

Reachout No. 16

For the Nordic Countries

in Helsinki, Finland from 24 to 28 April 2006

Hosted by:
The Accident Investigation Board of Finland

1. Introduction

1.1 The Accident Investigation Board of Finland hosted the 16th ISASI Reachout Workshop. The workshop was arranged for the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) as an Advanced Aircraft Accident Investigation Workshop. The workshop was opened on Monday 24 April 2006 by the Director of the AIB – Finland, Mr. Tuomo Karppinen. Mr. Karppinen was assisted throughout the workshop by the aviation investigators Mr. Esko Lahteenmaki and Mr. Hannu Mesaranta of the AIB - Finland.

1.2 The workshop was held in the conference room of the Ministry of Justice in Finland. On the evening of the first day of the workshop, a most enjoyable get-together party was held in the conference facilities.



Mr. Tuomo Karppinen, Director AIB-Finland



Three investigators from Denmark



Ron Schleede, Alain Guillaudou (BEA, France),
Kathie Schleede and Raila Vendelin-Frostell



Edith Irgens from AIB-Norway

2. Content of the Workshop

2.1 The advanced accident investigation workshop comprised five working days. It was conducted by Caj Frostell, Alain Guillaudou and Ron Schleede. The workshop contained presentations on the requirements and international obligations contained in ICAO Annex 13, selection and training of investigators, preparing investigators and their managers for a major investigation, planning and organization to conduct an investigation, procedures and checklists, underwater wreckage recovery, field investigation, accident site management, group organization and group progress meetings, flight recorders, technical investigation, flight operations investigation, off-scene testing, crashworthiness, witness interviewing, human factors, family assistance, avoidance and protection of biohazards exposure, news media, factual reports and public records, writing the final report, identification of safety deficiencies, making safety recommendations, and eight interactive case studies.

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 30 participants in attendance; three from the AIB – Denmark; one from Estonia; one from AAIB – Iceland; two from AIB - Norway; eight from AIB – Sweden; and 16 from the AIB – Finland as well as from the Finnish Air Force, the Finnish Defence Forces, Finnair, Air Finland, Blue 1 and the Finnish CAA. As the Accident Investigation Boards in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden are multimodal accident investigation boards, several participants represented other modes of transport than aviation.

3.2 Of the participating organizations, at least four were corporate members of ISASI (AIB-Finland, AIB-Norway, AIB-Sweden and Finnair). In addition, some of the participants were individual ISASI members. The participants expressed their appreciation to ISASI for bringing the workshop and the ISASI activities to the Nordic countries. The ISASI membership forms and ISASI corporate membership forms were made available to the participants.

3.2 The participants received ISASI certificates for participation in the advanced aircraft accident investigation workshop.

Mr. Tuomo Karppinen, Director AIB-Finland
with Caj Frostell and Ron Schleede

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Helsinki, Finland

4. Sponsorships

4.1 The AIB - Finland hosted the workshop and covered the costs involved. There was no need for ISASI to obtain additional sponsorship from ISASI sources for the workshop. Local sponsorships were provided in the form of a registration fee for participation in the workshop.

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Lecturers

Caj Frostell, Finland
Alain Guillardou, BEA, France
Ronald L. Schleede, USA

Participants

Denmark

Kurt Færch Madsen, AIB
Flemming Bang Nielsen, AIB
Martin Puggaard, AIB

Estonia

Jens Haug, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications

Finland

Markus Bergman, AIB
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Tuomo Karppinen, AIB
Pekka Kuoppala, Finnish Air Force
Jari Lyytinen, Air Finland
Esko Lähteenmäki, AIB
Jarmo Lumiaho, Finnair

Hannu Mellaranta, AIB
Kimmo Nortaja, Finnish Air Force
Henri Rautiainen, Blue1
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Jarmo Tuulaniemi, Defence Forces
Kai Valonen, AIB
Samuli Vuokila, Finnish Civil Aviation Authority
Tapani Vänttinen, AIB
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