

IAOPA EUROPE CALLS ON EU COMMISSION TO ACT ON EASA OPINIONS

IAOPA Europe has called on the EU Commission to take the necessary steps in order to implement EASA Opinions, which would lessen the regulatory burden on general aviation in Europe. EASA began working to revise European regulations at the urge of IAOPA, and to date they have been very successful at addressing many of the key issues that impact our members. Full details of these efforts, known as the [General Aviation Roadmap](#) are detailed in the story below.

Unfortunately, their recommendations, which were presented to the EU Commission as Opinions, have reached a logjam and have not been converted into corresponding changes in the basic law. Some opinions were already delivered over two years ago.

In the letter to the Commission, IAOPA Senior Vice President, Michael Erb (AOPA Germany) states "IAOPA Europe, together with its colleagues from Europe Air Sports, GAMA, and other associations, have been working hard since 2012 to revise European regulations in the sector of our industry within the framework of the General Aviation Strategy and the resulting General Aviation Roadmap. Immediately after the entry into force of the European regulations for general aviation, there were initially very violent rejection effects due to the excessive regulations, which have now largely disappeared as a result of the General Aviation Roadmap Initiative. A major criticism was above all the enormous cost increases in the maintenance of aircraft by the Part M, which could not even achieve any safety gains.

The cooperation with EASA and the European Commission in the committees, such as the EASA SSCC-GA / now GA COM, has always been constructive and characterized by mutual respect. In addition to the technical cooperation in the committees, we also support associations in informing the industry by holding events together with the EASA, the so-called GA Roadshow.

However, we have a big problem: the late entry into force of Part M Light. Two years have passed since the publication of the EASA Opinion 5/2016 in April 2016, and the introduction has been repeatedly announced "for the coming months", which we have communicated to the best of our knowledge and belief. However, as of this date nothing has been done."

"Our members no longer understand any further delays, and we have no arguments. Even if the European Commission has to reduce its budget, a reduction would seriously jeopardize the reputation of the GA Roadmap, EASA, the EU Commission and the associations as well.

Therefore, we urge you to bring the initiated process for the introduction of the Part M Light to a good ending as soon as possible, even if we understand that the Commission must also save in the face of shrinking budgets."

IAOPA Europe will continue to push to get these much-needed changes, which will lessen the burden on general aviation operators in Europe, through the Commission.

AOPA GREECE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

At the May 27th Board Meeting, AOPA Hellas (Greece) announced the results of their recent elections, including the election of a new president and board of directors.

Results of the election:

- President - Kyprianos Biris
- 1st Vice president - Argyris Mamas
- 2nd Vice president and secretary - Marina Zombanaki
- Treasurer and Membership coordinator - Bill Kosta
- Member Alexander Tritsibidas

Former President Anton Koutsoudakis was presented the title of "honorary board member for life" after 18 years of service and will act as an external consultant to the board monitoring their exchanges and continuing to participate in the association. For more information contact AOPA Greece at info@aopa.gr.



AOPA Greece President Kyprianos Biris

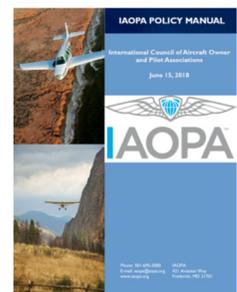
EASA INTERVIEWS IAOPA SVP DR. MICHAEL ERB

The latest edition of EASA On Air highlighted a recent interview with IAOPA's SVP Dr. Michael Erb in which he explains the importance of IAOPA in representing the interests of general aviation. Dr. Erb is Chairman of the EASA General Aviation Committee and a member of the General Aviation Task Force, representing over 30 IAOPA Europe affiliates on matters that impact general aviation. When asked about the relationship with EASA and other regulators, Dr. Erb stated "I think "constructive criticism" describes the relation between an authority and an association best. The most valuable assets IAOPA can offer in such a relation are cooperation, the provision of expertise, and in general honest feedback. For this purpose, we are active in many of EASA's Rulemaking Tasks and Advisory Committees. Some years ago, it was evident that our honest feedback was not much appreciated, but instead considered as a disturbance and clear evidence of ungratefulness. EASA was very successful in regulating airlines and commercial aircraft manufacturers, but all too often was applying a "one size fits all approach" that led to over-regulation of general aviation in Europe." Full text of the interview can be found at this [link](#).



UPDATED IAOPA POLICY MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE

The [IAOPA Policy Manual](#) has been updated and is now available for download on the IAOPA website. The manual has been rebranded with the new IAOPA logo and is now inclusive of all the resolutions that have been passed to date and includes several position papers that have been developed by IAOPA in the past. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [IAOPA Headquarters](#).



AOPA CHINA INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TRAINING EXHIBITION ANNOUNCED

AOPA China has announced that the 2018 AOPA-China International Flight Training Exhibition will take place September 19-20, 2018 in Beijing China. This year's exhibition's theme will be "Qualified Training, Safe Flight, and Airspace Sharing". AOPA China is inviting professional experts from airlines and flight training institutions at home and abroad, civil aviation authorities of China, science research institutions and colleges in civil aviation, and flight training service companies to discuss the newest policies and development trend of aviation training in Beijing. The seminar strives to improve the quality of flight training and aviation safety, as well as promoting the sound development of aviation industry in China. To find out additional information on the exhibition contact AOPA China at email address: info@aopa.org.cn



AOPA LUXEMBOURG FLY-OUT PLANNED

The Luxembourg pilots association, UPL-AOPA invites you to the 31st edition of its annual end of summer adventurous fly out to Annecy in the French Alps. Many single engine planes will take off from Luxembourg airport and surrounding airfields for a 3-day adventurous flying expedition.



You can either join with your own or your flying club's plane, be it as a pilot or a passenger. AOPA Luxembourg can facilitate the introduction to a pilot for this unique experience. If you are a new private pilot, but you prefer to have an experienced pilot with you, they can facilitate this as well. You can also join this trip by car - alone or together with your friends. It's up to you.

For more information or processing of this organization please follow this link: <https://adventurous-fly-out-french-alps-by-aopa-luxembourg.eventbrite.com/>



USE YOUR PHONE, TAKE A QUIZ FROM THE AOPA AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE

If you enjoy learning and honing your pilot skills, you'll hit the jackpot when you pull up one of the Air Safety Institute's safety quizzes on your phone.

ASI has updated and converted its more than 60 quizzes to a format optimized for use on a small handheld device such as a tablet or phone. While some quizzes pertain to operations in U.S. airspace, there are many that cover topics pilots all over the world can enjoy. Looking to brush up on airport lighting, aerodynamics, or aircraft performance? ASI has a quiz on each topic for you. Others include collision avoidance, density altitude, fuel awareness, and seasonal or weather-related topics.

So, next time you're at the airport waiting for your passenger to arrive, take a quiz and challenge your savvy. Each quiz has 10 questions and includes an explanation of the correct answers. Visit the [website](#) for the full list.

LINK TO IAOPA EUROPE NEWSLETTER

Read the latest information on what IAOPA affiliates are doing in Europe. AOPA's in every part of the globe are making a positive difference for general aviation and there is simply not enough room to publish all that is being done to keep you flying. For the latest updates on what is going on at IAOPA Europe check their website at <http://www.iaopa.eu/>



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Nothing can keep existing members, and attract new members, like reminding them of the great work that IAOPA affiliates, and IAOPA, are doing on national, regional, and international levels to keep them flying. Great work is being done in all parts of the globe to advance the interests of general aviation, and the best way to share that message is to make sure that this newsletter gets to as many members, and non-members alike. So, I encourage you to publish this on your website, send on via email to your members, and do what you can to help spread the word.

Our focus with the e-News is to let the world know what IAOPA Affiliate around the globe are doing to keep general aviation flying. Each affiliate of IAOPA is encouraged to submit stories that we can post in e-News to share your successes so that others can benefit. Stories should be directed to the Secretary General, contact [IAOPA HQ](#) if you need additional information or have any questions.