



All IFALDA Members and Friends

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From the Editor

This is the second edition of "DISPATCHER'S WORLD", now called "FLIGHT DISPATCHER'S WORLD" an IFALDA newsletter we will publish regularly, probably quarterly...perhaps more often if necessary. We will include an update section and may also include attachments of certain dispatch-related documents plus anything else we can think of that may be of interest to our membership. The email will be sent to member associations and individual members. We would appreciate it if the various Association leaders would pass this along to their membership. We will also include "Friends of IFALDA", individuals who, for whatever reason, are not current IFALDA members but support our efforts from time to time in word and in deed, or are past IFALDA members who have since retired.

The second edition will not be as long as the first since this is an update on our activities since August.

Update

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

ICAO 39th General Assembly

The most exciting news is that IFALDA President Ken Kronborg and VP-West Russ Williams went to Montreal the last week in September to represent IFALDA at the 39th General Assembly of ICAO. As you know, IFALDA is recognized by ICAO as an NGO (Non-Government Organization) representing the professional interests of Flight Dispatchers and Flight Operations Officers worldwide. In accordance with our agreement with ICAO, IFALDA is one of the international organizations that may be invited to attend suitable ICAO meetings.

Ken and Russ met and had productive discussions with delegations from various State delegations and international NGOs regarding the role of flight dispatchers and FOOs. Among these were representatives from Argentina, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Cameroun, Congo, Indonesia and Jamaica as well as representatives from IATA, IFALPA, IFATCA, and IFATSEA.

Working Paper Presentation

In addition to interfacing with the ICAO States and international NGOs, our mission to ICAO included presenting our Working Paper on the Dispatcher's role in Global Flight Tracking which includes updating and modernizing the ICAO Flight Operations Officer/Flight Dispatcher Training Manual, currently ICAO Doc 7192 D-3 written by IFALDA and published by ICAO in the mid-1990s.

The Working Paper, A39-Item 37, WP/393 TE/170- UPDATE OF GLOBAL (NORMAL) FLIGHT TRACKING PROVISIONS, was written by IFALDA and translated into all 6 ICAO Working languages. The English version was included in the last edition of Flight Dispatcher's World. Please contact me if you would like a copy of it in any of the 6 ICAO languages (English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Arabic and Russian) In essence the WP supports ICAO's efforts to standardize the roles, including those of the dispatcher in normal flight tracking; IFALDA supports the concept of flight



tracking as an operator/dispatch issue in addition to being an ATM concern. We also see this as a training issue for dispatchers under ICAO's new competency-based approach to technical training.

The ICAO Technical Commission presentations ran about a day longer than scheduled and because of scheduling conflicts, we asked our friend and colleague Jean Francois of IFATCA to present the paper in our name late Saturday afternoon. The YouTube link video of Saturday afternoon's presentations is below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGNglf3jwSM>

The IFALDA presentation is at the 2:56:57 (2 hour and 56 minute) point in the video. The Technical Commission's response is at the 3:08:48.

To quote a veteran ICAO participant: *"The vast majority in that room were probably hearing of - Dispatchers - for the first time ever. To gain the recognition and solidly implant it onto ICAO's work program (as the unanimous direction from 191 States on behalf of an Intl Org) is no mean achievement."*

The concluding comments of the Chair of the Technical Commission: *"The Commission recognizes the important role of Flight Dispatchers. The Commission supports the development of CBT (competency-based training) provisions in PANS-TRG and associated guidance material. The Commission recommends that the issue should be transferred to the Council for consideration."* are extremely critical to our pursuit of ICAO technical and funding support to rewrite and update the training manual.

IFALDA members owe a huge round of applause (...and maybe a round of drinks) to Ken Kronborg, Russ Williams and Bernard Gonsalves for putting all the last minute details of the presentation together and for doing all the ground work necessary at the ICAO 39th General Assembly.

Training Manual Project

Our next step is meeting with Nicole Barrett at ICAO in Montreal on October 25 to start the process of rewriting and updating the training manual. Jörn Sellhorn-Timm of GALDA, Russ Williams and I will meet with Nicole. Once we understand what ICAO intends regarding "competency-based training", we will ask the IFALDA Board to set up a larger working group of subject matter experts to reach consensus on manual content, scope and style. Members interested in being a part of this effort should advise IFALDA Director of Training Gerald Clifford who will coordinate with the Board. You can contact Gerald at: gclifford@ifalda.org

ICAO NATII/2 Project

We continue our efforts in developing ICAO Circular 347 which creates standards and defines roles in flight tracking. The NATII/2 (Normal Aircraft Tracking Implementation Initiative) working group meets every 2-3 weeks via TELCON to work out the content of the circular. I am a member of the working group and



welcome the input of our membership. I will continue to keep the membership updated on our progress.

EFB

IFALDA President Ken Kronborg continues his work on the ICAO Electronic Flight Bag working group and also welcomes the input from the membership. Our issue is to ensure that all information provided through EFB meets the requirements for aeronautical data used for decision-making in OpSpecs and that the dispatcher remains part of the entire process.

IFALDA Officer Elections

In accordance with our C&BL, officer elections are held every year. Half the Board is elected every other year on a staggered basis for 2-year terms.

This year...actually next year in May of 2017 at the AGM in Buenos Aries... the following positions are up for election:

President (currently Ken Kronborg)
Vice President East (currently Jan Hohne)
Vice President Administration (currently Karl Fridriksson)

Nominations for these offices, in accordance with the C&BL, must be made to the IFALDA VP Administration. The person making the nomination must be a member-in-good standing and the person being nominated must also be a member-in-good standing. The VP Admin will ensure that both individuals are members-in-good standing and will contact the nominee to ensure the nominee is willing to run for election and willing serve in the position if elected.

If a current member of the Board runs for and is elected to another Board position, then the Board may either appoint a current member-in-good standing to the vacant position until the position is up for election or may allow nominations and an election to fill the position until the next election cycle for the position.

Nominations should be sent to Karl at: kfridriksson@ifalda.org, with a copy to IFALDA President Ken Kronborg at kkronborg@ifalda.org

Officer Board positions are serious responsibilities and demanding of a person's time. Please make sure anyone nominated fully understands this and is willing to put the time and effort into the position as deserved by the Membership.

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