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This IS-BAO Newsletter contains contributions from both operators and auditors. Anyone who wishes to contribute a piece may send it to rayrohr@telusplanet.net.

IS-BAO Registration Update

In May we reached a significant milestone for IS-BAO registrations - # 60 was issued to Specsavers who operate two King Air 350s out of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. This registration is especially notable because Specsavers Optical Group is the first UK operator to achieve IS-BAO registration.

Specsavers Optical Group is the world's largest privately owned optical retail business with outlets in the UK, Ireland, Netherlands and Scandinavia. The group's aviation operation provides strategic support to the business and enables cost effective travel to its pan European interests from its headquarters in Guernsey.

The Chief Pilot, Captain Tristan Esteves, said "As soon as I saw how IS-BAO worked and what it stood for, I knew it was right for our operation. I would recommend that other private operators raise their standards by adopting it".

Simon Hancock, the Group Aviation Manager, added "we spent a year developing the programs, procedures and documents required to meet the IS-BAO Standards and are very proud of the results".

He continued "we are a small flight department and IS-BAO has provided us with an excellent framework for management of our operation and the associated safety risks".

Iain Tulloch, the Accredited IS-BAO auditor who conducted the Specsavers Registration audit, said "they did a very good job of IS-BAO implementation and were well prepared for their registration audit".

Don Spruston, IBAC Director General and John Batty, of the British Business and General Aviation Association jointly congratulated Specsavers on their notable achievement.

To view the current list registered operators go to http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/isbao_audit_registered.htm. The list now includes many of the major aircraft manufactures. As well we now have a second registered operator in Brazil plus one in Greece.

SMS Tools

The final edition of the ICAO Safety Management Manual is now on the web at <http://www.icao.int/anb/safetymanagement/Doc%209859enSMS.pdf>. As noted in a previous Newsletter it is a large document because it addresses the full spectrum of aviation interests including aircraft operations, aircraft maintenance, aerodrome operations and air traffic services as well as State and ICAO safety management activities. We would suggest that you first review Part 1 **Introduction to Safety Management**, and then check-out Part 2 Chapters 4, 5, 6 & 7. After that look at Part 4 Chapter 16 and whatever else interests you.

Also check out the FAA web site at http://www.faa.gov/ALC/libview_normal.aspx?id=6877 for an interesting SMS piece.

IS-BAO Workshops Achieve PDP Recognition

Earlier this year the IS-BAO Workshops received recognition from the NBAA Professional Development Program (PDP) as meeting the requirements of Objective O4. As such Workshop participants will receive a PDP certificate indicating that they have met the requirements of Objective O4. For more information on the NBAA PDP program please see <http://web.nbaa.org/public/education/pdp/>.

IS-BAO Workshops

The next IS-BAO Workshop is scheduled for White Plains, NY on August 24, 2006. The next Workshop after that is in Long Beach, CA on November 17th. If you are considering attending one of those it is suggested that you get your registration in as soon as practicable. Additional information on the



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Workshops is posted at <http://www.ibac.org/is-bao/Audit%20Workshop.htm>. Workshop registration forms can also be downloaded from that web page. The feedback that we receive indicates that those who attended a Workshop found that it made IS-BAO implementation significantly easier.

IS-BAO Users Forum at NBAA Convention

We will be holding an IS-BAO Users Forum again this year at the NBAA Convention in Orlando, FL. The Forum is scheduled for October 18, 2006 at 1300 - 1400 hrs. We will have presentations from two operators and one auditor, followed by open discussion of issues of interest. Please come and bring your questions, suggestions and comments. To view the Convention agenda go to <http://web.nbaa.org/public/cs/amc/2006/programschedule/>.

Standards Manager Retirement

As some of you may be aware Ray Rohr, IBAC Standards Manager, has announced that he plans to retire from that position at the end of this year. A selection committee has been established and they are in the process of selecting a successor. Once the new person has been selected, there will be a transition period where Ray will work with that person until they are comfortably established in the position. That will ensure continuing support to operators and auditors.

ICAO Completes Study of Airport Access

The ICAO Secretariat recently finished and published on their website a study of International General Aviation Access to Airports. The study had been requested by IBAC during a major ICAO Conference on the Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services. The study concludes that business aviation has reason to be concerned about freedom of access. See the full report at <http://www.ibac.org/Library/ElectF/airpt/ICAO%20Airport%20Access%20study%20final.rev.pdf>

Business Aviation Safety Brief, Issue 4 Released

IBAC has released the Fourth Issue of its annual Business Aviation Safety Brief. The safety record of corporate jet operations continues to compare favorably with the record of jet transport aircraft engaged in scheduled passenger operations. For details on the Safety Brief go to http://www.ibac.org/Library/ElectF/saft/safety_management.htm. Issue 5 is currently in preparation and will be released shortly.

Annex 6 Part II Modernization

A Task Group of representatives from IBAC member associations and the International Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association have for more than a year been working on a proposal to modernize ICAO Annex 6 Part II. That is the annex that contains the standards and recommended practices for international general aviation operations.

The proposal was submitted to ICAO near the end of 2005 and has subsequently been reviewed by the ICAO Secretariat and the Air Navigation Commission. It is anticipated that the deliberations will result in a State Letter in about October that will seek comments on the proposal. IBAC has been fully involved in the review process which has gone very well. It is noteworthy that the draft proposal contains a number of elements from the IS-BAO and makes reference to industry codes of practice. For more information on the project see the May 2006 IBAC 06-2 at http://www.ibac.org/Library/IBAC%20Update%2006-2_May.pdf.

ICAO Conference Focuses on Global Aviation Safety

The Directors General of Civil Aviation of essentially all ICAO States, as well as representatives of International Organizations, met in Montreal 20-22 March 2006 to address mounting concerns for aviation safety following a number of airline accidents in mid-2005. The objective was to formulate a Global Strategy for Aviation Safety for the 21st Century. A total of 566 participants from 153 Contracting States and 26 international organizations attended the conference. The Conference was significant to business aviation inasmuch as concerns regarding the obsolescence of Annex 6 Part II for International General Aviation Operations were addressed.



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The principle focus of the Conference was the need for improved transparency of safety information and particularly the importance for States to release safety information. The meeting agreed to post results from the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) on the ICAO public website. Although the deadline for posting the results is set for 23 March 2008, the Conference urged Directors General to comply as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of the conference, 70 States had authorized ICAO to publish the information. **Dr Assad Kotaite**, Chairman of the Conference, stated that - *"Transparency and sharing of safety information are fundamental tenets of a safe air transport system. I believe that this initiative and others taken at the Conference will foster mutual trust between States, increase public confidence in air travel, and help maintain the integrity of the safest and most efficient means of mass transportation ever created."* The Conference addressed other issues such as the need to use industry initiatives such as the International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations (ISBAO).

Other significant recommendations of the DGCA Safety Conference were:

1. Importance of Safety oversight; resources needed for solutions.
2. States and industry to continue developing new initiatives (such as IS-BAO).
3. Promote "just culture" for sharing accident and safety information.
4. States need timely and accurate information on a/c registration.
5. Study possibility of databases to promote sharing of continuing airworthiness information.
6. Safety Management Systems needed through all sectors.
7. ICAO should study harmonization of SMS and consider a new Annex dedicated to safety processes.
8. States should promote regional safety oversight capabilities.
9. States to turn to Unified Strategy Programme for regulatory oversight assistance.

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