



## Newsletters n. 1/2017 January – February

### 1. CISA MEETING

***CISA (Comitato Interministeriale Sicurezza Aerea) is an Interministerial Committee dealing with safety & security issues to which IBAR is an official party.***

The January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was largely focused on the provisions of the ICAO “ Global Aviation Security Plan “ , currently a subject of consultation among the Member States.

The Committee also analysed the safety & security issues for the Aviation Industry deriving from drones and cyber-attacks.

Lastly, a restricted working group was set up for airside/landside security.

### 2. BIRD STRIKE COMMITTEE

ENAC convened a first meeting to set up an ad-hoc committee dealing with bird strike risks and countermeasures.

IBAR and ASSAEREO nominated an AZ expert to participate on their behalf.

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### 3. POOR DE-ICING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE DELIVERY.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, following a string of weather-related irregularities, IBAR and ASSAEREO met the ENAC Executives in charge of Airport Operations to complain about the inefficiency of the de-icing equipment at several Italian airports.

ENAC will investigate and prompt the airports involved for corrective action.

### 4. AIR CARGO WORKING GROUP

The Ministry of Transport Head of Cabinet set up a high-level air cargo working group aimed at producing, indicatively by June 2017, a strategy paper to identify all the areas requiring urgent action by the Government.

In this context, the Association representing the Air Cargo Industry were asked to submit a list of the infrastructural and bureaucratic bottlenecks hindering the development of air-cargo ( measured by value , 35% of the Italian exports travel by air ).

After the first two meetings attended by L. Neri and T. Egenolf , IBAR delegated its participation in such working group to Mr Edvino Corradi ( LH Head of Cargo Operations – Italy ).

IBAR, ANAMA and ASSOHANDLERS agreed to submit joint observations and recommendations under the Cluster Cargo Aereo (CCA) umbrella.

### 5. CLUSTER CARGO AEREO MEETING WITH ENAC

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, IBAR and the other Associations participating in the Cluster Cargo Aereo met the ENAC Head for Economic Regulation.

The meeting was dedicated to the sorry state of the cargo infrastructure in the main Italian Airports (MXP covers approximately 50% of the air cargo activity in Italy ) and to the long lasting controversy with SEA on their decision to charge a fee to all vehicles accessing the cargo area at MXP.

ENAC undertook to summon SEA and formally request their clarifications on both issues.

#### **6. A4E AVIATION SUMMIT**

*In just one year, the A4E Membership has grown from 5 to 14 Carriers. IBAR maintains a close relationship with A4E on several important topics, such as the revision of the ART Models and the overlap between ENAC and ART.*

The IBAR Secretary General was kindly invited to the A4E Aviation Summit celebrating the first year of the Association.

The CEOs of several Carriers attending the event confirmed their full support to the Association and their pledge to work for lower taxation, transparent airport charges and more efficient ATM services across Europe.

The cancellation of the € 2,50 Italian municipality tax was widely praised as a step in the right direction.

#### **7. ART AUDITION on the CAG AIRPORT CHARGES PROPOSAL**

At the end of January IBAR (with LH, SN, AB and OS proxies) participated in the meeting held in Turin for the resolution of the dispute regarding the CAG Airport charges proposal for 2016-2019.

The final vote cast by ASSAEREO and IBAR was in favour of a last-minute revised proposal brought forward by the Airport Operator.

In the following days an ART deliberation identified some elements of the approved scheme as potentially discriminatory and, yet again, instructed SOGAER to submit a revised proposal

#### **8. 21 FEB – ROUND TABLE ON THE NEW EU “INCLUSIVE TOURS” REGULATION**

The IBAR Sec. Gen. participated in a public meeting with the Travel Agents’, Tour Operators’ and Consumers’ Associations focused on a new EU Directive on “IT Packages” disruption compensation.

During the event , the IBAR Representative repeatedly stressed that most flight delays and irregularities are caused by circumstances outside the Carriers’ control and informed the audience that IBAR is in the process of organizing a workshop dedicated to customer-care elements, passenger rights and the implementation of EU Regulation 261-2004 in Italy.

All the panelists expressed concern for the dramatic rise in the number of requests for compensations (often driven by professionals and not always founded) and agreed that Alternative Dispute Resolutions may be the way forward in the interest of all parties.

#### **9. TRANSMISSION OF PASSENGER DATA (BORDER CONTROL SYSTEM)**

The Meeting recently held at FCO with ENAC, Border Police, Ministry of Interior and SITA failed to produce tangible results towards a reduction in the number and size of the fines imposed on the Carriers for missing/incorrect passenger data.

In view of such a disappointing outcome, in February IBAR and ASSAEREO formally approached the Ministry of Interior to request an urgent follow-up meeting.

## **10. GROUND HANDLERS' LIMITATION AT LINATE**

FEB – SEA notified ENAC and the Users of its intention to implement a limitation regime in the number of licensed handlers operating at LIN.

IBAR , IATA and ASSAEREO provided full support to the LIN Users Committee in its initial reaction to such proposed limitation.

As a first step, on February 17<sup>th</sup> an urgent request to access the SEA documentation, allegedly supporting such limitation was lodged with ENAC.

## **11. IBAR WORKSHOP ON EU REGULATION 261/2004 AS APPLIED IN ITALY**

In January IBAR opened the enrolment to its Workshop on Passenger Rights and on the application of EU Regulation 261/2004 in Italy, to be held at the end of March in Fiumicino.



## **12. MEDIA**

In February the President was interviewed by the ENAV ( The Italian ATC provider) House Organ and by “L’ Agenzia di Viaggi”.

The IBAR Traffic Report for 2016 was released on February 16<sup>th</sup> and published by some 30 news bulletins and media agencies.

The full Report is available for download in the Media Section of the IBAR website.

At the end of a satisfactory two months initial trial period, the subscription to the IBAR PRESS SUMMARY was extended until the end of 2017.

The Press Summary will continue to be a complimentary service for the IBAR Members.

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