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EDITORIAL

Dear ESASI Members and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you all well and that we will manage to meet in-person soon. You will read in this newsletter a number of initiatives prepared by your Committee to meet both in-person and virtually in the upcoming months.

As a matter of fact, we will have to get used to calling the six members of the ESASI Committee by their new appellation, the eight Charity Trustees, since the entry into force of the ESASI Constitution on 25 January 2021. These changes were covered this year, on 1 July 2021, when we held the ESASI Annual General Meeting (AGM) as well as on 2 September 2021 when we held our Society meeting in conjunction with ISASI 2021 (Virtual).

The ESASI Constitution foresees elections every other year to renew one-third of the Charity Trustees. After a call for candidates, this month is marked by the elections of Charity Trustees. In a nutshell, there are four open positions for six motivated ESASI Members. This newsletter contains more information about these elections. ESASI Members should also receive from Steve Hull, the ESASI Secretary in charge of membership, their voting instructions.

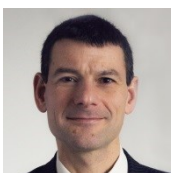
In this newsletter, you will also find information on our next events, FocusOn...Protected information (7 December 2021) and ESASI 2022 (Budapest on 6-7 April 2022) as well as on a new ISASI working group on Strategy, in which ESASI is well represented.

Again, if you have suggestions to address to your ESASI Committee (or Charity Trustees), please do not hesitate to contact us. In the next months, ESASI will probably create a small working group to revamp our website.

Yours Sincerely,

Olivier FERRANTE
ESASI President

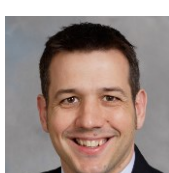
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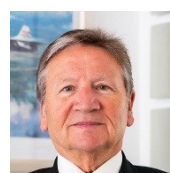
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FocusOn...Protected information – 7 December 2021

The next ESASI FocusOn... session will take place on **Tuesday 7 December 2021 from 13:00 to 14:30 (UK Time & UTC)** and will look at the protection of evidence during a safety investigation.

Annex 13, Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 and national regulations specify evidence that is not permitted to be released outside of the investigation without the Investigator in Charge being instructed to do so by the appropriate authority, after a balance test has been carried out. However, a number of stakeholders contend that there is a need for protected information to be released to support various goals. For example, regulators sometimes request such evidence to support Continuing Airworthiness; lawyers and the relatives of the victims of an air accident often ask for the disclosure of sensitive information (e.g. CVR) for a variety of purposes; journalists who want to quickly and accurately inform the public may seek privileged information, etc.



The FocusOn... session will present the legal position and views from a range of stakeholders on the release of protected information. It will also explore how different national legal systems may lead to different approaches on the way to decide on the release of sensitive information.

ESASI Elections – November 2021

Since 25 January 2021, ESASI has become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Registered Charity Number 1193108. The ESASI Constitution states that at the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO at least two of the charity Trustees shall retire from office or stand for re-election, to enable fresh elections of Trustees by the membership. At alternating annual general meetings of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity Trustees shall retire from office or stand for re-election.

In terms of number of charity Trustees, there should be not less than four and no more than 10 elected Trustees; no more than two ex-officio Trustees and no more than two nominated Trustees.

For these elections, the number of Charity Trustees is being enlarged to eight members. The call for candidates was open until 31 October 2021. Six ESASI Members responded and sent their motivations to Steve Hull: Arben Dika, Brian McDermid, David King, Kate Fitzgerald, Olivier Ferrante and Nuno Aghdassi. Their 'motivation statements' are made available on the ESASI portal dedicated to the elections and restricted to ESASI Members.

The elections will be organised through an electronic ballot for ESASI Members. Please monitor your emails and the voting instructions that will be sent by Steve Hull.

New ISASI Working Group on Strategy

ISASI has recently formed a new group to discuss the medium and long term of ISASI as an international organisation. Thorkell Agustsson (ITSB) and Nuno Aghdassi (GPIAAF)

joined that first meeting in October 2021. The objective was defined as to develop a five-year strategic plan to ensure ISASI continues to promote the development and improvement of aviation or incident accident investigation. The working group will have the opportunity to involve more participants, all over the world, in form of survey and/or some special brainstorm meetings with societies representatives. This task has just been kicked off and will be going on with the target of a proposal for ISASI 2022.

ESASI Membership

The next ESASI NewsLetter will have a section on New Members, as was done for the Spring edition. If you are new with ESASI (and ISASI) and interested in this initiative, please send to Steve Hull your picture and a short bio, so that you will be better known by the ESASI community!

The recent October bulletin highlighted the new IT system for ISASI/ESASI members called 'Wild Apricot'. This tool is a very practical for ESASI Members to review their own data.

ESASI 2022 – Budapest, Hungary – 6-7 April 2022

After several postponements, we really hope that our Annual Seminar in-person will take place in Budapest on 6-7 April 2022. Please note these dates and be ready to submit presentations!



ESASI 2022 will be held in back-to-back with the 56th meeting of ECAC accident and incident investigation expert group (ACC/56) scheduled on 5 April 2022.

MASI (Military Air Safety Investigators) – 5 April 2022

Prior to the plenary seminar, ESASI will facilitate the meeting of Military Air Safety Investigators (MASI) that will be held on Tuesday afternoon 5 April 2022 in Budapest. ESASI has been supporting the organization of military tutorials these past years and will continue to do so in the future.



Summary of ESASI's Society meeting during ISASI 2021

1 September 2021 (summary)

In conjunction with ISASI 2021, the ESASI executive committee elected to maintain the traditional national society meeting, even though ESASI held its AGM exactly two months earlier, on 1 July 2021.

During that short meeting, we discussed the recent changes in particular the enlargement of the ESASI executive committee (from 6 to 8). The option of bidding to organize ISASI 2024 in Europe was discussed. The ESASI Committee have received a proposal from Portugal and will start working with the local Portuguese team prior to proposing a bid during the next 2022 ISASI International Council Meeting (ICM).

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