

Reachout No. 17

Held in Larnaca, Cyprus, 29 May to 9 June 2006

Hosted by:

The Air Accident and Incident Investigation Board of Cyprus

1. Introduction

1.1 The Air Accident and Incident Investigation Board (AAIIB) of Cyprus hosted the 17th ISASI Reachout Workshop, which was titled, *ISASI Workshop on Flight Safety and Accident and Incident prevention*. AAIIB Chairman Costas Orphanos and his team organized the Workshop with assistance from Captain Akrivos Tsolakis, Chairman of the Hellenic Air Accident Investigation & Safety Board (HAAISB).

1.2 The workshop was opened on Monday 29 May 2006 by Chairman Orphanos, who then introduced the Minister of Communications and Works, the Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), and Captain Tsolakis, who made opening remarks. Chairman Orphanos was assisted throughout the workshop by staff from the AAIIB and DCA.

1.3 The workshop was held in the Golden Bay Hotel near Larnaca. On the evening of the last day, a banquet was held in the hotel for all participants, at which the Minister of Communications and Works, the Director-General of the DCA, Chairman Orphanos, and Captain Tsolakis made closing remarks and presented certificates to all of the students.

2. Content of the Workshop

2.1 The workshop comprised ten working days. The program was about equally divided into Safety Management Systems (SMS) and Accident/Incident Investigation and Prevention. The main program was conducted by Ron Schleede covering accident/incident investigation and prevention, and Jim Stewart covering SMS. However, there was considerable support from additional instructors: Dr. Loukia Loukopolous from Greece (NASA employee) covered human factors, Dr. Ioannis Markou from Greece covered aero-medical factors, Captain Vangelis Demosthenos from Cyprus covered SMS and related topics, and Captain Elias Nikolaides from Greece addressed European regulatory requirements and operational safety oversight (internal and external audits). All of the 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, CD-ROM libraries of published manuals and booklets. Each participant received copies of documents and CD-ROMs with considerable background materials for

future reference. 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 45 participants in attendance representing the Cyprus AAIB, the Cyprus DCA, Hellenic AAIASB, an aviation magazine from Greece, the Egyptian Air Traffic Services, Cyprus Airsports Federation, Cyprus Intercollege, Cyprus Fire Service, Cyprus Ministry of Defence, Helios Airways, Eurocypria Airlines, Cyprus Airways, Cyprus Police Department (aviation department), and the Ministry of Communications and Works. .

3.2 At the beginning of the workshop there were only two participants that were members of ISASI. The Hellenic AAISB is a Corporate Member. During the workshop, the benefits of ISASI membership were mentioned and applications were provided to all attendees. By the end of the program, twenty-two new members had provided applications and payment to join ISASI. They now plan to organize a future meeting amongst themselves and are considering forming a local Chapter. The Cypriot AAIB and Cyprus Airways are also considering joining as Corporate Members.

3.3 The participants received ISASI certificates for participation in the *Workshop on Flight Safety and Accident Investigation and Prevention*.

4. Sponsorships

4.1 Sponsors for the workshop included Olympic Airways, Cyprus Airways, and Air BP. Considerable support was provided by the Hellenic AAIASB, the Cyprus AAIB, the Cyprus DCA, and the Cyprus Ministry of Communications and Works.

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