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IAOPA World Assembly Coming Next Month

The 25th IAOPA World Assembly will be held in Tel Aviv, 6-11 June 2010 – just one month away! In addition to notable speakers from ICAO, the European Commission and Europe's new air traffic management system SESAR, there will be many topics discussed of great interest to general aviation operators worldwide. Future general aviation growth trends, fee and charge increases, saving general aviation aerodromes, the environment, new regulations, and aviation security measures will all be discussed.

The social and tour program associated with the assembly will prove memorable for those in attendance. A late addition to the tour program will be a tour of Israeli Aircraft Industries' large facility in Tel Aviv. See [online](#) for further information to register for this noteworthy event.

IAOPA Biennial Survey Responses, Please

In March IAOPA headquarters sent a request to all affiliates to submit the results of the statistical survey for their State to be released at the World Assembly. Survey results will provide affiliates and the world with current statistical information regarding worldwide general aviation, particularly important since ICAO and many States no longer record or publish this data.

For those who have not done so, please submit the completed form via email as soon as possible to ruth.moser@aopa.org.

IAOPA Action Priorities for ICAO

At the invitation of ICAO Director of the Air Navigation Bureau Nancy Graham, IAOPA submitted the following priorities with regard to what it expected from ICAO:

1. Recognition throughout the Annexes of the separate needs and capabilities of general aviation vis-à-vis commercial air transport operations.
2. Require cost-benefit analyses for all proposed standards, segmented by class of aviation activity, especially for those operations other than commercial air transport.
3. Promotion among States of the principle that one-size does not fit all regarding their regulation of both general aviation and commercial air transport operations.
4. Provide equitable access to airspace and aerodromes for general aviation.
5. Mandate collection of general aviation census, utilization and accident/incident statistics by both ICAO and States.

More immediate and specific requirements include:

1. Development of uniform standards for establishment and use of airspace classes.

2. Determine that emerging communications, navigation and surveillance (CNS) equipment requirements are essential, appropriate and financially feasible for general aviation operations.
3. Reduction of the language proficiency requirements for pilots operating under VFR outside Class A, B and C airspace.
4. Providing safety-of-flight aeronautical information services (AIS) free of charge to all airspace users.
5. Require certification for only international aerodromes serving commercial air transport operations.

These priorities were well-received by ICAO. *Affiliates should make these items known to their national and regional aviation authorities, as well.*

AOPA - May 15 is International Learn to Fly Day

Please join a wide range of worldwide aviation interests in participating in the first International Learn to Fly Day. This initiative is designed to introduce as many people to the pleasures and rewards of personally flying and aircraft. Events to feature this day will center around the airport where individual pilots and flight schools will provide the opportunity to at least inform and introduce members of the general public to personal aviation. Please see [AOPA Online](#) for more information.

AOPA-US President Encourages Engagement on the Issues

The strength of general aviation is its pilots, and its pilots – together and individually – can do great things if only they become *engaged* with aviation. That was the message AOPA (and IAOPA) President Craig Fuller brought to a pilot town hall meeting at the recent Sun 'n Fun general aviation show in Lakeland, Florida. A brief summary of his remarks follows.

Fuller outlined four pillars upon which AOPA's engagement effort is built: restoring the pilot population; protecting our community airports; improving GA safety; and upgrading GA's image.

Fuller said for individuals getting engaged with growing the pilot population is easy: take someone who's never been out to the airport. Take them flying. Let them experience it for themselves.

"When airports are threatened, we need dedicated people who can respond quickly and effectively," said Fuller. "It's even better to have watchful pilots who can help prevent small issues from turning into big ones. An airport support network of volunteers serves as the eyes and ears at airports across the country. They stay alert for threats and engage local decision makers and airport neighbors to develop good relationships."

Working to improve general aviation safety is the third pillar: "When we, as pilots, do our part to make sure we don't become statistics, we buoy the whole GA community. And we help change the way non-pilots think about general aviation and small aircraft."

Finally, improving the public perception of general aviation. "Compared to safety and protecting airports, you may think this sounds a little trivial," Fuller told the audience. "But let me tell you why it's so very critical. When decision makers, policy makers, and the public think well of general aviation, they don't want to see it diminished. When they recognize how much value general aviation delivers to America every day, they want to see it thrive."

These principles are applicable worldwide -- Ed.

IAOPA Included in Volcanic Ash Task Force

IAOPA Secretary General John Sheehan recently requested that ICAO include general aviation in the International Volcanic Ash Task Force (IVATF), formed as a consequence of the volcanic eruption in Iceland. He noted that, "In the early days after the ash cloud had been perceived as a threat over the European continent several States banned all air traffic regardless of operating altitudes or type of power

plant. Doing so created financial and personal hardships for both general aviation and aerial work operations.” As a result IAOPA ICAO Representative Frank Hofmann was designated a member of the IVATF and general aviation interests have been included in the task force’s terms of reference.

IAOPA Europe Joins with Others to Protect Accident Data

A proposed European Union regulation on aviation accident investigation would grant judicial investigators access to flight recorders and other safety information. In fact, the judicial investigation will have primacy over the safety investigation.

Fourteen aviation organizations in Europe, including IAOPA Europe, believe that this will seriously jeopardize the ability of accident investigators to obtain in confidence the information necessary to find the factors that contribute to accidents and therefore will prevent them from making well-informed safety recommendations needed to improve aviation safety and avoid future accidents.

The aviation organizations’ statement calls upon European decision-makers – the Parliament, Council and Commission – to revise the proposal and limit the use of safety information in judicial proceedings only to cases where the accident investigation finds that willful or illegal actions were a factor in the accident.

Russia Designates Airspace

Beginning 1 November 2010 Russia will designate airspace segments, adopting standard ICAO airspace classifications for the first time. No airspace classifications were used outside TMAs in the past. Under the new system Class A, C and G airspace, only, will be utilized. Vladimir Turin, AOPA-Russia board member, noted, “This is a real breakthrough for us. This change will benefit us for years to come.”

ICAO Aviation Security Panel Meets in Montreal

The Twenty-First meeting of the ICAO Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP) was held in Montreal, 22 to 26 March, 2010. Frank Hofmann, IAOPA Representative to ICAO, and Craig Spence, AOPA-US Vice President of International and Regulatory Affairs, represented the interests of general aviation at the conference. Thirty-seven member States sent delegations to the meeting and a host of observers, including IAOPA, IBAC, ACI, EC Delegation, IFALPA, CANSO, and IATA also participated.

Little of direct interest regarding general aviation was mentioned; however several interventions were made in an effort to have proposals differentiate between general aviation and commercial air transport operations. Much of meeting was spent behind the scenes working to educate States and other organizations regarding the needs of general aviation.

Icarus Deferral

The AOPA-Hellas International Aero Expo Icarus 2010 was scheduled to be held in June. A recent communication from AOPA-Hellas notes that Icarus 2010 has been deferred. AOPA-Hellas President Yiouli Kalafati states, “Due to the problems facing our country, the AOPA-Hellas board appreciates that an aviation event of international magnitude offered during 2010 may not have the success we anticipated. For this reason we decided to defer the 2nd International Aero Expo Icarus for this year and but are planning present the Expo in June 2011.”

AOPA-Japan Mourns Loss of Revered Leader

IAOPA headquarters received the following message from Air Yamagata, Vice President of AOPA-Japan: “It is our greatest sadness that Mr. Hisato Sasaki passed away on April 8, 2010 at the age of 86. He was one of three founders of AOPA-Japan in 1968.

“While Mr. Sasaki was the third President of AOPA-Japan he made great efforts to be affiliated with IAOPA which, to his credit, occurred in 1978. Since then, he dedicated himself to activities with AOPAs all over the world, especially with Southeast Asia affiliates for ten years.

“We would like to appreciate his dedication to AOPA activities and to express our greatest condolences.” IAOPA Secretary General John Sheehan sent the organization’s condolences, noting, “This is truly sad news. Mr. Sasaki was a great supporter of the AOPA concept and of the IAOPA. His work for IAOPA in Asia made us a more effective and forward-looking organization. He will be remembered.”

AOPA-South Africa Holds Flight Training Conference

On 12 March 2010 AOPA South-Africa, in co-operation with Aero Club, EAA, SAPFA, CAASA, Loutzavia and AOA, presented a one-day conference on flight training at the Wonderboom Airport (Pretoria). The event was sponsored by the CAA and [Air Traffic and Navigation Services](#) (ATNS). The keynote speaker was Dr. Jerry Cockrell from the USA. Dr. Cockrell is an aviation psychologist and one of the founding fathers and developers of CRM. He also is a retired airline captain with more than 15,000 hours of flight time. Most importantly he has been instructing since 1968 and he has the very rare ability to train and teach the teachers and instructors. He did so, as he always does, with his unique sense of humor and he had the audience in stitches most of the time.

The conference was also addressed by other notables in the field of flight training, providing their views of the state of the industry and confirmed the importance of professionalism among all involved. The conference was attended by instructors and enthusiasts from all over the country as well as by CAA officials and members of the press.

On another front, Koos Marais, AOPA-South Africa President reports, “For many years there have been cries for unification between general aviation bodies. Outsiders loved to criticize AOPA, SAPFA, the Aero Club, EAA, CAASA, AOA and others for their separate existences.

“A great step forward was taken this year with the formation of the General Aviation Coordinating Committee which consisted of representatives of all the bodies, allowing pooling of resources and one strong voice. We have had three meetings so far and we are in regular contact with each other. We will continue in our present format because we are all specialists in our own rights but we will consult and agree on important matters.”

Plan to attend the 25th [IAOPA](#) World Assembly Tel Aviv, Israel, June 6 – 11, 2010

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