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## ISASI International Council Holds Meeting in Augsburg, Germany

Members of ISASI's International Council conducted their semi-annual business meeting in August prior to the Society's 2015 Seminar in Augsburg, Germany. Frank Del Gandio, ISASI President, welcomed the Councilors and briefed them on the meeting agenda. Del Gandio noted that ISASI received 42 membership applications from SCSA courses and collected \$3,300 as part of this program. He discussed the Jerome Lederer Award and asked for and received four volunteers for the selection committee: International volunteers-- Ismaeil Mohammed al Hosani and Caj Frostell; U.S. volunteers: Bob MacIntosh and Toby Carroll. Del Gandio also discussed the Fellow Membership Program and noted that Curt Lewis leads the selection committee.

### Financial Report

ISASI Treasurer, Bob MacIntosh reviewed the Society's financial status with the Councilors and discussed the budget process. He noted that as of August, ISASI had a \$22,000 deficit, but that would be erased with the 2015 Seminar revenue. Participants discussed budget items with increasing costs during 2015-2016 and the importance of gaining new society members, retaining current members, and urging delinquent members to return to active status. The Councilors approved the proposed 2016 budget.

### Membership Committee Report

President Del Gandio briefed the group on the Membership Committee report. He said there have been 135 new individual and 5 new corporate memberships. The Society's totals as of August were 1,231 members and 131 corporate members. The Councilors discussed the ISASI initiation fee and when the fee is waived, for example, during Reachouts and ISASI seminars and who can

authorize waiving the fee. A request to clarify waiving the fee in policy will be studied and a report submitted to the May 2016 International Council meeting. The Councilors discussed various forums and suggestions to promote ISASI and gain new members.

### Seminar Committee Report

ESASI President Keith Conradi reported on the 2015 Seminar in Augsburg, Germany. He noted that there were 299 Seminar attendees who signed up with 36 companions.

The Augsburg Deputy Lord Mayor would address the Opening Ceremonies. The Augsburg Lord Mayor would welcome delegates at a reception prior to the Tuesday night dinner.

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## ISASI 2016



**Note Date Change: ISASI 2016 in Reykjavik, Iceland, October 17-20, 2016.**

## —Council Meeting from Page 1

Thorkell Agustsson briefed the Councilors on the 2016 Seminar in Reykjavik, Iceland on October 17-20 at the Grand Hotel. He discussed the planned social schedule and the event organizing committee. The Seminar theme will be “Every Link is Important.” Agustsson submitted a draft hotel contract to Committee Chair Barbara Dunn who will edit and finalize the document. Ron Schleede, ISASI Vice President, will work with the event organizing committee to obtain sponsors and Keith Conradi will be in charge of the technical program.

Dunn briefed the Council on the August 2017 Seminar at the San Diego, California Sheraton Hotel near the airport. The Tuesday night dinner and the event theme are still in the planning stages.

Ismaeil Mohammed al Hosani reported on an upcoming bid for the 2018 Seminar in Dubai. He said the organizing committee will have a full proposal and budget for the next Council meeting.

Dunn said the 2019 Seminar will likely be held in the United States in either Chicago or Seattle. In

2020, there may be an opportunity to hold the event in Seoul, Korea.

### Communications Report

*ISASI Forum* Editor Esperison Martinez discussed the Society’s *Author’s Guidelines* and the Contributor License Agreement. All contributors must sign agreement with this Contributor License prior to their material being used in ISASI communications. Also, a note will be added to the ISASI website that individuals must get the original author’s permission to reprint material as under the Agreement the author retains the copyright. The *Author’s Guidelines* will be added to the seminar manual and the Kapustin Scholarship Application.

### Executive Advisor’s Report

Dick Stone urged in his submitted report that the Councilors have a short discussion about news media representatives attending and writing about the annual ISASI Seminar. Ron Schleede noted that Stone is the ISASI media spokesperson and therefore must be the central contact for the news media. Stone’s report suggested that language should be prepared and added to the Society position manual about advertising on the ISASI website. Extensive discussion on this topic will be continued at the May 2016 Council meeting.

### National Societies/Councilors Reports

ASASI: Rick Sellers submitted a written report and thanked Lindsay Naylor for his leadership as ASASI president for more than a decade. Sellers said the next regional meeting is scheduled for Brisbane in June 2016.

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**Shown above: ISASI VP Ron Schleede, left and President Frank Del Gandio lead a discussion. Shown right: Are, from the left, Chad Balentine, ISASI Secretary; Marcus Costa, ICAO; Alister Buckingham, NZSASI; Rick Sellers, ASASI; Tom Curran, MENASASI; Ismail Wahed, MENASASI; and Elias Nikolaidis, ENASASI**



## —Meeting from Page 2

*AsiaSASI:* Chan Wing Keong briefed the International Council on a written report from Pang Min Li that included the AsiaSASI EXCo meeting in June 2015 where new officers were elected whose organizations will serve terms until Sept.

*CSASI:* Barbara Dunn noted that the Canadian Society gained 8 new members thanks to the SCSi's new program.

*KSASI:* Soon Cheol Byeon submitted a written report and briefed the Councilors about two accident investigation/prevention courses held in December 2014 and June 2015.

KSASI has elected a new slate of officers and has a new office location. KSASI is now registered as an Aviation Disaster Air organization and has submitted an application for recognition as a non-profit.

*NZSASI:* Alister Buckingham submitted a written report. He discussed their latest joint society meeting with ASASI and at that session Rick Sellers assumed responsibility as ASASI president from Lindsay Naylor.

*MENASASI:* Ismaeil Mohammed al Hosani submitted a written report. He noted that the society planned its third seminar during November 2015 that will include a one-day workshop. They created Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. He also told the Councilors that MENASASI will submit a proposal to the May 2016 meeting for the 2018 ISASI Seminar proposed to be in Dubai.

*USSASI:* Toby Carroll noted that the USA society was doing well and has some 940 members with 11 regional chapters. He noted that a few changes for those regional chapters are coming—including allowing the re-  
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**IC Meeting participants, shown from the left, are ESASI President Keith Conradi, CSASI President Barbara Dunn, and ISASI Secretary Chad Balentine.**

gional chapters to create sub-chapters. Carroll noted that the USA Society is urging elections for new officers in inactive regions and is looking for an individual to address retention of members. USSASI is looking at a spring USA Society meeting in 2016.

**Rudy Kapustin Scholarship**  
ISASI Secretary Chad Balentine discussed the four recent Rudy Kapustin Scholarship winners as well as changes to the application process that were considered at the May 2015 Council meeting. ISASI Vice President Ron Schleede raised obtaining additional funding for the scholarship during the business meeting and discussed the history and the importance of the scholarship.

**Committee and WG Reports**  
*Reachout Committee:* ISASI President Frank Del Gandio discussed the Reachout Committee's written report that Glenn Jones submitted. He also noted that Caj Frostell and he will travel to Pakistan in May

2016 for a Reachout.

*Cabin Safety Working Group:* Barbara Dunn discussed the activities of the Cabin Safety WG, including her participation in the Cabin Safety ICAO Working Group. ISASI is a full member in this ICAO WG. The ICAO WG has already worked on cabin crew training and completed a document on Child restraint Systems. Dunn is pleased with the this document and hopes the various States will adopt it.

*ICAO WG:* Ron Schleede discussed ISASI's participation in this Working Group and that ISASI has provided to ICAO the Society's official comments on two State letters. ♦

## Dues Deadline

Annual ISASI dues payments must be received by close of business on 1/31/16 to avoid a late fee. For more information, Contact Ann Schull at [isasi@erols.com](mailto:isasi@erols.com) or call 1-703-430-9668. ♦



## ISASI Will Create Two New Working Groups

ISASI President Frank Del Gandio reports that two new working groups are being formed for accident investigators:

- Airports
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM).

The purpose of the ISASI working groups is to create a document that can be used by Society members during an investigation, or, in the case of CISM, to help investigators cope with the various physical and mental problems associated with a catastrophic accident investigation.

Both groups are looking for interested participants. The tasks and activities of working groups are usually accomplished by Email. Once the group completes the document, it is then reviewed by the ISASI Executive Council and placed on the ISASI website upon approval.

If you are interested in participating in either of these groups, please send an email to:

Airports: David Gleave ([spotwelder@hotmail.com](mailto:spotwelder@hotmail.com))  
CISM: David Rye ([Drye@aib.gov.sa](mailto:Drye@aib.gov.sa)) ♦

## Third Accident Investigation Forum Set for Singapore April 19-21, 2016

During the ISASI International Council's August meeting in Germany, Chan Wing Keong, AAIB Singapore, said the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore will be hosting the 3rd International Accident Investigation (IAI) Forum on 19-21 April 2016.

Frank Del Gandio, ISASI president, indicated that the Society is happy to support the event.

The Air Accident Investigation Board Singapore is the entity that serves as Secretary of the AsiaSASI Executive Committee. ♦

## SERC Sets Annual Meeting for April 1, 2016 in Virginia

Preparations are being made for the 2016 Southeast Regional Chapter (SERC) of ISASI Meeting. This gathering will be held at the Sheraton Reston in Reston, VA, located a few miles from Dulles International Airport and just 25 miles from Washington, DC.

Events will begin on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 0900 with a two hour presentation about TWA 800 by Dr. Paul Schuda, Director of the NTSB Training Center located in Ashburn, Virginia. The presentation includes a comprehensive slide presentation of the aircraft loss and a visitation of the reconstructed 747.

That afternoon participants will visit the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center located on the Dulles Airport property (Chantilly, VA), only a few miles away from the meeting hotel.

The following day will consist of a variety of speakers from different organizations presenting ideas and topics that will inform and inspire. Additionally, an official call for papers is being drafted so that presenters can be chosen over the next couple of months.

Registration will open in early 2016. Members are urged to save the date and plan to attend. ♦



**B-307 Stratoliner cockpit. This airliner is on display at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center in PAA livery.**

# CHC Safety & Quality Summit Update

Aviation students can now apply for an expenses-paid opportunity to attend the 12th-annual CHC Safety & Quality Summit, through grants which honor a long-time advocate of excellence in aviation safety training. The Dr. Peter Gardiner Student Grant, worth more than C\$4,000, covers: admission to the summit; a choice of one of the pre-event courses; as well as C\$1,500 in hotel and travel reimbursement.



The summit, hosted by CHC Helicopter, an ISASI corporate member, the operating company of CHC Group Ltd. (NYSE: HELI), is recognized by many as the most important helicopter-safety conference in the world. This year's event will be focused on the theme **“Back to Basics: Prioritizing Safety in a Challenging Economy.”** The 2016 summit will be held April 4-6 at the Westin Bayshore Resort in Vancouver, with pre-summit courses starting April 1.

This will be the sixth year Drs. Wiegmann and Shappell, of HFACS Inc., have sponsored a student to participate in the summit, in recognition of Dr. Gardiner. In addition, the Westin Bayshore – the host hotel – has generously matched the grant for a third time, enabling a second student to attend. The late Dr. Gardiner was president and chief executive officer of the Southern California Safety Institute (SCSI). His objective for SCSI was to provide people in aviation with the best possible tools and training to reduce accident rates and ultimately increase the safety of those that fly. More information can be found at <http://www.chc.ca>. ♦

## ISASI's ATC Working Group Seeks Participants

Are you a safety investigator with a special interest in the air traffic control aspects of accidents and incidents? If so, consider joining the ATC Working Group!

With the introduction of major "NextGen" system changes in the US and advanced procedures and equipment worldwide, there is a need for investigators to exchange information on the changes and challenges of understanding ATC issues in accident investigations.

If you would like to participate in this specialist group, contact Scott Dunham at [scottdunham10@gmail.com](mailto:scottdunham10@gmail.com). ♦

## Military Air Safety Workshop

*SAVE THE DATE –April 19-21, 2016:* David Harper, President of the ISASI Rocky Mountain Regional Chapter, reports that the RMRC and the ISASI Military Air Safety Investigators Working Group, in conjunction with the US Air Force Safety Center, will be hosting the 2016 Military Air Safety Workshop from April 19-21 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. The dates are firm and a contract has been signed with the conference hotel.

“This will be an informative and educational workshop,” Harper says, “conducted in a conference/seminar format with additional half-day special interest tutorials, as well as evening social functions. The workshop is open to all nationalities. Experienced instructors have agreed to conduct tutorials on conducting ejection seat investigations as part of military accident investigations, and on investigating accidents involving Remotely Piloted Aircraft.

A Call for Papers will be issued in the latter part of November. Abstracts will be due from interested parties on January 19, 2016. Selected presenters will be notified in early February after which they will have 45 days to prepare and submit final presentations. ♦



## Regional Safety Conference in Kazakhstan

Air Astana recently held a Regional Safety Conference in Almaty, Kazakhstan. As reported on the RTI Group's blog, the two day seminar, titled "Proactive Safety – From Theory to Practice", was designed by Air Astana and held at the Intercontinental Hotel Almaty. Seminar delegates included over 80 representatives from IATA, Airbus, Registry of Aruba, DGAC, airports and airlines hailing from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Russia.

Steve Hull, aviation director for RTI Group, an ISASI corporate member, represented ISASI at the gathering. Hull was invited to give two presentations during the program. In his first presentation, Hull recounted his experience as the lead investigator on the B-777 accident that occurred in 2008. In this accident



**Steve Hull, RTI, speaks to conference participants.**

the most probable cause

was ice forming in the fuel feed pipes that restricted fuel flow to both engines resulting in the aircraft landing short of Runway 27 left at London's Heathrow Airport.

Next, Hull discussed the B-777 accident at LHR and the topic, *Do airlines really understand pilot suicide?*. He explored the relationship between depression and suicide. Hull observed that although the number of fatalities in the last 40 years is statistically minimal, the thought of pilot suicide is horrific to the travelling public and with no positive way to detect depression there is no easy solution. ♦

## NEW ISASI Members

### New Individual Members

Andersson, Ulf; Linköping, Sweden  
Averna, Andrew R.; Glen Head, NY, USA  
Brady, Sean M.; Kingsville, TX, USA  
Brahm, Alvaro L.; Santiago, Chile  
Brough, Billy R.; Powell, OH, USA  
Compani, Alidad; Valley center, CA, USA  
Friesacher, Thomas M.; Salzburg, Austria  
Fuentes, Kimberly C.; Daytona Beach, FL, USA  
Hepher, Tim; Paris, France  
Hinton, Bradford W.; Daytona Beach, FL, USA  
Jenkin, Bryce R.; Deltona, FL, USA  
Katt, Jeremy D.; Irvine, CA, USA  
Krejce, Ryan J.; Cordova, TN, USA  
Law, Wai Tsun; Daytona Beach, FL, USA  
Lax, William S.; Daytona Beach, FL, USA  
Lin, Jonathan Wei'An; Daytona Beach, FL, USA  
Marinas, Karena F.; Valencia, CA, USA

Masood, Fahad; Rawalpindi, Pakistan  
Miles, Frederick D.; Milton, GA, USA  
Othman, Mohammad N.; Singapore, Singapore  
Palmer, Craig L.; Port Saint Lucie, FL, USA  
Pettersson, Jan I.; Linköping, Sweden  
Sarbo, Meghan; Daytona Beach, FL, USA  
Schliz, Michael T.; Prior Lake, MN, USA  
Schnappauf, Kirsten L.; Northford, CT, USA  
Sharaf, Sharaf J.; Tubli, Bahrain  
Shea, Sr., Thomas W.; Orlando FL, USA  
Singh, Anand P.; Dubai, UAE  
Singleton, Steven M.; Port Orange, FL, USA  
Stueckle, Christian; Munich, Germany  
Suez, Joseph K.; Santiago, Chile  
Thatcher, Steven J.; Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Ton, Steven M.; Port Orchard, WA, USA  
Winter, Scott R.; Melbourne, FL, USA  
Wolf, Ahlohn G.; Daytona Beach, FL, USA ♦