

CV Dr. Declan Maher Aviation Summary

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In 1989, whilst I was a SHO in Spinal injuries, I took part in thirty two air ambulance missions. On these missions, we were under the care of the Irish Air Corps, who used Allouette III rotorcraft with a spinal configuration using the Keane transport stretcher. I worked under the supervision of Dr, Padiag Murray (ex medivac USMC) and Dr. Frank Keane (inventor of the Keane Rotorest bed). It was in this capacity that I developed an interest in aviation medicine. My main practice continued to focus on Primary Care in the 1990's.

In 1999, I completed the Certificate in Aviation Medicine at the Postgraduate unit of University College Dublin, NUI. Since 2000 I have been an aeromedical examiner working under the agency of the Irish Aviation Authority, assessing applicants for Class 1 revalidation and renewals, Class 2 Medical Certificates and Cabin Crew Medical Reports. I completed the JAR Class 1 AME Advanced course in Dublin carried out by the IAA in conjunction with European Aeromedical Experts in January 2006. I have been associated with the certification process of Class A pilots, along with microlight, balloon, parachute tandem masters and paragliders.

In 2006, we set up the Irish Society of Aviation Examiners (ISAM). As a founding member, I was given the position of treasurer. Since November 2006, I have represented Ireland at the European Society of Aviation Medicine (ESAM) on behalf of ISAM. I have worked on the Comment Response Tool in response to EASA's NPA 17b and a number of other NPA's, including participation in the Expert Group Meetings at Wiesbaden, Germany in 2008. As Secretary General of ESAM, I have been active in developing the ECAMs of 2012, 2014 and 2016. I have been active at an executive level at AsMA and am a representative on the Global Liaison Outreach Committee and at the GA subSSCC at EASA. In 2016, I was invited to join the Rule Making Task Force at EASA.

November 2007, I was elected founding Secretary to the Advisory Board of ESAM in Brussels and in 2009, I was re-elected as Secretary to the Advisory Board of ESAM in Milan effective until November 2011. I was co-writer of an article in the "blue" journal, AsMA 2009. *Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine* x Vol. 80, No. 7 x July 2009. At the ESAM GA in 2012, I was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee and re-elected in 2014.

January 2013, I was contracted to the Irish Aviation Authority as a Medical Assessor, in a job sharing capacity. I continue to work in that capacity at this time. My job description includes oversight of medical reports and certificates from across Europe, providing AME refresher training in aviation medicine, research and publication. I presented at the GWTF in Cologne on AME Peer Support, Networking and Oversight, and on a European Database Repository in December 2015.

I remain an active AME and protagonist of the part-time AME. I continue to be a full time GP, am married and the father of three teenagers. Life is busy.

