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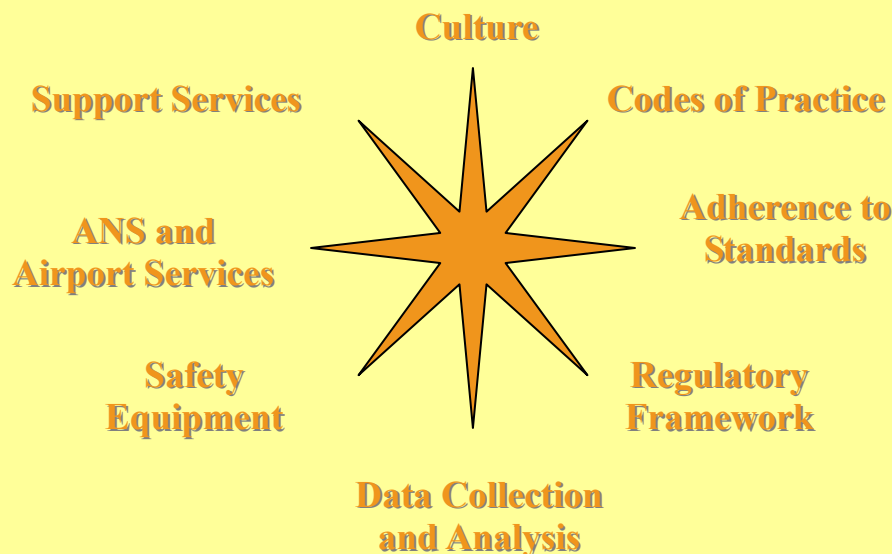
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“The recognized forum for leveraging strengths of Members to enhance the safety, acceptance and economic contribution of business aviation globally.”

Business Aviation Promotes Safety Strategy

The business aviation associations that make up the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) announced the launch of a blueprint for improving an already good safety record. The Business Aviation Safety Strategy includes 38 specific actions grouped under eight broad themes. A committee of safety specialists from business aviation associations worldwide, with assistance from the Flight Safety Foundation, developed the Strategy and will be responsible for overseeing its implementation. The Strategy includes data on the industry safety record as well as targets for improvement based on implementation of the Strategy actions. To see the complete Strategy see www.ibac.org or call (514) 954-8054

Eight Safety Star themes guide the way...



Business Aviation Announces CNS/ATM Advisory Group

Members of the International Business Aviation Council are forming a permanent Advisory Group to coordinate business aviation input to plans related to the implementation of CNS/ATM (Communications, Navigation, and Surveillance and Air Traffic Management). **Mr. William Boucher** (of CBAA) has been named as Chairman and

Mr. Brian Bowers will serve as the Secretary. Members of the Group are from Business Aviation associations and representatives of aircraft and avionics manufacturers. The Group will input to many ICAO CNS/ATM related Work Groups and will provide needed communication to the industry regarding airspace design changes.



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Special points of interest:

The number and size of business aviation conferences and trade shows demonstrates continuing health of the industry.

What's New at ICAO

For those readers who desire more information about ICAO, the UPDATE Editor recommends a visit to the ICAO website www.icao.int

- Mr. E. Vergniaud succeeds Mr. P. Bittencourt de Almeida as the Representative of Brazil on the Council,
- Mr. M. A. Mbeng succeeds Mr. T. Tekou as the Representative of Cameroon on the Council

The 36th ICAO Assembly will be convened in Montreal, 18-28 September 2008.

Key subjects for consideration are: Safety, Security and the Environment.

It is expected that achieving consensus on the latter item will pose a considerable challenge for aviation policy makers.

ICAO convenes an Ordinary Assembly on a three year cycle.

The Assembly is the supreme policy making body of ICAO and is responsible, *inter alia*, for the adoption of the ICAO triennial budget and for the election of Contracting States to the thirty six member ICAO Council.

The election, by the ICAO Council, of the President of the Council will take place subsequent to the Assembly.

Business Aviation Works on Improving its Environmental Position

The Business Aviation industry coordinates input to aviation environmental planning through its Environmental Issues Work Group (EIWG). Members come from IBAC Member Associations, and technical advice is provided by aircraft and engine manufacturers. Chairman **Rich Gage** (CBAA) also serves as IBAC representative on the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP).

IBAC Members agreed to enhance the industry position through added support for EIWG, as well as development of improved data showing the minimal impact of business aircraft on the environment. The Environment Project will also consider the most feasible way of addressing Emissions Trading, Carbon Offsetting and other related schemes. The Project of the business aviation community will be managed by the EIWG. The broad objective is to better position the industry to foster reasonable and effective decisions as the international and national rules are established in coming years to address global climate change. The Project is also intended to establish a more comprehensive mechanism for provision of secretarial services to the EIWG.

“ The business aviation community is resolved to assume an active role in the evolution of the aviation system and to help in the design of the system for the 21st century.”

IBAC Proposes International Recognition of Industry Safety Data at ICAO World Assembly

The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) submitted a Working Paper for consideration at the 35th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) advocating universal recognition of safety data for the business aviation industry. ICAO does not collect data providing for calculation of general aviation accident rates, hence the GA sector of aviation has no consistent international safety metrics. As business aviation forms a part of general aviation, absence of GA data means a deficiency in global safety trend information needed to isolate issues warranting attention.

IBAC publishes the only known worldwide statistics for business aviation safety, having contracted to Robert Breiling and Associates for the annual collection of accident and exposure data. The Business Aviation Safety Brief produced by IBAC summarizes data for three sectors

of business aviation: Corporate, On-demand Air Taxi and Owner-Operated.

The business aviation industry is also concerned about inconsistent definitions for business aviation and its sub-sectors used internationally. Differences in definitions compound the safety statistics problem as there is no universally recognized means of tracking safety trends for the various sub-sectors, thus making planning for safety improvement difficult. Similarly, given the lack of reliable information, safety regulators have no means of determining if new rules are warranted.

The IBAC Assembly Working Paper proposes that the ICAO Council enter into a mutual program with the industry to determine how best to resolve the deficiency and to develop a means of international recognition of safety data for business aviation.

IBAC Concerned over Proposed Changes to Danish and Icelandic Agreements

The business aviation community has expressed concern over a proposed formula for calculating air navigation charges contained in a drafted amendment to the DENICE Joint Financing Agreements that apply to flights over Greenland and Iceland. The industry points out that the methodology does not comply with ICAO policy specified in ICAO *Doc 9082/7 Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services*, which has a charging formula that includes aircraft weight.

Questionnaire Aims at Improving Data on Gross Navigation Errors

IBAC established a Task Force (TF) late in 2006 to investigate reasons for Gross Navigation Errors (GNEs) attributed to business aviation, primarily those being reported in oceanic areas. The Task Force, based in Farnborough UK, has met two times to review data provided by service providers and to establish a methodology to obtain event data. The TF developed a questionnaire, the purpose being to collect information that can be analyzed by the TF Members. See www.ibac.org for questionnaire.

Success of Business Aviation Conferences and Trade Shows Keeps the Industry Moving

The number and size of business aviation conferences and trade shows keeps on growing. Record attendees, exhibitors and sales point to continued rapid growth of business aviation in years to come.

First off the mark this year was the January **Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA)** show held in Dubai. New IBAC Member MEBA (see page 4) sponsored the first ever business aviation show in the Middle East. Chairman **Ali Al Naqbi** announced participation of 2400 visitors and 90 exhibitors, representing 20 countries. Over \$907 million worth of products sold.

Hong Kong was the venue for the **Asian Business Aviation Conference and Exhibit**, February 6 and 7, convened by ASBAA and NBAA; an additional day hosted by JBAA and NBAA was held at Nagoya Japan. **ABACE2007** closed with more than 2,200 registered attendees, 65 indoor exhibitors and 12 aircraft on Static Display, the largest business aviation event in the region

The **European Business Aviation Conference and Exhibit (EBACE2007)**, the annual EBAA and NBAA event in Geneva, experienced records in all categories with



11,267 in attendance, a 15% increase over 2006, 354 exhibitors and 61 aircraft on display (see above).

The **Canadian Business Aviation Association (CBAA) Annual Convention, Trade Show and Static Display** was held in conjunction with the famous Calgary Stampede July 10,11 and 12. Over 800 attendees joined debate on many current issues and to cheer on the chuck wagon racing teams.

The **Latin American Business Aviation Conference and Exhibition (LABACE 2007)** was held at Sao Paulo's Congonhas Airport on August 9-11. The location proved popular as over 6,000 attendees passed through the gates. Associação Brasileira de Aviação Geral (ABAG) President and IBAC Chairman **Rui de Aquino** expressed great satisfaction with the level of turnout, high enthusiasm and number of products sold.

The upcoming **NBAA Annual Meeting and Convention** to be held in Atlanta September 25-27 is also forecast to be a record breaker.

Next year promises even more. Civil Aviation Week India announced addition of the General Aviation India Expo in March of 2008. Other Conference organizers have advised that plans are already well underway for next years' programs (See schedule below).



Brazilian Minister of Defense, Nelson Jobim, discusses safety standards with IBAC Chairman Rui de Aquino and IBAC Director General Donald Spruston

Next Year's Events

- Asian Business Aviation Conf and Exhibit (ABACE), Hong Kong, 14 Feb 2008
- General Aviation India 2008 (GAI08) Expo, New Delhi, 18-20 March 2008
- European Business Aviation Conference and Exhibit, Geneva, 20-22 May 2008
- Canadian Business Aviation Convention, Exhibit and Trade Show, Toronto, 16-19 June 2008
- Latin American Business Aviation Conference and Exhibit (LABACE2008), Sao Paulo, 13-15 August 2008
- National Business Aviation Association Annual Meeting & Convention, Orlando, 6-8 October 2008
- Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA), Dubai, 16-18 November 2008

EBAA Announces New CEO

Rodolfo Baviera and **Brian Humphries**, Chairman and President respectively, of the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) announced the results of the search for a CEO to manage the growing organization. Humphries stated "I am pleased to report that we have agreed with Mr. **Eric Mandemaker** that he will take up the position of EBAA CEO during September. Mr. Mandemaker is Dutch by birth and is multilingual in English, German and French. He has 30 years experience in aviation, with both operational and engineering qualifications and experience."

Rohr Receives Award from CBAA

Ray Rohr, IBAC Regulatory Affairs Director and former Standards Manager was presented with the CBAA Award of Merit by the Canadian Business Aviation Association for (award inscription) "In recognition of your significant contribution to the safety and efficiency of business aviation through your innovative and insightful leadership in the design, development, and implementation of the POC program". CBAA assumed responsibility for regulatory oversight of turbine-powered pressurized aircraft in Canada from Transport Canada subsequent to establishment of the Private Operator's Certificate. Also awarded at the CBAA Annual Meeting was **Rob Seaman**, long time organizer of business aviation activities in Ontario.

IS-BAO Auditor Advisory Board to be formed

IBAC announced the creation of an Advisory Board of accredited IS-BAO auditors. IBAC accredits auditors to complete verification audits of flight departments that have implemented IS-BAO and wish to gain a Certificate of Registration. The Auditor Advisory Board will continuously review potential changes to the industry 'code of practice' and will make recommendations to the IBAC Standards Board to keep the 'code of practice' current.

Annex 6 Part II Amendments Being Considered by Contracting States

A proposal to amend Annex 6 Part II, the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practice governing International General Aviation Operations was forwarded to States in March via an ICAO State Letter. States had until July 28 to provide comments. It is expected that the ICAO Secretariat will complete a review of comments during the fall of this year.

Small Operator IS-BAO Brochure Available

IBAC has produced a new IS-BAO brochure aimed at the small operators of business aircraft. Copies of the brochure can be obtained from IBAC at www.ibac.org



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Middle East Business Aviation Association (MEBAA) Joins IBAC

The Middle East Business Aviation Association became the newest member of the international family of business aviation associations at the IBAC Governing Board May meeting in Geneva. IBAC Chairman, **Mr. Rui de Aquino**, welcomed the 13th IBAC Member Association, stating that *"the addition of an association from the Middle East ensures that the industry is represented by a family member from all corners of the world, and shows that business aviation is indeed becoming an accepted worldwide air transport option."* MEBAA is a regional association based in Dubai,



Mr. Ali Al Naqbi, MEBAA Chairman, briefed the IBAC Governing Board on the status of business aviation in the Middle East

United Arab Emirates. It represents business aircraft operators from many Middle East countries and it sponsors the successful Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) show. MEBAA was represented at the IBAC meeting by Chairman **Ali Al Naqbi**, President and CEO **Ammar Balkar** and Advisor **Jack Olcott**. MEBAA advised that Mr. Al Naqbi will serve as the representative of the Association on the IBAC Governing Board.

In the meantime, the Asian Business Aviation Association (AsBAA) advised intent to apply for IBAC Membership.

IS-BAO Workshops

IS-BAO Workshops are held throughout the year in different locations depending on the demand. Eight Workshops have been held in 2007; upcoming workshops in 2007 and 2008 are shown below. Additional Workshops will be added for 2008 and others will be added on request and as demand indicates.

Wichita, Kansas, USA, 26 October 2007
Oakland, CA, USA, 9 November 2007
San Antonio, Texas, USA, 28 March 2008
Geneva, Switzerland, 19 May 2008
Dayton, Ohio, USA, 27 June 2008

For detail and potential additions and changes see IBAC website at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/Audit%20Workshop.html>

IBAC Calendar of Upcoming Events

ICAO Assembly, Montreal, 18-28 September 2007
IBAC Standards Board, Atlanta, 24 September 2007
NBAA Convention, Atlanta, 25-27 September 2007
IBAC Governing Board (GB/46), Atlanta, 28 September 2007
Australian Business Aviation Assoc (ABAA) General Meeting, Coolool, 17 October 2007
IBAC Environmental Issues Work Group (EIWG/13), Zurich, 23-24 November 2007
IBAC Planning and Operations Committee (POC/17), Berlin, 3-4 December 2007
Asian Business Aviation Conf and Exhibit (ABACE 2008), Hong Kong, 14 February 2008
NBAA International Operators Conference (IOC), San Antonio, 10-13 March, 2008
General Aviation India Expo, New Delhi, March 18-20, 2008



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