

Newsletters n. 4/2017 July - August

1. IBAR General Assembly

The IBAR General Assembly, held in Fiumicino on July 4th, elected Stefan Lang (LH) as the Association Vice-President.

The Meeting Minutes are herewith attached.

2. New ART Regulatory Models

On July 7th, the Transport Regulation Authority (ART) published the new, slightly revised Models for the determination of airport charges.

As already advised, the newly released Models represent a transitional measure in view of the major regulatory overhaul already planned by ART for 2019.

ART has already announced that, with the next revision, the Models will incorporate provisions to :

- Analyse the actual **Market Power** of each airport and, based on the outcome of such analysis, apply the necessary level of regulation.
- Determine the **cost efficiency factors** to be applied by an airport.
- Develop a clear and coherent methodology for the **remuneration of the capital invested** by an airport.
- Evaluate the proper treatment of an **airport commercial margin** deriving from non-aviation activities.

3. Industrial actions at MXP/LIN

On August 1st, - in the middle of the summer holiday peak season - a wildcat industrial action involving the ground staff at MXP and LIN airports caused a large number of flight delays , cancellations and baggage mishandlings.

In the immediate aftermath, IBAR released a statement to express the Airlines' frustration for the inconvenience forced upon their passengers for reasons entirely outside the Airlines' control and at the same time point out that the disruptions were therefore to be deemed as "force majeure" events.

(see Press Statement on the IBARAIR website)

4. BAR – EUROPE Meeting



On August 22-23rd IBAR participated in the annual BAR Europe Meeting together with the BAR representatives of 9 Countries.

Among the topics of common interest discussed by the BAR Representatives were :

- The funding methods adopted by the National Associations to provide adequate value for money to their Members.
- The need to secure proper coordination with the local User Committees and Airport Committees, with a view to the on-going reduction of the presence of Airline Representatives at each airport.
- The need, in order to enhance the Industry advocacy role of the Associations, to

coordinate with the local IATA National Offices on policy , regulatory and strategic items.

5. CTA Airport – Consultation Meeting on the charges proposal 2017-2020

On July 31st , CTA Airport opened their consultation on the charges proposal for 2017-2020.

During the consultation meeting, the Carriers and their Associations requested an upward revision of the traffic forecast for the entire regulatory period , which would result in a decrease of the proposed charges.

The Airport agreed to reconsider the initial charges proposal and adjourned the consultation to the first week of September.

5. Ground handling limitations

At the end of July , measures aimed at limiting the number of licensed ground handling services providers were announced/introduced at MXP , LIN and NAP.

In all the above cases, IATA and IBAR reacted to ensure that the relevant EU Directive is being properly applied. Formal requests for the full technical documentation prompting such limitations would be lodged with the relevant Authorities.

6. Regional aircraft noise tax (IRESA) Piemonte.

In June , Regione Piemonte (which includes TRN Airport) introduced legislation allowing the introduction of an IRESA tax as of January 2018.

From the first indications, the top range of the tax will be in line with other Italian Regions (i.e. € 0,50/ton)

7. ASSAEREO

At the beginning of August, ASSAEREO (the Industry Association representing the Italian Carriers) announced, within the scope of an internal restructuring plan, the termination of the work relationship with Mr Aldo Bevilacqua, their long-serving Secretary General.

The President and the Secretary General met Mr Bevilacqua to express their appreciation for the competent and constructive cooperation with IBAR throughout his tenure.

8. Arrivals & Departures

We say goodbye to:

Mr Jay Hsiao – China Airlines
Mr Sandro Magnetta – Qatar Airways

And extend a warm welcome to:

Mr Jeff Tsai – China Airlines
Mr Mate Hoffmann – Qatar Airways