A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
Kurt Edwards

To what degree should the commercial side of business aviation, i.e., on-demand charter operations, be covered by air services agreements between countries, with a view to liberalizing or making more flexible opportunities to fly internationally? That was a theme of some conversations last month at the ICAO Air Transport Regulation Panel, in which IBAC participated. While the topic was not a formal agenda item, there appeared to be favorable interest among some panel members there. I would be interested in hearing from operators with your thoughts on the concept. Please send me an email at dg@ibac.org.

IBAC was pleased to participate in ABACE 2019 in Shanghai in April and to highlight in particular the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH). Thanks to all who attended the panel session and who stopped by the IBAC stand to catch up.

We closed the end of the month by presenting business aviation’s efforts to promote awareness and the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) at ICAO’s first Stocktaking Seminar on SAF. More on this below from Bruce Parry.

May means EBACE, and we look forward to seeing you there. IBAC will have several events for IS-BAO and IS-BAH participants (see below). Moreover, the environment will be a central focus of activity in May. The Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), of which IBAC is a member, will hold its Global Sustainable Aviation Forum in Montreal on May 13th. Come learn about the innovative measures and strategies being deployed by the global aviation industry to mitigate environmental impacts, particularly those related to climate change. I will be moderating a panel at the forum, titled Next Steps on CORSIA and Prospects for the 40th ICAO Assembly. And en route to Geneva for EBACE, we will join with several other business and general aviation associations in highlighting SAF at Farnborough Airport on May 18 (see below for more details).

Workshops & Events
REGISTER for a workshop near you, today. View all IS-BAO and IS-BAH Workshops HERE.

EBACE - 21-23 May
Booth #H55
Save the Date: During EBACE
SPI Meeting & Awards Reception
Tuesday May 21st 4:00-6:00 PM
and
IS-BAO Roundtable
Wednesday May 22nd, 4:00-6:00 PM.

IS-BAH
• IS-BAH standards board will meet ahead of EBACE on Monday, May 20th, there will be a full agenda with much to discuss and we are expecting a good turnout.
• IS-BAH did a presentation on ground handling safety, at the Business Aviation Safety Summit (BASS 2019).
• Workshops in Atlanta were well attended. In June we will see workshops in White Plains and London Luton.
The IS-BAO Programme has been representing and meeting with operators at several industry events: the EASA Ramp inspection (SAFA) meeting, Business Aviation Safety Summit (BASS), Go Digital, and the Aviation Insurance Association (AIA) annual conference.

Internal Programme work continues with the Progressive Stage 3 Option and updated tools.

The Helicopter Association International (HAI) collaborative is being updated for the Industry in order to leverage both HAI and IBAC’s new capabilities.

Successful workshops in Hong Kong, Melbourne, Washington DC, and Atlanta are building momentum for the busy summer schedule.

EBACE Activities
Visit with IBAC at Booth #H55 during the EBACE Convention
- 18 May “Fueling the Future” – The Sustainable Alternative Jet Fuels Initiative – TAG Farnborough, UK from 09:30 to 15:30. The coalition of international industry organisations behind the SAJF Initiative and Business Aviation SAJF Guide will demonstrate its commitment in-action, one year since its launch. Additional SAJF fueling locations participating in the demonstration include Republic Airport, Farmingdale, New York (KFRG), Caen Carpiquet Airport, France (CFR, LFRK), and Stockholm Arlanda Airport, Sweden (ARN, ESSA). Please contact Bruce Parry at bparry@ibac.org for more information.
- 20 May – IS-BAH Standards Board Meeting
- 20-21 May – IS-BAO Fundamentals/Audits Workshop Register HERE
- 21 May – 16:00-18:00 IBAC SPI Roundtable for IS-BAO & IS-BAH and Annual Recognition Awards Reception – All IBAC member associations and friends are invited to attend
- 21 May – 16:00-18:00 IS-BAO Roundtable discussion and mixer. RSVP details coming soon
- 22 May – 16:00-18:00 IS-BAO Roundtable discussion and mixer. RSVP details coming soon
- 23-24 May – IBAC Governing Board Meeting

SAF Activity
ICAO Stocktaking Seminar towards the 2050 Vision for Sustainable Aviation Fuels
Last week, ICAO held its first Stocktaking Seminar towards the 2050 Vision for Sustainable Aviation Fuels. The seminar centred around key themes: developments in certification and deployment of aviation fuels; State and organization initiatives for the deployment of alternative fuel; financing and assistance programmes for aviation fuels; and developments in sustainability of aviation fuels.

IBAC’s Director General, Kurt Edwards participated in the State and organization initiatives item describing the activities undertaken in the business aviation sector on the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), including the relevance of SAF to the Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change (BACCC), the business aviation guide on SAF, our recent and future demonstration events and the next steps that we expect to take with regards to SAF within the business aviation sector.

The event was attended by ICAO Member States, industry and fuel experts, and other industry stakeholders with and audience of approximately 150 delegates in attendance. ICAO has suggested that this will be a regular event and will hold it again next year at the end of April. Business aviation will be working hard to ensure that we have undertaken more activity in the coming year to report to this future seminar.

Fueling the Future at TAG Farnborough UK
The business aviation community led by its Sustainable Alternative Jet Fuel (SAJF) Consortium; (GAMA, IBAC, EBAA, NBAA and NATA) will hold its second SAJF demonstration event at TAG Farnborough airport on 18 May as a precursor to EBACE in Geneva. The leaders of each of the consortium members will speak on the importance of the use of SAJF to our community and how it supports the commitments in the Business Aviation Commitment on Climate Change (BACCC). IBAC’s Director General, Kurt Edwards, will present to the assembled audience an overview of the Business Aviation SAJF Guide. The SAJF Guide answers questions and allays concerns of operators, fixed-base operators (FBOs), owners, pilots, fuel providers, airports about performance, safety and appropriateness of using SAJF. There will be a display of a dozen aircraft on site at Farnborough, and these aircraft will be fuelled with SAJF. Selected operators will make demonstration flights where representatives of the media will be on board and able to talk directly to industry and fuel experts on SAJF. Once these flights are completed, the aircraft will depart for EBACE in Geneva fueled with SAJF.

SAJF will also be made available at several other airports in Europe and the United States specifically for the business aviation community to collectively fly-in to Europe’s premier event and the annual meeting place for the European business aviation community, EBACE in Geneva.
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