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▶ Security

Second Technical Task Force meeting of 2019

Rome, 4-5 June — Amendments to the ECAC Common Testing Methodologies for explosive detection systems (EDS), explosive detection systems for cabin baggage and walk through metal detectors were on the agenda at ECAC's 73rd Technical Task Force meeting, which was chaired for the first time by José Luis del Carmen Melero from AESA, Spain.

Members and observers of the task force gave presentations on various projects. The representative of the French *Service Technique de l'Aviation Civile* gave an overview of exploratory research on measuring image quality performance for 3D systems, while the European Commission representative presented the new list of chemicals to be detected in the near future. ACI EUROPE and Australia talked about the concept of operations for, and deployment of, explosive detection systems for cabin baggage at European and Australian airports.

Validation of a new best practices course on auditing security equipment

Amsterdam, 11-13 June — An ECAC Best Practices on Auditing Security Equipment validation course was delivered at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport in cooperation with the Dutch National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism (NCTV) and the Royal Marechaussee. Eight experts from the Royal Marechaussee and two from the DGAC of Luxembourg attended the training.

Featuring a combination of training techniques, including practical activities, this new course has been developed to allow national auditors who conduct compliance monitoring activities to improve their competencies in assessing the deployment and use of screening equipment.

The training material met with positive feedback from the participants and will be further developed and improved.

Behaviour Detection Study Group reviews guidance material

Paris, 13-14 June — The 23rd meeting of the Behaviour Detection Study Group (BDSG) took place at ECAC's premises on 13 and 14 June.

Across two days, participants looked at the research and development activities' gap analysis, finalised a model training programme for behaviour detection officers and discussed the draft guidance material on raising behaviour detection awareness amongst the travelling public and staff. Proposed amendments to Doc 30, Part II, Chapter 15 "Behaviour Detection" to include new recommendations on different deployment methods, as well as to the Model Behaviour Detection Programme, were also reviewed.

The group took the opportunity to discuss preparations for the next Behaviour Detection Research and Development Workshop, which will be held on 17-18 September in Bucharest.

ECAC security auditors gather in Paris for their annual meeting

Paris, 19-20 June — ECAC security auditors gathered at ECAC's premises on 19 and 20 June for their 17th meeting. This annual meeting provides auditors with the opportunity to exchange information and offer feedback to the ECAC Secretariat on the implementation of the ECAC Audit Programme.

Throughout the day, the auditors worked through an agenda that examined developments in the aviation security domain, the latest amendments to ECAC Doc 30, Part II and best practices in assessing the implementation of security provisions to ensure consistency in the auditing process. The ECAC Secretariat is very grateful to those Member States that contribute to the Programme as well as to their auditors who take part in the audits.

Explosive detection dogs group meets in Paris

Paris, 26-27 June — The ECAC Study Group on Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD) met to discuss the final version of the EDD General Testing Methodology. This document defines procedures for evaluating the performance of EDD teams and sets minimum baseline requirements for ECAC Member States wishing to develop an EDD testing programme or improve their existing testing protocol. ■

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▶ Safety

European coordination on aviation safety and air navigation continues

Brussels, 20 June — The European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group (ESANCG) held its 8th meeting at the SESAR JU offices in Brussels, co-chaired by Jean-Marc Flon of the European Commission's DG MOVE and Kari Siekkinen of the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency, Traficom.

Participants were brought up to date on the status of endorsement of the European working papers for the 40th ICAO Assembly, including on the outcome of cross-domain consultations. The meeting was also briefed on the outcome of discussions at the 217th session of the ICAO Council on the endorsement of ICAO papers for the Assembly, including on proposals for resolutions. ◼

What's on in July and August?

July

1	14th meeting of the European Aviation and Environment Working Group (EAEG/14), Paris
7-11	CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1, Cairo
9-11	EaP/CA Workshop on Security Equipment, Paris
10	29th meeting of the Security Programme Management Group (SPMG/29), Rome
17-18	CASE Project regional workshop on cargo and mail security, Addis Ababa
22-26	CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1, Kigali
25	42nd meeting of the Common Evaluation Process (CEP) Management Group, Paris

August

6-8	CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 2, Accra
7-9	CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 2, Dakar
19-23	CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1, Dar-es-Salaam
26-30	CASE Project Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1, Dar-es-Salaam
28	9th meeting of the European Safety and Air Navigation Coordination Group, Brussels
29-31	68th Special meeting of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/68(SP)), Malaga
30	37th ECAC Plenary Session (ECAC/37), Malaga

▶ CASE Project

Angola becomes a Partner State of the CASE Project

Luanda, 17-21 June — The CASE Project conducted its first national activity in Angola with a Best Practices for National Auditors – Level 1 training course delivered in Portuguese by two instructors from the Portuguese Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC). Six national auditors from the Angolan National Institute of Civil Aviation (INAVIC) and one from the Angolan National Company for the Exploration of Airports and Air Navigation (ENANA) attended the course, which was officially opened by Diògenes da Silva, Deputy Director General of INAVIC.

In the margins of the activity, the CASE Project presented Mr da Silva with an ECAC Standard Test Piece to be used to verify the image quality of x-ray equipment. Angola becomes the Project's 30th Partner State at the level of national activities.

Strategic meetings on CASE and CASE II Projects

Brussels, 13-14 June — The fifth CASE Project Steering Group meeting took place in Brussels on 13 June followed the next day by a workshop on the upcoming CASE II Project.

Both meetings were co-chaired by Patricia Reverdy, ECAC Acting Executive Secretary and CASE Project Director, and Carlos Badin Bujan, Programme Manager at the European Commission's DG DEVCO.

For the first time, the Steering Group meeting comprised an extended panel of 13 Partner States, together with ECAC Member State representatives, European Commission DG MOVE and DG HOME and representatives of regional organisations, the industry and ICAO. A dedicated feedback session gave participants the opportunity to comment on the Project's activities, which led to substantial debate on the key performance indicators and on assessing the outcomes of the activities.

During the CASE II Project workshop the next day, a brainstorming session allowed participants to consider the content of the new project, which is being developed by ECAC, as well as strategic issues such as its overall approach, organisation, cooperation with stakeholders and future activities. The conclusions from this session will be considered further as potential input to the new project.

CASE workshop on risk management

Manama, 24-25 June — Bahrain's department for Civil Aviation Affairs (BCAA) and the Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA) hosted a two-day workshop on managing risk in aviation that was jointly organised by ECAC and the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) under the CASE Project. Thirty-one participants from ten ACAO Member States including, for the first time, Somalia, attended the event, which was opened by Husain Ahmed Al Shuail, Assistant Undersecretary of Safety and Aviation Security, and Captain Dhaffer Al Abbasi, Chief Executive Officer of the GAA.

Speakers from administrations and industry in Bahrain and Europe gave a series of presentations on different approaches to the issue of risk management and the challenges that can arise in implementing risk-management programmes. Participants were also given an insight into the question of risk management as described in ICAO's global Risk Context Statement, which was developed by the ICAO Risk and Threat Working Group chaired by Mark Rodmell (United Kingdom).

Breakout sessions were animated and generated a great deal of discussion. The workshop moderator, Eleanor Travers of the Irish Aviation Authority, praised the strong and insightful questions raised by the participants, and said that she and the other speakers had also found the workshop instructive, reflecting the high level of engagement by all involved. ◼