

SM ICG Holds Bi-annual Meeting at EASA

The Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG) held its bi-annual meeting at the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Cologne during the week of 12 November 2018. Initially created by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) and EASA, 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 25 products and several have been translated into French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish. In recent years, the SM ICG has increased its outreach to the greater international aviation community. Nowadays SM ICG is a group of 18 worldwide aviation regulatory bodies.

Seventeen member state aviation authorities met for a full day (plenary session). This was followed by an Industry Day, where 11 Safety Management System (SMS)-related presentations were delivered. Three project team meeting days dedicated to the development of SMS and State Safety Program (SSP) material completed the week, as follows:

- Performance-based / risk-based oversight;
- Sector safety risk profiling at the State Level;
- Enhancement to the SMS evaluation tool.

The Steering Committee launched two new projects:

- Effective oversight following the introduction of SMS;
- Management of changes at State level.

The Industry Day involved 42 representatives from 17 Member State aviation authorities and 55 industry representatives from Europe. This was a unique opportunity for aviation service providers to hear directly from authorities that are working together on safety management-related items and for those authorities to receive feedback on SM ICG products. Almost 80 percent of the participants utilize SM ICG products.

The SM ICG Chair, Claudio Trevisan from EASA, effectively managed the successful event. His key message was ***“keep SMS simple.”***

The Industry Day speaker biographies and presentations are available for download at the bottom of this page.

Upcoming publications will include:

- Safety Culture Self-Assessment Tool for Regulators;
- Revised SSP Assessment Tool;
- Hazard Taxonomy Examples;
- SM ICG Position Paper on SMS and QMS.

To receive new product publication announcements, contact smicg.share@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

The next bi-annual meeting will take place in Brisbane, Australia during the week of 6th May 2019. The Industry Day theme will be Safety Management Beyond 2020, Challenges and Opportunities.

This paper was prepared by the Safety Management International Collaboration Group (SM ICG). The purpose of the SM ICG is to promote a common understanding of Safety Management System (SMS)/State Safety Program (SSP) principles and requirements, facilitating their application across the international aviation community. In this document, the term “organization” refers to a product or service provider, operator, business, and company, as well as aviation industry organizations; and the term “authority” refers to the regulator authority, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), National Aviation Authority (NAA), and any other relevant government agency or entity with oversight responsibility.

The current core membership of the SM ICG includes the Aviation Safety and Security Agency (AES) 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 (CAA NZ), the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong (CAD HK), 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 (Traf), the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA), Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB), the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Safety Organization, Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), United Arab Emirates General Civil Aviation Authority (UAE GCAA), and the Civil Aviation Authority of United Kingdom (UK CAA). Additionally, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is an observer to this group.

Members of the SM ICG:

- 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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