

# Planning Underway for 2016 World Assembly

## IAOPA

At the 27<sup>th</sup> IAOPA World Assembly last September, hosted by AOPA China, the board attendees unanimously voted to accept the proposal from AOPA US to host the 28<sup>th</sup> IAOPA World Assembly in 2016. Planning for the upcoming meeting is already underway.

As listed in the IAOPA Constitution and Bylaws, the IAOPA Board is required to meet every other year to coordinate the views and opinions of member organizations with respect to proposed requirements, recommended practices, procedures, rules and facilities and services for international aviation. But more importantly, the World Assembly serves as a chance for all affiliates to come together and determine the work program and the future of the organization in a face to face gathering that builds on the spirit and purpose of IAOPA, protecting and defending the freedom of general aviation all over the globe.

A site survey team is scheduling a visit to the proposed host city, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to review possible venues, hotels and transportation arrangements. Milwaukee, which is located on the shores of Lake Michigan, is best known for its famous breweries but there is way more to the city than beer and baseball. Milwaukee is rich in historical and cultural attractions. It is close to Chicago with plenty of nonstop flights to and from around the world. More importantly, it is located an hour south of the mecca of all general aviation, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Our planned date (July 22-24, 2016) will allow you to attend the IAOPA World Assembly and then stay on for as long as you like to visit EAA's AirVenture 2016 the week of 25-31 July, 2016.

For all of the affiliates that have never attended a World Assembly, this is an opportunity that you cannot pass up. Mark your calendars now and save the date. More details will be forthcoming in the next few months that will allow you to begin planning, if you have any questions or suggestions in the interim, please contact IAOPA Headquarters.

## IAOPA Board Approves Dues Restructuring

In an almost unanimous vote (130 yes, 1 no), the IAOPA Board has approved a dues restructuring initiative that will greatly simplify the calculation of the annual fees IAOPA affiliates are charged. The amendment, as approved, changes the calculation of the dues from Swiss Francs to US Dollars (USD), greatly simplifying the budgeting process while eliminating the current multi-tiered system. Under the new structure, affiliates with 1,000 members or less will pay a flat fee, currently set at \$350, while larger affiliates with over 1,000 members will pay a fee of \$.35 per member. All in all, the amendment, as adopted, reflects current billing practices, streamlines the accounting processes, and allows for necessary adjustments in the

future to meet the budget requirements of the organization. There will not be any change in IAOPA's position advocating for general aviation on the world stage including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and with regional bodies such as the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

With the successful passing of the amendment, IAOPA Headquarters staff is currently in the process of generating the affiliate invoices for the calendar year 2015. All calculations are based on the last reported member count for all affiliates. It is crucial that this information is provided to IAOPA at least annually so that the invoicing process and the budgeting process accurately capture the state of the organization. New this year, invoices will contain an option for paying by credit card in addition to the standard check or bank transfer options. For more information, please contact IAOPA Headquarters.

## **2014 IAOPA Activities Report Available**

The summary of IAOPA activities accomplished during 2014 is complete and will be mailed to IAOPA affiliates (along with their invoice for 2015 dues). This report highlights the many activities undertaken by the organization to protect general aviation around the globe. An excerpt from the report:

*IAOPA continued to gain strength in the international aviation arena from an increased membership base when the Board approved and welcomed AOPA-Argentina as the 73<sup>rd</sup> affiliate member. AOPA Belize and AOPA Peru were reconstituted, thus becoming active affiliates. IAOPA staff continued an active membership campaign by providing affiliation information and guidance to interested pilot groups in throughout the globe.*

If you would like an electronic version of the 2014 Activity Report, please contact IAOPA Headquarters.

## **FAA Provides Glimps of Licensing Annex to BASA**

The FAA has posted on its website a draft of the Pilot Licensing Annex to the U.S.-EU Agreement on Cooperation in the Regulation of Civil Aviation Safety. The draft has been provided for informational purposes as the FAA is not seeking comment at this time. The initial scope of this draft annex covers private pilot licenses, and night and instrument ratings, in single-engine piston land airplanes and multi-engine piston land airplane categories in single-pilot operations, excluding type ratings. IAOPA applauds the FAA for making this information public and has committed to working with the FAA and EASA to ensure that the final document when published will improve safety and eliminate unnecessary and redundant requirements.

Subject to the terms of the draft annex, FAA private pilot certificates or instrument ratings would be issued to pilots who hold valid EU Part-FCL pilot licenses (with or without night ratings) or

instrument ratings of corresponding categories and have demonstrated compliance with the applicable FAA Special Conditions.

Also subject to the terms of the draft annex, EU Part-FCL private pilot licenses (with or without night ratings) or instrument ratings would be issued to pilots who hold valid FAA pilot certificates or instrument ratings of corresponding categories, meet the applicable currency requirements, and have demonstrated compliance with the applicable EU Special Conditions.

To support the issuance of certificates or licenses under this draft annex, the NAAs and the FAA would be required to certify the authenticity of the pilots' original licenses or certificates. They would also annually share data regarding the licenses and ratings converted.

The entire document can be viewed at

[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/avs/offices/afs/afs800/media/Pilot\\_Licensing\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/afs800/media/Pilot_Licensing_Summary.pdf) .

## **FAI Announces Location of 2021 World Games**

The International World Games Association (IWGA) awarded the organisation of The World Games 2021 to Birmingham, Alabama, USA. This decision was announced by IWGA President José Perurena at a press conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, in the presence of FAI representatives.

Birmingham (USA), Lima (Peru) and Ufa (Russia) had presented their bids to host the 11th edition of the multi-sport event, the second largest after the Olympic Games.

*"We are happy to showcase our sports in Birmingham in July 2021, and we are sure that we will be offered optimal conditions for our sportsmen and women there. All the bids we received were of very high quality, and it was not easy for us to reach a decision. We have to deliver nothing less than outstanding World Games. We are convinced that Birmingham will exceed these expectations."* José Perurena stated.

The World Games are organised and governed by the International World Games Association, under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Air sports have been in the programme of The World Games since 1997. The next edition of the Games will take place in Wrocław, Poland, in 2017 and will include Glider Aerobatics, Parachuting Canopy Piloting and Paramotors.

- [The World Games 2017 dedicated pages on the FAI website](#)

## **EASA Announces Senior Management Changes**

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) announces three key management changes following the new organization structure decided by its Executive Director Patrick Ky and announced on 1 September 2014.

Effective 5 January 2015, Luc Tytgat has been appointed by the EASA Management Board as Director of the newly created Strategy and Safety Management Directorate. In this role, Luc Tytgat will be in charge of raising safety intelligence as one of EASA's key priorities and developing a better and more agile regulatory framework. Prior to EASA, Luc Tytgat was the Director of the Pan-European Single Sky Directorate at Eurocontrol since 2011, after having worked for 20 years in the field of air transport and space at the European Commission and 10 years in the Belgian Air Force.

Effective 5 January 2015, Olivier Ramsayer has been appointed by the EASA Management Board as the new Resources and Support Director. In this role, Olivier Ramsayer will be in charge of simplifying, raising the efficiency and flexibility of EASA support services. Prior to EASA, Olivier Ramsayer was Head of Resources and Support Department at the European Food Safety Authority, after different managerial positions in the EU institutions.

Effective 1 March 2015, Trevor Woods, currently Flight Standards Director at EASA, will replace Norbert Lohl as Certification Director. In this role, Trevor Woods will address the new challenges faced by the Agency in the evolution of technologies and constraints on resources in the certification domain. Norbert Lohl will be retiring at the end of February 2015.

Wilfried Schulze, Deputy Director, will be acting as Flight Standard Director.

Patrick Ky declared: "The new organization shapes EASA for the next decade. The Management team is focused on one objective: develop, for the benefit of travelling passengers, the safest possible aviation regulatory system, in partnership with the European Commission and the Member States and in support of the growth of the aviation industry".

Olivier Ramsayer, Luc Tytgat, Trevor Woods and Wilfried Schulze are members of the EASA Executive Committee and report directly to Patrick Ky.

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/agency-organisation-structure>

## **Could you handle a survival situation? Get the experts' tips on survival preparedness**

You've just made an unplanned, off-airport landing. Thanks to your training you were able to calmly cope with a developing in-flight emergency and successfully land the airplane. But now

what? Have you been adequately prepared for what happens next—how to reach out for rescue and endure the elements until help arrives?

A little knowledge on what to do after a forced landing can go a long way. In the Air Safety Institute's *Survive: Beyond the Forced Landing* video (<http://www.aopa.org/AOPA-Live?watch={8841D3F4-19B9-4BA8-938F-E02B8987C3B8}#oid=t5dXhmcjqXJ1MYtggOrHTE6kZakmnULG>) and safety advisor (<http://download.aopa.org/asf/sa31.pdf>) aviation experts share what actions you can take to keep you and your passengers safe until help arrives. Among their advice are tips on survival kit essentials and how you can reduce the time it takes to get found. You learn why you and your passengers should be dressed to match the climate and terrain you will be overflying to be prepared for conditions other than those expected at your departure and arrival points.

As you might imagine, increasing your chances of a post-crash survival start with proper flight planning. Watch *Survive: Beyond the Forced Landing* to learn about the single most important thing to do to improve your prospects of being found, and download the publication for more tips, a priority checklist, and advice on how to build a basic two-person aviation survival kit.

*Video and publication made possible by the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association and the Donner Canadian Foundation.*

## **AOPA Finland supporting reborn WINGS magazine**

"SIIVET - WINGS is Finnish aviation industry magazine published since 1986 by Apali Ltd. until the death of its owner & founder, Mr. Rauni Vainio.

Jämi Fly In & Airshow has been co-operating with Apali Ltd. since 2008, when there was launched the special issue of WINGS magazine featuring Jämi Fly In & Airshow, which is specialized warbirds in their shows. As soon as the news of Apali's end was public JFI Airshow Ltd., organiser of Jämi Fly In & Airshow, decided to purchase the publishing rights of the WINGS magazine and the contract of sale was signed on 28.11.2014.

AOPA Finland has been co-operating with WINGS magazine since 2012 and will continue co-operation with new publisher. AOPA Finland and WINGS have agreed co-operation to serve GA community of Finland that rely on general aviation aircraft to help make flight training and operations more efficient and successful ensuring higher flight safety level. Each WINGS issue will provide in-depth analysis on timely matters, tips for owners, operators and flight training organisations, especially in hot topics as EASA-ATO issues and reorganisation of Finnish airspace and Standardised European Rules of the Air. Airspace reorganisation seems to be tumbling up and down due to hasty and pre-mature planning as well as unorganised implementation due to poor documentation support, especially in maps.

The first WINGS magazine will appear on 25th of February 2015. AOPA Finland wishes all the best success to reborn WINGS magazine which will be THE #1 GA magazine in Finland.

<http://www.jamiflyin.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBymmD3zFc>

<http://www.jamiflyin.com/siivet-lehti>"

## **Pass on This Newsletter to Your Members**

Nothing can keep existing members, and attract new members like reminding them of the great work that IAOPA affiliates, and IAOPA, are doing on national, regional, and international levels to keep them flying. Great work is being done in all parts of the globe to advance the interests of general aviation and the best way to share the message is to make sure that this newsletter gets to as many members and non-members alike. So I encourage you to publish this on your website, send on via email to your members, and do what you can to help spread the word.

## **Link to IAOPA Europe Newsletter**

Read the latest information on what IAOPA affiliates are doing in Europe. AOPA's in every part of the globe are making a positive difference for general aviation and there is simply not enough room to publish all that is being done to keep you flying. For the latest updates on what is going on at IAOPA Europe check their website at <http://www.iaopa.eu/>