

## Second Industry Day Event in Canada Focuses on Small Aviation Organizations

For the seventh time, the Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG), a group of 16 aviation regulatory bodies, held its semi-annual Industry Day event with representatives from 15 Canadian aviation industry organizations on December 11, 2015 in Vancouver, Canada. This event was a gathering of smaller aviation operators and marks the second opportunity for Canadian aviation service providers to hear directly from authorities that are working together and to provide feedback on SM ICG products. The full day session, hosted by Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), included eight industry presentations and an open discussion on SMS scalability.

The SM ICG was established in 2009 to promote a common understanding of safety management principles and requirements, facilitating their application across the international aviation community. Since its formation, the group has published many products and guidance documents, including *SMS for Small Organizations*. In recent years, the SM ICG has increased outreach to the greater international aviation community. The inaugural Industry Day event was held in Ottawa, Canada in 2012 with subsequent events held in The Hague, Netherlands, Seattle, Washington, USA, Bern, Switzerland, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Cologne, Germany.

Trevor Heryet, Executive Regional Director at the Transport Canada Pacific Region, welcomed participants saying, "SMS scalability is an ongoing challenge, whether in fixed or rotary wing organizations. Not everyone here is required to implement SMS and your participation is a show of good, collective leadership. You see the value of SMS and are implementing it voluntarily to benefit your organizations." Judi Bethune, Safety Systems Manager at Flair Airlines, described the challenges her small airline encountered and the solutions it devised to implement a Safety Management System (SMS), "Developing SMS has its own personal rewards because you know you are doing the right thing for your company." After opening remarks, Simon Roberts, United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority (UK CAA) SMS Programme Lead, gave an overview of the SM ICG and its work. Industry representatives (Doug Strachan and Peter Barratt, West Coast Helicopters; Cheryl Cahill, BC Institute of Technology; Michael Coughlin and Marvin Sjerdal, Pacific Sky Aviation; Mike Hooper, Nanaimo Airport; Edwin Torillo, Fraser Health Authority; Kevin Lemke, Cascade Aerospace, Clark Duimel, Pacific Flying Club; and Judi Bethune, Flair Airlines) presented their experiences with SMS scalability. Those briefings and speaker biographies are available for download at [http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry\\_Day\\_-\\_December\\_2015](http://www.aviationsafetywiki.org/index.php/Industry_Day_-_December_2015).

Industry Day participants discussed SMS scalability and implementation in their organizations. Topics included practical perspectives on hazard identification through resolution, opportunities for help from students, retention of knowledge, the challenge of creating a single focal point in an organization, the challenges of having multiple regulators and standards and how to satisfy all of those entities while remaining productive and efficient, benefits of SMS, effective management system integration, and the importance of having a clear picture of what can be built incrementally.

Rosalie Kamp, Civil Aviation Safety Inspector in Technical Program and Evaluation at TCCA, and current SM ICG Steering Committee member, summed up the event's importance, "This is a unique opportunity for small operators to speak to regulators from around the world." Kevin Lemke, Vice President of Operations at Cascade Aerospace, thanked the group, "This is wonderful to see what the SM ICG is doing. Keep doing it. This standardization supports bilateral recognition and reduces regulatory burden on providers." Edmund Bohland, acting Head of the Policy and Planning Department at EASA Flight Standards, and 2015 SM ICG Chair, thanked industry participants and concluded, "We recognize the need to support SMS scalability and hope that the SMS for Small Organizations products are useful to you. We welcome your feedback as we continue to work together and improve aviation safety across the globe."

### Send Feedback

The SM ICG welcomes your feedback. For further information regarding the SM ICG or to provide feedback on SM ICG products, please contact [Régine Hamelijncx](#), [Amer Younossi](#), or [Jacqueline Booth](#).



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The current core membership of the SM ICG includes the Aviation Safety and Security Agency (AESA) of Spain, the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) of Brazil, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Netherlands (CAA NL), the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) of Australia, the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC) in France, the Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile (ENAC) in Italy, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA) of Switzerland, the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafi), Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB), the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Safety Organization, Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of United Kingdom (UK CAA). Additionally, the Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong (CAD HK), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE GCAA) are observers to this group.

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- Collaborate on common SMS/SSP topics of interest
- Share lessons learned
- Encourage the progression of a harmonized SMS
- Share products with the aviation community
- Collaborate with international organizations such as ICAO and civil aviation authorities that have implemented or are implementing SMS

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