

NATIONS UNITE TO MODIFY MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS IAOPA advocates at ICAO headquarters

Thirty-six nations around the globe have already moved forward and abandoned costly and burdensome bureaucratic red-tape requirements associated with outdated medical certification processes for general aviation pilots. In a Sept. 24 meeting at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) headquarters in Montreal, leaders representing the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot



Associations (IAOPA) urged officials to keep pace with these changes as they review and update their standards for general aviation pilots.

ICAO Ambassador Thomas Carter greeted the IAOPA delegation which included Mark Baker, president and CEO of both IAOPA and AOPA-US, IAOPA Secretary General Craig Spence, IAOPA General Counsel Ken Mead, AOPA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and Advocacy Jim Coon, and IAOPA's ICAO representative Frank Hofmann. The nonprofit aviation membership group represents nearly 400,000 pilots in 79 countries. Many countries have successfully developed and implemented new medical processes and rules. In the United States, a new medical process, known as BasicMed, for general aviation pilots became law and in just over a year, more than 40,000 pilots are flying under the new medical program. The United Kingdom, Australia, and other countries have also implemented changes aimed at reducing red tape for GA pilots.

IAOPA's meeting with ICAO comes just weeks ahead of the [Thirteenth Air Navigation Conference](#) in Montreal where industry stakeholders are set to discuss the implementation of [global strategies](#) for safety, air navigation planning, and development. IAOPA will be presenting at the upcoming conference to encourage ICAO to review existing protocols and develop common universal medical guidelines for general aviation pilots. This work is being done in furtherance of IAOPA Resolution 29/6, Harmonized International Civil Aviation Medical Standards that was adopted unanimously at the 29th World Assembly hosted by AOPA New Zealand.

The aviation industry is also facing a shortage of skilled professionals- a problem which ICAO is working to address through its Next Generation of Aviation Professionals initiative. <https://www.icao.int/safety/ngap/Pages/default.aspx> Similarly, AOPA-US is doing its part to encourage youth to get involved in STEM-related fields and help grow the pilot population through its You Can Fly program.

During the visit to ICAO headquarters, Baker also discussed the many ways in which AOPA's You Can Fly program can be used as a resource for nations around the world. You

Can Fly works to inspire people to fly and keep them flying by reducing costs and regulatory hurdles, increasing access, and improving value.

Often times, that starts in the schools. Part of the You Can Fly initiative is the high school STEM curriculum which encourages students to pursue careers in aviation. So far, its proven a huge success as approximately 2,000 students in 81 schools are using AOPA's ninth-grade curriculum.

You Can Fly also aims to get pilots involved in flying clubs to make aviation more affordable and to get a sense of comradery and support. This year, the program helped start 28 new clubs for a total of 93 flying clubs started in recent years.

Additionally, IAOPA leaders spoke to ICAO officials about the countless aviation safety resources offered through the Air Safety Institute (ASI), including podcasts, seminars, web courses, and case studies. ASI safety material can be shared among other nations to make all GA pilots safer pilots and continue to decrease the accident rate. This year alone, ASI material will be accessed upwards of 4 million times.

The You Can Fly program and ASI are entirely funded by charitable donations to the AOPA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. <https://youcanfly.aopa.org>
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139TH REGIONAL MEETING HOSTED BY AOPA ITALY AND SWITZERLAND

33 participants representing 22 IAOPA Europe affiliates gathered in Como Italy for the 139th IAOPA Europe Regional Meeting. The meeting was held during the last weekend of September with the event being hosted and organized by AOPA Italy and AOPA Switzerland.



The agenda covered updates on regulatory and operational issues that are of importance to their members, and included topics such as:

- Development of IAOPA priorities for EASA's next round of regulatory improvements for GA, that will be part of their upcoming GA Roadmap 2.0.
- How the introduction of the New Basic Regulation for Aviation in Europe is opening up both challenges and new opportunities for GA in Europe.
- IAOPA's position papers that will be presented at the upcoming ICAO Air Navigation Conference in Montreal. These papers promote the development of a new medical standard for the lighter end of GA, and a study on the economic importance of GA for the wider aviation sector.

Also, the agenda included challenges and opportunities regarding ADS-B, closer cooperation with AOPA US, fees and charges at European airports. The attendees were

briefed on the new joint database that has been developed for IAOPA Europe that allows sharing of additional European wide member benefits such as the new partnership with Jeppesen.

During the meeting, two individuals were honored for their service to the organization and the region.

- Nick Wilcock (AOPA UK) received the IAOPA Service Award for outstanding service and dedication to the members and staff of IAOPA Europe and AOPA UK. Nick continues to represent IAOPA on several EASA working groups, protecting the interests of pilots and flight training organizations in the region.
- Anton Koutsoudakis (AOPA Greece) received the IAOPA Service Award for his outstanding service and dedication to the members and staff of IAOPA and AOPA Hellas. Anton worked tirelessly to further general aviation in Greece and was instrumental in addressing many of the problems and regulatory hurdles that have plagued GA in Greece.

Please take the opportunity to thank Nick and Anton and congratulate them on their achievements. For more information on the regional meeting, check the IAOPA Europe website.

AOPA DENMARK GOES FROM 200 TO 1200 MEMBERS AFTER MERGER WITH DANISH MOTORFLYING UNION

After several years of close cooperation between AOPA Denmark and the Danish Motorflying Association (DMU) the two associations finally voted to merge on September 2nd. The new association with the name of 'AOPA DMU' encompasses 31 local flying clubs and includes corporate and individual members. The new association has two full time employees in the secretariat which also handles more than 600 members of the Danish Ultralight Flying Association.



DMU President Knud Nielsen was elected as the first President of AOPA DMU Denmark and Jacob Pedersen, former President of AOPA Denmark was elected as the vice-president.

With the merger, Denmark now has the strongest possible association to represent GA. The board has already set the priorities for the future: getting more people to obtain their pilots license is the top priority. Also high on the list is making life easier for existing aircraft owners and pilots by working to secure AVGAS supplies at more airfields and helping aircraft owners get the best out of the new Part M-Light regulation. For more information contact AOPA DMU Denmark directly.

AOPA CHINA FLIGHT TRAINING SEMINAR A SUCCESS

AOPA China hosted the 4th Ab Initio Flight Training Seminar in Beijing, China during the month of September. AOPA-China was happy to greet regulators, flight school heads, airline pilots, and other stakeholders that are part of the global pilot training industry in China. Topics discussed during the conference included flight training data, fatigue management, flight training curriculum, new policies in medical requirements, and alternative pilot courses.

More than 300 delegates gathered in Beijing for this two-day event that featured 25 presentations, four panel discussions from five moderators, 30 presenters, and representation from several officials from the CAAC.



The opportunities to discuss the latest developments in the industry were very well received by the participants.

With the rapid development of China's civil aviation, Chinese airlines' demand for pilots is also growing at a high speed. At present, after a strict review, CAAC has approved 24 overseas pilot schools and 22 domestic CCAR-141 pilot schools. Every year more than 5,000 pilots finish training in overseas and domestic training institutions and start working for Chinese airlines. Due to the operational characteristics and safety requirements of the airlines, the CAAC has developed strict standards and requirements for aviation schools that are responsible for training airline pilots. Supported by CAAC, China Academy of Civil Aviation Science and Technology hosted the first two seminars of Ab Initio Flight Training in Sanya, Hainan, and Shanghai in 2012 and in 2014 respectively. In 2016, AOPA-China hosted the third seminar in Shenzhen, China.

This seminar has become an influential flight training conference in the industry, and has been widely recognized by airlines, flight schools, approved aviation schools at home and abroad. For more information contact AOPA China.

(Submitted by AOPA China)



NALL REPORT NOTES CONTINUED SAFETY GAINS

General aviation's energetic efforts to reduce fatal aircraft accidents continued to produce encouraging results in 2015, and the overall accident rate in the United States per 100,000 flight hours declined even as total flight hours increased, according to the AOPA Air Safety Institute's recently released *27th Joseph T. Nall Report*. <https://www.aopa.org/training-and->

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The fatal accident rate for both commercial and non-commercial accidents in 2015 declined to 0.92 per 100,000 hours, reversing a slight uptick of 0.99 per 100,000 hours in 2014. In a year with 1,173 total accidents 221 were fatal, with 375 total fatalities. “This decrease in GA fatal accidents can be attributed to numerous industry initiatives designed to reduce those accidents by one percent every year from 2008 to 2018,” the author of the report noted.

The 2015 data on accident causes confirmed that the industry’s emphasis on training is correctly focused. Pilot-related cause is at the root of roughly 74 percent of total non-commercial fixed wing accidents and fatal accidents, and stubbornly remains the major cause of both commercial and non-commercial fixed-wing aircraft accidents.



The accompanying *2016-2017 GA Scorecard*, a brief statistical summary that supplements the Nall Report’s detailed examination of 2015 data, provides a broad view of GA safety performance and trends during 2016 and 2017. <https://www.aopa.org/-/media/files/aopa/home/training-and-safety/nall-report/20162017accidentscorecard.pdf?la=en>

The Nall Report honors the memory of Joe Nall, a National Transportation Safety Board member who died as a passenger in an airplane accident in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1989. Enhance

ARE YOUR AFFILIATE DUES UP-TO-DATE?

IAOPA is representing general aviation around the world and making a difference every day. Without representation in the international aviation community, our industry will surely lose valuable positions we have fought so hard to secure in the past. Summer is in the rear-view mirror and there are still some affiliates that have not remitted their 2018 dues. Without the funds to support the work of our many representatives, we will be unable to continue our advocacy throughout world aviation. Your contribution to IAOPA is so important, please submit your payment as soon as possible. If you don't have a copy of your invoice or you have any questions, please contact [IAOPA HQ](#).

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.