

Newsletter n. 1/2019 January - March

De-icing

During the first two weeks of 2019, below average temperatures and snowfall caused several operational disruptions at a number of airports in central & southern Italy.

On January 14th, IBAR and ASSAEREO met the ENAC Office in charge of airport regulation to request a thorough review of the de-icing resources and equipment currently available in the airports that were not able to cope with the weather conditions.

Rail & Fly – February 6th 2019 – Malpensa Center

Trenitalia, SEA, the MXP AUC/AOC and IBAR organized a conference to introduce the Trenitalia plans to serve MXP with high speed trains.

Integration of the sales channels was also discussed.

Trenitalia illustrated the interface options currently available for the Carriers interested in integrating the sales channels.

On this subject, IBAR suggested that Trenitalia should evaluate the option to become a certified NDC provider.

The different regulations between the air and the rail sectors in terms of passenger assistance and compensation in case of delays/cancellations/misconnections were also discussed and Trenitalia advised that these can be overcome by ad-hoc bilateral agreements.

Additional Municipality Departure tax

On January 29th, with the publication on the Official Gazette of the Law Decree n. 4/2019, the additional levy of € 0,32 – introduced on December 4th with effect as of February 4th was cancelled.

Consultations on Regulated Charges 2019-2022 for PSA/FLR Airports

(January 31st – February 15th)

Thanks to the absence of Ryanair, whose vote was counted as in favour, the airport's charges proposal for PSA 2019-2022 obtained the users' formal approval at the consultation meeting.

In FLR, the Carriers participating in the meeting, thanks to an 89% share of the votes, were able to negotiate a partial postponement of the proposed charges' increase for 2019/2020.

The authorizations for a new runway are not progressing in line with the Airport management's expectations.

During the consultation, the Airport Management gave ample reassurances that the current uncertainties as regards the € 150m public funding for the runway project will have no repercussions on the aviation charges paid by the Carriers.

At the end of March, an ART resolution authorised both airports to apply the new charges on a temporary basis and at the same time ordered their recalculation, based on certain prescriptions, with effect September 1st, 2019.

National Airspace Strategy (NAS)

On February 14th IATA and ENAV convened a follow up meeting to progress on the themes targeted by the NAS with the involvement of ASSAEROPORTI, the Ministry of Transport, ENAC, the Italian Air Force, Airlines and their Associations (IBAR included).

The NAS Forum aims at identifying and removing bottlenecks in a medium-to-long-term perspective, taking into account the need to

devise and implement adequate infrastructure, both physical and technological, for the management of the traffic flows of the future.

The Airlines and their Associations are strong supporters of the SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research) project as the technological pillar of the [Single European Sky](#) and point out that the current ATM fragmentation in Europe is offsetting their investments for the purchase of fuel-efficient aircrafts.

Presentation of the “ENAC ACADEMY PER L’AVIAZIONE CIVILE”

On February 18th , ENAC presented a € 10 m project to build a training centre in the ROM Urbe Airport compound.

The Academy will provide a full range of aviation-specific training courses both to ENAC employees and outsiders.

Timeline of the construction works are not available as yet.

VCE handler’s limitation

On February 18th the IBAR Counsel submitted, also on behalf of the local AUC , an urgent recourse to the Antitrust Authority to request their investigation on the handlers’ limitation procedure being carried out at VCE Airport.

On February 27th IBAR attended a meeting convened by the ENAC VCE Airport Director in preparation of the handling limitation’s implementation.

On both occasions, IBAR highlighted the impossibility for the Carriers under the circumstances to have , as per EU Regulation, an effective choice between at least two handlers.

At the time of writing, the ground handling scenario at VCE is far from being clear with several legal proceedings still pending before the Administrative Tribunal.

IBAR and the other Associations have repeatedly lamented the confusion, the lack of a clear outcome of the selection procedure, the extreme shortage of time allocated to audit and select a new handler and, last but not least, the consequent rise in handling costs.

So far SAVE has shown no concern whatsoever for the Airlines’ protests and has reaffirmed its determination to go ahead as quickly as possible barring possible Court decisions to the contrary.

Draft law 727 2018

On March 14th, IBAR was heard by the Senate Commission discussing a Government backed law on the reorganization of air transport.

National Conference on Air Transport

On March 20th-21st , the Ministry of Transport hosted a conference to receive the views of regulators and stakeholders on the announced revision of the air transport sector.

IBAR, in coordination with ASSAEREO and IATA , played an active role on both occasions outlining , inter alia , the need to redefine and clarify the currently overlapping scopes and prerogatives of ART and ENAC.

Emilia-Romagna – Regional Tax on Aircraft Noise Emissions (IRESA)

In January , the Emilia-Romagna Region announced its intention to put into effect , as of July 1st , their Regional Noise Tax which had been approved in 2012 and immediately suspended.

More details will be circulated as these become available.

Arrivals & Departures



We say goodbye to :

Mr Hesham I.A. Bindkhail – Saudi Arabian Airlines
Mr Filippo Capogreco - Fedex

And extend a warm welcome to :

Mr Fahad Almuhaysin
Manager Italy & Greece – Saudi Arabian Airlines

Mr Roberto Maran
Senior Manager Fedex

Mr Frederic Schenk
Regional Manager Sales South Europe – Delta

Mr Richard Di Girolamo
Legal Representative for Italy - Delta