

ISASI Reachout No. 20

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**Organized by:
The Gulf Flight Safety Committee**

Venue host: The Emirates Group

1. Introduction

1.1 The Gulf Flight Safety Committee (GFSC) is made up of many of the airlines and other aviation organizations within the Gulf States Region. They meet periodically to share safety materials and experiences to improve safety of their operations. The GFSC was the primary organizer of 20th ISASI Reachout Workshop, which was titled *Aircraft Accident Prevention & Investigation, and Safety Management Systems*. The venue host was the Emirates Group, which operates the Emirates Airlines. The Emirates Airlines provided the facilities for the workshop in the *Emirates Aviation College* in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Emirates Airlines hosted morning and afternoon breaks and lunch for all participants. The Emirates Airlines staff also produced the participant workbooks and DVDs containing workshop background materials and the instructors' presentations.

1.2 The workshop was opened on Sunday 25 March 2007 by Captain Tim Jenkins, Senior Vice President of Safety for Emirates Airlines. Captain Jonathan Gillespie, Vice President of Flight Safety for Emirates Airlines also welcomed everyone. The workshop was closed by Captain Jenkins on 1 March after the certificates had been awarded to the participants.

2. Content of the Workshop

2.1 The workshop comprised five working days. At the request of the hosts and participants, the program was focused approximately 70% on accident prevention and 30% on accident investigation management. The program was conducted by Ron Schleede and Caj Frostell covering accident investigation management and accident prevention, and Mike Doiron and Caj Frostell covering Safety Management Systems (SMS). Mike Doiron also covered Human Factors. All three instructors used case studies and other exercises, which provided considerable participant / instructor interactions.

2.2 The instructors prepared the training material for their modules consisting of paper handouts (workbook), PowerPoint presentations, and DVDs containing libraries of published manuals and booklets, accident reports, and the instructors' presentations. Each participant received copies of the workbook and DVDs. In addition, courtesy of ICAO, each participant received the ALAR Tool Kit CD and the GAIN – An Operator Safety Handbook CD.

3. **Participants**

3.1 There were a total of 33 participants in attendance representing the following organizations: Emirates Airlines, GFSC, Qatar Airways, Gulf Air, Abu Dhabi Aviation, Air Arabia, H.M. Royal Flight of Oman, Royal Flight Bahrain, National Air Services (*Saudi Arabia*), Gulf Helicopters, Amiri Flight (*Abu Dhabi*), AeroGulf, Sharjah Airport, Dubai Air Wing, Oman Airports Management Company, and UAE Department of Civil Aviation.

3.2 At the beginning of the workshop, there were only a few participants that were members of ISASI. The Emirates Airlines is a Corporate Member. During the workshop, the benefits of ISASI membership were discussed and application forms were provided to all attendees. By the end of the program, 16 new individual members had provided applications to join ISASI. The GFSC also joined as a Corporate Member. Other organizations indicated positive interest and may pursue Corporate Membership in the near future.

3.3 The participants received ISASI certificates for participation in the *Workshop on Aircraft Accident Prevention & Investigation, and Safety Management Systems*.

4. **Sponsorships**

4.1 Sponsors for the workshop included Emirates Airlines, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airlines, Air Arabia, The Boeing Company, AviateQ International, and ISASI.

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