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Dear ESASI Members,

The year 2019 was marked by two large European events: The 2019 ESASI Workshop entitled '**Safety Investigation Throughout the Aircraft Life Cycle – Design for Safety**' that gathered numerous ESASI members in Derby (UK) and the Annual **ISASI Seminar** held in The Hague (NL). Since these events, the ESASI Committee has prepared a report on the Workshop proceedings and drafted a document on the legal basis for ESASI, which incorporates the new ESASI Constitution that was announced during our Members' meeting held in The Hague.

An ESASI Committee meeting was held at the AAIB's premises on 15 January 2020 during which we reviewed the draft document for the legal basis of ESASI. ESASI's relations with other organisations, in particular ISASI, ECAC ACC and the Military Air Safety Investigation (MASI) group, were also reviewed and will be reflected in the ESASI Terms of Reference that will complement the ESASI Constitution.

On 3 and 4 June 2020, ESASI will hold its annual seminar in Budapest following the kind invitation of the Director of the Transportation Safety Board of Hungary, Dr. Lorand Beckse. Regarding the format of the Seminar, the Committee has strived to follow your recommendations on developing and maintaining the momentum of previous events. Therefore, the event in Budapest will combine a one-day seminar with presentations on topical safety issues, followed by a half-day workshop on the timely dissemination of information and findings from a safety investigation. We very much hope that you will enjoy this event, which will have a strong international content. This ESASI Seminar will follow a meeting of the ECAC ACC group the day before, 2 June. The MASI group will also meet on 2 June in the same venue.

We will also have the opportunity to meet at the ISASI 2020 seminar that will be held in the capital of international civil aviation - Montréal, Canada. In the continuity of ISASI 2019, the theme of this seminar is '*20/20 vision for the future*' and will address the future of safety investigation in a fast-changing world.

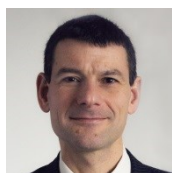
During 2020 we will organise elections to attract new volunteers to your Committee to ensure that we maintain the momentum and continue to be a focal point for the development of safety investigation practices across Europe.

I wish you all the best for 2020 and look forward to seeing you in Hungary.

Sincerely,

Olivier FERRANTE
ESASI President

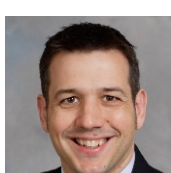
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Derby Workshop Proceedings

The proceedings of the Derby Workshop will be issued in the format of a comprehensive report. The moderators, presenters, rapporteurs and the ESASI Committee have reviewed the draft report, which will be sent to the participants for a last review before being uploaded onto the ESASI website. The report contains a summary and detailed feedback for each session, as well as background information. Guidance material in the appendices includes:

- The Policy on Safety Recommendations developed by ENCASIA;
- A summary of the European regulatory framework for Type Certificate Holders and an explanation of the Continuing Airworthiness process;
- ICAO Guidance on the classification of serious incidents (new Attachment C in Annex 13).

ESASI meeting in The Hague

Forty-one members attended the ESASI AGM that was held on 3 September 2019 at the end of the first day of the ISASI 2019 Seminar.

The Committee provided feedback from the successful ESASI Workshop held in Derby, the review of our legal status and an update on our healthy financial situation. Our financial reserves have been used to support the European events in order to keep the costs to a level that are affordable to all our members. The meeting also covered the review of ESASI's legal structure which is being updated (see next paragraph).

We also took the opportunity to announce that our next seminar would take place in Budapest in Spring 2020.

Members were shown the ESASI webpages that contain the ESASI seminar and workshop presentations and related documents. Moreover, we have established a subsection on our website dedicated to the Military Air Safety Investigators (MASI) group. The close relationship between ESASI

and the MASI group has been beneficial for both entities.

ESASI Committee Meeting at the AAIB premises

On 15 January 2020, the committee met at the AAIB premises in Farnborough to discuss a number of issues including an update of the ESASI legal position. After considering several options, it was decided that the best legal basis for an entity like ESASI was a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the UK Charity Commission. The advantage of this approach is that there is no tax or personal financial liability.



Meeting of the ESASI Committee on 15 January 2020

Your Committee is developing a CIO Constitution document using one of the Charity Commission models, simplified to maintain continuity with our existing way of functioning. At the same time, it is essential to maintain the same recognizable structure as the Charity Commission model document so that the ESASI Constitution will be well received.

The Constitution requires us to hold an AGM at the spring ESASI Seminar, or, if there is no ESASI Seminar, at the ISASI Seminar which is normally held later in the year. As ESASI does not currently charge a subscription, the way to define membership was by referring to those members of ISASI in good standing (i.e. paid-up). The current committee (Trustees) consists of six members, which will be increased to eight to ensure that we maintain the momentum and ensure that ESASI continues to be relevant in developing safety investigation capabilities across Europe.

The ESASI Constitution that is about to be submitted will be made available on the ESASI Website. It foresees that half of the trustees will rotate every two years. In other words, the eight Committee Members ('Trustees' to the charity - CIO) will apply or reapply every four years.

In addition to the ESASI Constitution, we intend to have a less legalistic descriptive document that is entitled the 'ESASI Terms of Reference' (ToRs).

These ToRs will provide more details on the functioning of our organisation, the roles of each committee position and how we work with other entities such as ECAC ACC and the MASI group. The draft ToRs will be made available before our next Members' meeting where we will seek your approval.



ESASI 2020

The ESASI 2020 event will take place in Budapest, Hungary, on the 3 and 4 June 2020 with the theme '*Maintaining the Momentum*'. The event will consist of a one-day seminar to share experience, best practices and future developments, followed by a half-a-day workshop on disseminating the findings from a safety investigation.

Call for presentations

Presentations for the seminar are invited on any aspect of a safety investigation including recent case studies, development of new techniques, and challenges facing investigators. Presentations should last for a maximum of 20 minutes with a further five minutes for questions. Papers are not required.

The timeline for receiving the presentations is as follows:

24 January 2020 – Call for presentations

10 March 2020 – Deadline to receive presentations

1 April 2020 – Technical programme published

3 June 2020 – ESASI 2020 Seminar

4 June (morning) – ESASI 2020 Seminar/Workshop

For further information on the technical aspect of the workshop, please contact the ESASI technical committee member: Brian McDermid (presentations@esasi.eu)

ESASI 2020 (Half-day Workshop)

The half-day workshop will focus on one of the most important aspects of a safety investigation, which is the timely dissemination of information and findings from a safety investigation. The ICAO Annex 13 report format has represented an effective common tool for making public the findings and lessons learnt from a major safety investigation. However, this format has been too cumbersome for other investigations, particularly for general aviation.

Safety Investigation Authorities have developed their own formats for reporting minor safety investigations, which has resulted in a variation in consistency of reporting. Moreover, the delay in releasing information can generate friction when media and customer pressure has required more openness from the manufacturer and operator.

In the meantime, the ICAO AIG panel has developed a number of initiatives concerning the format of reports and releasing information in a timely manner. This half-day workshop '*Disseminating the findings from a safety investigation*' will consider these aspects and look at areas such as: the format and medium for disseminating information; the needs of the stakeholders; and acceptable time scales. The result will be distributed widely across the safety investigation community.

Registrations

Registration for ESASI 2020 has been open since the 24 January 2020. Budapest is busy during the

month of June and members who intend to attend the Seminar are encouraged to book their accommodation early. Please note that the reduced ESASI seminar fee is valid until the end of March 2020.



Next ESASI Members' Meeting

The next ESASI Members' meeting (AGM) will be held on 3 June 2020 at the end of the first day of ESASI 2020 when we will focus on our new legal structure and the ESASI ToRs. A provisional agenda will be circulated before the meeting.

Please contact your committee members if you would like to add any specific subject to the agenda for discussion at the Members' Meeting.

Previous ESASI Events



ISASI 2020 : Montreal, Canada
1-3 September 2020



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