



ICASC Newsletter

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Welcome to the 15th International Flight Inspection Symposium (IFIS)



It has been a decade since this event was last hosted in the United States, when the 10th IFIS was held in Seattle, Washington. Since that time, Chile, Italy, Canada and France have served as IFIS hosts. Toulouse, France was the venue for the 14th IFIS, and it was a stimulating and wonderful event. We are sure that this year's IFIS under the chairmanship of Jim Wilson, who is with the FAA, will be memorable, as well.

The FAA is proud to co-host the 15th IFIS with the Gardner Tannenbaum Group (GTG). GTG is a leader in the commercial real estate industry, and has an impressive group of clients such as Federal Express, Northrup Grumman, ARINC and Boeing. And, we are also excited that the 7th Annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo is taking place during this week and at the same venue as the 15th IFIS. The Summit brings industry leaders, government officials, educators and technology centers together to discuss the future of aerospace and to network with counterparts.

Among the highlights this week, you will experience more than 35 commercial and industry presentations pertinent to our industry, tour an aircraft display at the ARINC hangar, and visit the world renowned Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, the home of FAA's training, logistics, research and flight inspection organizations. We have selected panel members to moderate our panel discussion titled, "Data Integrity and its Relationship to Flight Validation." We expect this topic to generate some spirited conversations and look forward to engaging maximum audience participation. The social calendar is set and includes a joint welcoming event at the Cox Convention center on Monday evening, dinner and entertainment at the Oklahoma History Museum on Tuesday and a gala event at the Cowboy Museum and Heritage Center Thursday evening. Take this opportunity to rekindle old relationships, make new ones, and enjoy the aviation legacy, rich heritage, and generous hospitality for which Oklahoma is renowned.



**Mr. Joseph F. Doubleday -
ICASC Chairman**

I happened upon a quote the other day that caused me to reflect on the ICASC goals and purpose. Robert Louis Stevenson once said "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." Ponder this for a moment with me. We, in ICASC, don't generally toil as a committee on a daily, weekly, or even monthly basis. We reacquaint, twice a year, in fellowship to promote ideas that enhance flight inspection and improve understanding and acceptance of new technology for use in aerospace navigation. Be it our work crafting

flyability language to include in ICAO documentation or the technical papers accepted for presentation at the 2008 IFIS, ICASC members our instrumental in planting seeds of vision within the flight inspection community.

I think you will find “*The ICASC Technical Working Group view on R-NAV DME/DME Flight Inspection*” is a worthy addition to our growing list of insightful messages to the world flight inspection community. The committee technical paper, presented by Mike and Herve’, is an excellent compilation of existing guidance that intends to bridge a lack of detail to current ICAO documentation and helps shape a common level of understanding and standardization of DME/DME RNAV procedure flight inspection and validation. Additionally, individual technical papers presented by Captain Pan Yi, Mike Spanner, Dave Quinnet, Dave Powell, Mel King and Yoshiyuki Sasaki further promote a collaboration of ideas to share within the flight inspection community that plant seeds of understanding between world organizations. Flight Inspection issues know no boundaries and we all benefit from each others experience, knowledge and expertise.

We have several new members to welcome this year. Captain Pan Yi, Flight Inspection Center, CAAC China has wasted no time in jumping into the spirit of ICASC by submitting and presenting a technical paper title “*Flight Inspection for High Elevation Airports.*” Like wise, Mr. John Heiderstadt from NXT Corporation, has volunteered many hours of time and effort working with our IFIS 2008 Technical Committee. We welcome both individuals to our ranks and wish them great success. I also would be remiss if I didn’t wish Cheryl Austin congratulations on her retirement from the FAA and her duties as the ICASC Executive Secretary. I will personally miss Cheryl’s “warm, spirited, can do attitude.” We have extended an invitation to her to attend as much of the IFIS and ICASC meeting as her time permits. Lastly, I would like to welcome Glenn Bissonnette as the new ICASC Executive Secretary. He is presently the manager of Flight Inspection Policy and Chief Flight Inspector for Aviation System Standards. He brings many years of flight inspection experience to the ICASC.

I’m truly excited by the upcoming 2008 IFIS and hope you are too. This year’s event will be very well attended, the location should prove to be a pleasant surprise to most who haven’t visited Oklahoma and the collection of technical papers and lively panel topic discussion should be something to remember.

Membership

At ICASC we are always seeking new members who would like to volunteer their time and effort for worthwhile activities. Feel free to contact any of the ICASC members and let them know if you are interested.

ICASC Vision

To be the medium for standardization and continuity in the exchange of technical, regulatory and commercial flight calibration information.

ICASC Mission

To promote airspace system safety by encouraging competency of flight calibration services worldwide.

ABOUT ICASC

At the 8th International Flight Inspection Symposium (IFIS), June 1994, the delegates expressed their desire that an organization be formed to serve the flight inspection community on a continuing basis. The two-year gap between symposia left a void in technical information sharing. Additionally, there was no efficient method to provide timely and accurate updates on what was happening globally in the flight inspection arena. Thus the

ICASC was born. Thirteen delegates met in Brussels, Belgium, in May 1995 and developed a draft charter. The Charter was approved by the delegates of the 9th IFIS in Braunschweig, Germany in June 1996.

Work began immediately to overcome the information-sharing problem. The obvious vehicle to transport this sharing of information was the rapidly growing internet. Hence, the committee began to develop an ICASC website dedicated to the flight inspection community. You can find the website at www.icasc.org. There you will find a wealth of flight inspection/calibration related information.

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<http://www.icasc.org>