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MESSAGE FROM IAWA'S PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow IAWA Members,

This month I bring you news from Chicago where on July 16 and 17 the IAWA Board held its mid-year meeting. The Board holds a number of meetings throughout the year, some which necessarily take place via telephone conference in order to accommodate our geographic diversity. We endeavor, however, to hold two in-person meetings a year, one at mid-year and one in conjunction with the annual conference. Our telephonic meetings are very productive, but our in-person meetings are intensely so, and this year's mid-year meeting was no exception. For the better part of two days we were able to devote our attention to the business of running IAWA.

The chairs of each committee gave reports and the Board exchanged information and ideas on how the organization is functioning and how to make it function better. We discussed expansion of the scholarship program, which now includes awarding a second International scholarship (McGill University was the first) to a graduate student at Cranfield University in England; development of a mentoring program; and continu-

ing our efforts to improve the IAWA website. We hope to have an expanded membership module online soon. In addition to the website, our main vehicle for delivering information to you is through this publication. We discussed ways to improve News and Views and the publication process and agreed to put together an Editorial Board to ensure we are meeting our objective to deliver timely and informative newsletters. If any of you would like to be part of the Editorial Board, please contact Mylene Scholnick, Vice President Public Relations and Communications and advise her of your interest.

Needless to say, we also spent a good deal of time discussing the upcoming annual conference, going over the many details involved and finalizing the program. Vice Presidents of Conference, Katherine Staton and Ann Field, have done a phenomenal job putting together an exciting and informative program. With the industry in a state of what seems, at times, to be daily flux, coming together to gather and share information is more important than ever. The conference chairs have designed a program featuring women who are leaders in their re-

spective fields addressing the issues at the forefront of the industry today. The topics to be addressed and some of the featured speakers are identified in a message from Ann and Katherine in this newsletter. We anticipate the complete program brochure will be available for you in the next few weeks.

The Board meeting took place at the Peninsula hotel, the site of our upcoming conference. Holding the meeting at the Peninsula gave us an opportunity to do some reconnaissance, to make sure the hotel would meet the exacting standards of our members. I am pleased to report that it is fabulous: the property is beautiful, the rooms are spacious and well appointed and the staff is courteous and attentive. The location is fantastic, just off Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile and ideally situated for pre- or post conference sight-seeing and shopping. We are told that Chicago is beautiful in October and we can expect to be treated to spectacular Fall foliage. We also took a tour of the University Club, the venue for our Thursday evening dinner. The club, located across from Millennium Park and Cathedral Hall, where the dinner will take place is stunning, as

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**KATHERINE
STATON,
CONFERENCE
CO-CHAIR**



**ANN THORNTON
FIELD,
CONFERENCE
CO-CHAIR**

is its commanding view of Lake Michigan. And while we are still in the midst of finalizing this year's conference, we are also looking ahead to next year. Vice President of Conference Marianne Barnabo has already begun planning next year's conference in Brussels. We will have more details for you on that when we gather in Chicago in October.

Your Board is dedicated and committed to the goal of continually refining IAWA to best serve the membership. You can help us achieve that goal – if you have thoughts or ideas about how we can improve IAWA or its programs, please let us hear from you. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Best regards,
Deb

UPDATE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIRS

KATHERINE STATON & ANN THORNTON FIELD

Mark your calendars! Make your plans! The 20th Anniversary Chicago Conference is scheduled to take place October 22nd - October 24th. The conference kicks off with a Gala dinner on Wednesday night with guest speaker Colleen Barrett, former President of Southwest Airlines. Don't miss this exciting event!

You can now register online on the IAWA website at <http://www.iawa.org>. After attending the IAWA Board Meeting, we can assure you that the Peninsula Hotel is a beautiful facility that you will all love. You can reserve your hotel rooms with our group rate by contacting the Peninsula directly at (866) 288-8889 and telling them you are with IAWA.

The Conference will cover a wide variety of interesting aviation topics, including environmental issues, general aviation, new product lines, claims handling, airports and criminalization and safety issues. Our speakers on these timely topics are not to be missed! In addition to **Colleen Barrett**, we will have the first female captain from United Airlines, Captain **Emily Warner**. Also, a wonderful panel will address the changes in aviation from the time IAWA began twenty years ago to date. Moderated by **Katherine Posner**, this panel will include **Lisa J. Savitt**, **Sara Simmons**, **Sharon Holahan**, and **Jan K. Von Flatern**. Board member **Julie Ellis** will moderate a panel on environmental issues with **Nancy Young**, **Mary K. Armstrong**, and **Le Thi Mai** participating. **Lisa Piccione** will head up a discussion with **Elizabeth Dornak**, **Jolie S. Chung Howard**, **Carla Tirel**, **Lori Lucion**, and **Mary Miller** discussing general aviation and its role in the local and global economy. **Robyn Brands** will have a group talking about the future of aviation product lines with **Mary Prettyman**, **Mary Ellen Jones** and **Elizabeth Lund**. **Mary Mortenson** will be leading a panel on claims handling that will include **Cristina M. Schoen**, **June Williams**, **Sally Leible**, and **Tracey E. Campbell**. The panel on airport resources will be moderated by **Carolanne Cunningham** with **Catherine Lang** and **Rosemarie Andolino**. Last, but certainly not least, **Kathlynn Fadely** will be leading a discussion on criminalization and safety issues with **Carson Seegilson**, **Dorothea Capone**, **Vonnick Le Guillou**, and **Vanessa Leigh** participating.

This is a conference not to be missed! We look forward to seeing you at the Conference and know you will enjoy every minute of it.



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CONFERENCE SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



**LE THI MAI,
FEATURED
SPEAKER**

Le Thi Mai will be speaking at the 20th Anniversary Conference on the topic *The Right Approach to Environmental Stewardship*. Mai was born in Saigon Vietnam, and educated in France. In 1972 she graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Paris, obtaining a Masters Degree in International and Private Law from the Sorbonne in 1973. She gained her Doctorate of Law and Political Sciences in 1977. Mai started her professional career as an international lawyer at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. From 1977-1980 she worked

in the Nuclear Energy Agency and the Trans-Frontier Pollution Department where she was involved in the definition of the Polluter Pays Principle. She then joined Air France, where she was responsible for European Affairs from 1980-1992, notably serving as legal expert to the Air France negotiating team during the three phases of the air transport liberalization process in Europe, particularly on competition law aspects.

In 1993 she was seconded to the AEA (Association of European Airlines) as General Manager Infrastructure & Environment. Main fields of activity included ATC, ground

handling, the Trans-European transport networks, airport charges and congestion, and environmental issues (aircraft noise, gaseous emissions, Kyoto and kerosene tax).

From 1995 to 2005, she served as adviser to the French Member of ICAO CAEP (Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection).

In 2006, because of the growing importance of environmental issues for European airlines, Mai relinquished responsibility for infrastructure matters and is now General Manager Environment; her main focus is the possible inclusion of aviation in an EU ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme).



CONFERENCE SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



**ELIZABETH
DORNAK,
FEATURED
SPEAKER**

Elizabeth Dornak will be speaking on the topic *General Aviation-A Critical Component of Our Local Economies and the Global Marketplace*. Elizabeth is currently flying as Captain on G-IVSP and HS-125 for DuPont Aviation. In addition, she is currently the Manager of Charter Operations and Communications for DuPont Aviation. Previ-

ously she was the Manager, Aviation Safety. Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Science in Aviation technology from Purdue University. In 1993, she earned her Aviation Safety Certificate from the University of Southern California, where she specialized in Aviation Safety Program Management, Aircraft Accident Investigation, Effective Communication for Aviation

Management, Human Factors and Photography for Aircraft Investigation. Elizabeth is a member of the Board of Directors of National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), and has been a member of the Northeast Corporate Aviation Safety Roundtable since 1993. As a pilot, Elizabeth has logged over 6500 hours of flight time.



**VONNICK LE
GUILLOU,
FEATURED
SPEAKER**

Vonnick le Guillou will be speaking on the topic *Criminalization and Safety Issues In Today's Aviation Operations*. Vonnick is a partner in the law firm of Bird & Bird France. She is the head of the aviation department and co-head of the international dispute resolution group.

Vonnick has been a prac-

tising attorney since 1984. She has focused particularly on French and international litigation matters relating to product liability for a major European aeronautical manufacturer for over 15 years.

Vonnick specializes in domestic and international litigation related to complex product liability cases, air

transport and aviation insurance. She is working on numerous aircraft crashes cases, such as the Concorde crash of July 2000, and the A340 Etihad accident of November 2007 in Toulouse.

She is a member of DRI Europe and of the Société Française de Droit Aérien et Spatial.



**ROBYN BRANDS,
FEATURED
SPEAKER**

Robyn Brands, Director, CFM56 Boeing Programs at CFM International, will be speaking on the topic *Aviation Forecasts and New Product Lines: A Look at the (Not Too Distant) Future*. Robyn joined GE aviation in 1987 after receiving a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Cincinnati. During her career, Robyn has held a variety of increasingly responsible positions within

GE and CFM. In 1990, Robyn became design engineer on the F110 military engine. In 1996, she was selected to be one of the original Six Sigma Black Belts and became a Master Black Belt in 1997. In these roles, she drove culture change within the engineering organization and led several productivity and quality programs. After several subsequent positions, Robyn assumed her current

role in March 2005. In this position, she is responsible for all aspects of CFM56-3/-7 Program Management including production control, fleet management, and product improvement programs for more than 10,000 engines in service with 200 customers worldwide. In addition, she serves as the CFM Product Safety Chairperson and Manager of Manufacturing for all CFM engine models.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



**CECILE
HATFIELD,
VP SCHOLARSHIP**

In September, IAWA will be awarding international scholarships to two women majoring in Aviation and Aerospace. One at **McGill University** in Montreal, Canada and the other at **Cranfield University** in England.

The presentation of the annual McGill University scholarship will be made at the Joint Aviation Program sponsored by the university and the American Bar Association's Forum Committee's Air and Space Law program September 18th-19th in Montreal Canada. The win-

ner will be a woman who is working on her Master's degree in Aviation Law at McGill University.

An IAWA International Scholarship will be presented to student working on her doctorate in aeronautical engineering at Cranfield University. Six applications have been received so far from women students from France (2), Italy, the Czech Republic, Poland and Greece. They each speak three languages, two of them are pilots, as well as engineers and their backgrounds, skills, and

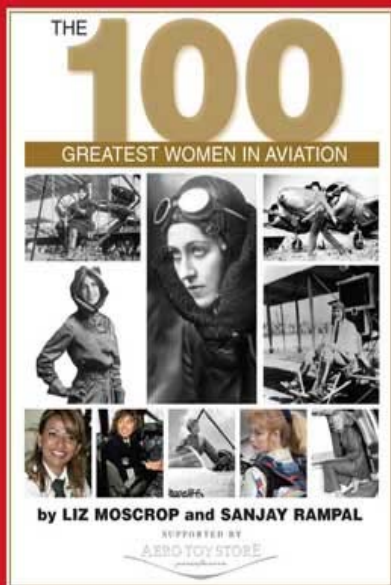
qualifications as well as awards and publications are outstanding. The IAWA scholarship award to Cranfield is a one-time award. Each year the scholarship is given to a different international university that offers a degree in aviation and aerospace studies. In addition IAWA will be presenting its two annual awards in 2009 to a female student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in January in Orlando, Florida and a Southern Methodist University student in Dallas, Texas in February.

New Section: BOOK REVIEW THE 100 GREATEST WOMEN IN AVIATION

Aviation author **Liz Moscrop** and her partner **Sanjay Rampal** have just published a new book entitled *The 100 Greatest Women in Aviation*. Launched at Farnborough this year, The book is a series of biographies highlighting some of the most remarkable women in aviation over the past one hundred years. Starting with Therese Peltier and Mrs. Hart O. Berg, Wilbur Wright's first passengers, the book brings us to the present and Jo Kelland for example, who is trying to become the youngest ever female airline pilot. The book also details the lives of lesser known women in-

cluding Lia Xiapeng and Hilda Yan, who barnstormed across America during World War II in protest of the Japanese Occupation of China, and Aisha Al Mansoori and Salma Al Balooshi who made history last year when they became the first female pilots recruited by Etihad Airways from the United Arab Emirates. Other notables include Amelia Earhart, Pancho Barnes, and Lettice Curtiss to name a few. Liz and Sanjay have thrown down the gauntlet with their book, which they hope will provoke people into choosing their own personal favourite women aviators. British women featured in its pages are (in chronological order): Hilda Hewlett, Mrs Victor Bruce,

Amy Johnson, Pauline Gower, Lettice Curtiss, Diana Barnato Walker, Shelia Scott, Anne Welch, Barbara Harmer, Judy Leden, Polly Vacher, Mandy Pantall, Michelle Goodman, Jennifer Murray and Jo Kelland. Liz says: "We loved writing this book. There are some epic tales: Jackie Cochran, the first woman to break the sound barrier; and tragic tales – Caroline Aigle, the promising French fighter pilot, who died of cancer so that her child could live. For information on purchasing the book, please go to www.aerocomm.aero



GETTING TO KNOW IAWA'S LEADERSHIP



**MYLENE
SCHOLNICK,
VP PUBLIC
RELATIONS**

IAWA's Vice President of Communications and Public Relations, **Mylène Scholnick** has nearly 20 years of aviation experience in Asia, Europe and the United States, with a senior managerial background that includes international business development and relationship management, international strategic planning, international corporate affairs, and government affairs.

Prior to joining SkyWorks Capital, LLC, Mylène provided senior advisory work to a startup scheduled passenger airline. She was in charge of International Business Development for Warren Buffett-owned NetJets Inc., applying her industry-recognized expertise and proven ability to penetrate and develop new markets to establish NetJets' fractional aircraft ownership program in Asia in general

and China in particular. During her tenure at NetJets, Mylene developed strategic alliances with several Chinese airlines.

Mylène spent eleven years in Asia, most recently as Managing Director of Metrojet Ltd., a company she founded with Sir Michael D. Kadoorie and built to become Hong Kong's third largest passenger air carrier, specializing in on-demand air charters throughout Asia. Prior to Metrojet, Mylène was the Managing Director of Aero-leasing Far East Ltd. (now TAG Aviation) in Singapore, providing aircraft charter, aircraft management and sales, and ground handling and maintenance services. Mylène pioneered business aviation in Southeast Asia and Greater China, completing many first landings and demonstrating her knowledge of

flight regulations, airline operations, marketing and aviation finance.

An expert in international aeronautical regulations and licensing, Mylène's achievements include obtaining Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department Air Operator's Certificate (equivalent to FAA Part 121) and the writing and development of Part 92 regulations (CCAR Part 91) for the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China, which was published in June 2004 under the CAAC's current minister. During her term in Asia, she worked with most civil aviation departments and many airlines, airports and prominent business leaders.

Mylène was formerly a banker at Paribas in Paris and holds a Master's degree from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.



**ULLA
NORRHALL, VP
INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS**

While **Ulla Norrhall** is one of IAWA's Vice Presidents of International Affairs, she is also the Claims Manager and Legal Counsel and Compliance Officer for Inter Hannover in Stockholm, Sweden.

Ulla joined the Marines when she was 17 years old. She was a first warrant officer and then a sergeant major within intelligence and communication. Ulla also served as a member of the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces in Lebanon, which was

awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988. After the service, Ulla became a lawyer focusing on aviation insurance.

She is a member of the Aviation Insurance Clauses group, a member of the International Union of Aviation Insurers (IAUI), Legal and Claims Study Group, and a member of the AIDA Sweden Election Committee.

Ulla is a regular contributor to various aviation publications and speaks frequently

on airline insurance and aviation law at universities around the globe. She has lectured at McGill University and the Aviation Litigation CLE of the American Bar Association. Recently, Ulla gave a presentation to the IUAI General Meeting on "Claims Handling-The Road to Best Practice." In November, she will be speaking at the Pan European Organization of Personal Injury Lawyers (PEOPIL) seminar on Aviation and Tourism.



MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



LISA J. SAVITT

Lisa J. Savitt has joined the Washington D.C. office of Crowell & Moring LLP as counsel in their International Dispute Resolution Practice Group.

Leane C. Medford recently joined the law firm of ELROD, PLLC. Her legal practice focuses on civil trials and appellate and specializes in complex litigation including contractual disputes, indemnity litigation, product and component liability, bankruptcy and insurance litigation. She has extensive experience in state and federal consolidated multi district litigation

and was involved in the litigation of Swissair Flight 111, Alaska Air Flight 261, and lawsuits brought by the survivors of Governor Carnahan and Payne Stewart. She has experience in a wide range of aviation related appeals from challenges to jurisdiction to the appeal of punitive damages.

Leane received her Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, from the Baylor University School of Law in 1996 where she was also a member of the Moot Court Team, the National Mock Trial Team, and the Order of Barristers and was the magistrate of the Hemp-hill Inn of Phi Delta Phi, a law school's academic honor soci-

ety. She was voted by her peers as a "Texas Super Lawyer" in 2007 and 2008 and as one of the top attorneys under 40 in Dallas for commercial litigation and appeals.

Leane is an active member in the ABA's Forum on Air and Space Law, the ABA's Products Liability Litigation Committee and the ABA's Aviation Litigation Committee. She is admitted and practices in all state and federal courts in Texas, the United States District Courts for Colorado and the Eastern and Middle Districts of Tennessee, the Third, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court.



LEANE C. MEDFORD

MEMBERS IN ACTION

The Global Summit of Women was held in Hanoi, Vietnam June 5-7, 2008. The three-day conference theme was "Women and Asia: Driving the Global Economy." Global Summit President Irene Natividad and the Prime Minister of Vietnam, Mr. Nguyen Tan Dũng warmly welcomed the one thousand conference delegates that represented more than 30 countries and governmental ministries.

Mary McDaniel, IAWA member and FedEx VP Mate-

riel & Corporate Sourcing, was the panel speaker at the Securing Corporate Contracts: a Corporate/SME Dialogue session. The session emphasized the importance of emerging markets and diversity in the global economy. Focusing on the panel topic of securing contracts, Mary highlighted FedEx corporate philosophy as it relates to supplier relationships in emerging markets and provided a detailed overview of the FedEx Supplier Contact Management System and

Diverse Supplier Development Program.

Carol Ronan Heath, Emirates Airline Legal Advisor, assisted on an agreement for Flydubai worth \$50 million for the purchase of blended winglets from Aviation Partners Boeing (APB). The blended winglets, which are for the 737-800s, add an extra 1.4m to the wingspan of the aircraft and offer a range of environmental benefits, including reduced fuel consumption and lower noise emissions.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



**JENNIFER
WHITLOW**

In her role as Pratt & Whitney's External Communications Director, **Jennifer Whitlow** is responsible for managing strategic and tactical media, external stakeholder and public relations activities across the company's military, commercial, business jet and helicopter engines businesses, as well as the space propulsion and industrial gas turbines businesses.

Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation business administration and aviation safety from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is currently pursuing her Masters in Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business.

Christine Steele works for Air Jamaica in the In-flight Services Department as Manager, Product Design and Implementation. She promotes new products and meals aboard the aircraft, interacts with caterers regarding meals and equipment, and ensures adherence to the relevant regulatory authorities, both internationally and locally.

Julie Falk is currently employed by Northwest Airlines as a Training Manager for the A320/319 fleet. She began her career 25 years ago as a Certified Flight Instructor. Since then she has managed FAR 141 Flight Schools, FAR 135 Charter Operations and

was a Senior Aircrew Training Instructor for NWA. She holds an ATP certificate with Type Ratings on the B727, A320, and A330. Julie is married with 2 children and resides in Minneapolis, MN.

Nancy Karlen is a Senior Claims Representative for Global Aerospace (formerly Associated Aviation Underwriters, Inc) Southeastern Region. Over the past 18 years her responsibilities have included emergency accident assessment and response, hull and liability claims handling, complex litigation case supervision, research and public education, and marketing.



**CHRISTINE
STEELE**

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



**LYNNE
GOCHANOUR**

Lynne Gochanour was named as one of the leading aviation lawyers in the world, by Euromoney Publications. Lynne is a partner in Chapman and Cutler's Corporate Finance Department and a member of the Aircraft Finance Group. She has represented lessors, financiers, borrowers and lessees in a wide range of transactions involving commercial and corporate aircraft, including cross-border operating lease financings, secured debt transactions, warehouse facilities and asset purchases and sales.

Suzanne Garber recently earned the FedEx Latin America/Caribbean Leadership and Presidents Club awards for outstanding performance and leadership during 2008. Some of her accomplishments include: maximization of asset utilization, restructuring the entire sales division within 13 countries, and diversifying existing clientele and destination mixes.



SUZANNE

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