

ICAO Interregional English Language Proficiency Workshop

Kuwait, November 9th – 11th 2015

Summary report on the workshop.

ICAEA was represented at this ICAO Workshop by: President Michael Kay and Vice-President Adrian Enright together with Board member Gabor Sipos (Hungarocontrol).

In October 2014 at their 4th meeting in Bangkok the Trans Regional Airspace and Supporting ATM Systems Steering group (TRASAS) “requested appropriate ICAO regional offices to organize and convene a joint language proficiency implementation and harmonization workshop for States of the Asia/Pacific, European and Middle East regions.”

Subsequently the EANPG’s Coordination and Planning Group (COG), noting the expertise and experience of members of its (COG) LPRI Task Force in LPR implementation issues, instructed the Task Force to prepare the requested workshop for Q4 2015. The LPRI TF took on this task preparing a programme and coordinating speakers. The overall organization was by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) of Kuwait. ICAEA Board members Adrian and Gabor are also members of the COG LPRI TF.

There were at least 115 persons (14 ICAO States, 4 international organisations and 8 industry stakeholders) present on all three days representative of regulators, pilots, air traffic controllers, aviation English teachers, ICAO personnel, Test Service Providers and administrators.

ICAEA received three slots on the programme in the form of presentations and workshops. We were represented on each day of the 3-day event. Overall, our participation gave the Association excellent exposure, positioning us well as a qualified and informed organisation on issues related to the LPRs and Aviation English training.

The ICAEA presentations and interactive mini-workshops were well received and provided some light relief, as well as emphasizing the more serious side of language proficiency requirements. Question and Answer sessions were lively and informative ably guided by the moderators. Overall, ICAEA was fortunate in having a responsive and attentive audience interested in the aspects of LPRs we presented – Identifying best practice in LPR testing models (Michael), Assessing controller/pilot communication (Adrian and Gabor) and Selecting ICAO LPR testing systems (Michael).

100 flyers were distributed at the workshop providing information on our next event (*Aviation English Training for Operational Personnel*) that will take place on Santa Maria Island in the Azores on April 29th & 30th 2016.

Kuwait DGCA was an admirable host demonstrating true Middle East hospitality. The workshop was ably managed in almost perfect conditions (well, the air conditioning was a bit too cold and the PC played up at crucial times. But, our techno-minded president managed a re-boot and our slide shows were impeccable). Thanks Michael.

ICAO’s COG LPRI Task Force (Adrian Enright is a member) held two ad-hoc meetings during the workshop. The second meeting agreed on a list of workshop outcomes which were presented during the closing ceremony for further action by ICAO.

All workshop participants were presented with a Certificate of Attendance and speakers additionally received a small gift and Certificate of Appreciation.

Check this ICAO link for details of the Workshop – programme, presentations, participants, outcomes etc.

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