Friday 6th and the scientific conference in the afternoon, the same day, GA – in the morning on Saturday 7th with reports from:

- President
- the Secretary general
- the Treasurer
- Advisory Board
- the ESSI groups (participation of ESAM at the EASA safety project)
- ESAM representative at AsMA
- discussion about the proposed changes of fees
- discussions about the work of the NPA review group at EASA
- election of 2 auditors for 2 years

3. Specialists working group within AB

Roland – the request of the specialist taking part at Wiesbaden conference – to continue their work together. At the end of the year there will be Comment Response document from EASA, so we should precede further work on it.

Uwe – besides the work on NPA, in Germany we have faced the problem of harmonization of the requirements of JAR-FCL 3. A lot of copies should be sent to AMS(s) of other states. This

does not mean a harmonization that was intended to be created within JAA states. We could think how to solve it from ESAM level.

Ioannis – we also have this problem, it should be discussed and solved.

Roland – about EASA standardisation work – the European union has given EASA the task to continue MEST and LIST inspections according to the JAA standards but since JAA does not exist anymore and EASA is not yet legally competent there is a juridical problem therefore the results of the inspections are sent to all EU states who have individually the right for mutual recognition of certificates and licenses until EASA gets legal competence

Uwe – In Germany within 3 AMC(s) we try to find a common way and organize our work together. The same way could be done at specialist group conference to discuss and work out a common strategy.

4. Presence of ESAM at AsMA meetings.

Roland – at AsMA meetings ESAM will always contribute maybe in future with abstracts or panels. Next year we will have a general informal meeting as this year. Apart from this we will also contact the European associations who hold now panels in their own language French, German and Spanish but sometimes attract only a small audience. To inquire if they would be open to hold a European panel including their national panels but in English to attract more people.

Ioannis – each group could make a scientific program by itself then a coordinator (Hans and me) could combine it and discuss all necessary arrangements with AsMA organizers – that will be a European panel.

Roland – we should designate people to do coordinating work. Bringing people together will have mutual benefit for all our members. Probably we should have a group of people who will be responsible for the scientific activity of ESAM.

5. Conferences of ESAM (ECAM).

Roland – there is an intention of American colleagues to attend ESAM conferences.

Uwe – next year, at the end of August in Wiesbaden we will have the refresh seminar, where FAA specialists will be present and national congress of German association will be held. That could be a possibility to organize a conference.

Roland – it would be good for a specialist's group meeting. That will be the time for the work on the Comment response document from EASA.

Elena – there are many problems in medical certification that could be discussed at such meetings. Specialists in different fields of aviation medicine very much welcomed such common work as they had had in Wiesbaden.

Ioannis – on behalf of the Hellenic Society and General Flight Surgeon of Greece I would like to invite ESAM to bring ECAM next year in Greece, historical centre of Athens. All financial part for the 4 days of organization will be sponsored by the host.

Roland – thank you Ioannis for the invitation, it is nice and kind from your association and air force of Greece to take the organization costs of ESAM meeting, taking into account our financial status.

– specialist groups could be involved in the organization of ECAM beforehand in Wiesbaden. Ioannis will be the local coordinator for ECAM and plus Scientific Committee (Uwe, Ioannis, Paolo). The dates should be coordinated with Americans as they have a meeting of AsMA in November.

6. Future work of ESAM

Elena

- a lot of tasks to be done by limited number of members will not be possible in the future. We should involve more members in the activities of ESAM,
- there are no other possibility for the time being rather than a web site that could be used more and better for common work and thus solving our current tasks. We could add more pages and facilities to the site and create FORUM, QUESTIONS where our members can participate. By this involving more members into the activities of ESAM. The access could be limited for our members only.
- the common work consists not only on NPAs of EASA. There are so many issues where we aviation doctors could have our opinion and could contribute for the aviation industry. Regulation of medical certification is only a small part of it. I consider very important human factors issues related to physiological, psychological and pathological health conditions of pilots, ATCO(s), cabin crew members; flight time limitation and fatigue; air passengers' health and research that is doing by our members in all those fields; complicated clinical cases where our members could share their opinion; international activities of ESAM. The common work and discussions on these fields could be made via web site also.
- to reorganize our web site is expensive but we could explain our members the necessity of such work;

Uwe – the problem of air poisoning by chemical substances in cabin air of flight and cabin crew members is now raised and became very discussable.

Roland – so we need more money for the web-site, we should ask Kevin, Lilla, Lars to involve them in this problem and to see the possibilities of improving the site.

7. Next meeting.

The meeting of the EC will be in Milan on Thursday, 5th, 14.00-18.00 and on Friday, 6th November, 09.00-11.00

Roland expressed his thanks for the common work to the members of EC and AB which where present at the meeting.

Afterwards the dates for the **ECAM 2010 in Athens, Greece** were fixed for **10-13 November**.

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