

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 27th annual conference, to be held in Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland since at least the 15th century. It is home to the Scottish Parliament which was established in 1999, as well as a renowned centre for legal scholars and practitioners.

EALA's mission

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 27 years EALA has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for the discussion of topical developments regarding aviation law, especially from a European perspective. The mission of EALA is, among other things, to:

- serve as the leading and essential association addressing the development of air law in Europe;
- ensure dissemination of information about, and the study of, air law in Europe, and
- be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other.

EALA's 27th Annual Conference

Our next annual conference will start off with an update of the various proceedings arising from Pan Am Flight 103 which crashed in 1988 in Lockerbie, approximately 75 miles/110 kilometres south west of Edinburgh. This accident not only resulted in the imposition of political and trade sanctions on Libya, but also civil proceedings in different jurisdictions and criminal proceedings against the terrorists who placed the bomb on board the aircraft. Some families of the victims wish the conviction of one of the terrorists who committed this atrocity to be reviewed. The status of the different proceedings will be clarified by a distinguished representative of the Scottish legal profession. In addition to the sanctions and the criminal proceedings the case resulted in liability claims of historic dimensions (both against the carrier and the Libyan government).

More recent accidents affecting aviation safety will be highlighted in the next session. The world community witnessed during the last year a number of aviation tragedies involving important legal questions. Among them are the MH17 disaster which took place on 17 July 2014, and following which the

Dutch Aviation Accident Investigation Board examined the causes of this accident. Its findings are expected to be released a couple of weeks before our annual conference. Another accident concerns flight MH340 whose disappearance in the Indian Ocean is as yet unresolved. Meanwhile the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is preparing measures to prevent accidents such as the one involving Germanwings on 24 March 2015 from happening again. These measures and the surrounding international, European and domestic law context will be explained by prominent experts.

As aircraft are vulnerable, and, unfortunately also attractive assets for terrorists, security measures must be updated from time to time. Thus, security provisions were drawn up not only after the above PanAm flight 103 but also after 9/11 and more recent accidents. The session on aviation security will clarify how to proceed from here in what promises to be a highly topical session. These issues will be discussed by policymakers and legal professionals working in this field.

A brief update on the current status of international negotiations for a global agreement addressing aviation's CO2 emissions will be given.

The operation of unmanned aircraft, commonly referred to as drones, invites a discussion of myriad questions pertaining to their use, the responsibility and civil and criminal liability for such operations, and the application of human rights in case they infringe the personal atmosphere of people. This multifaceted approach will be presented by experts elucidating each of them.

The final session concerns the continuously evolving relationship between airports and airlines. Again, this relationship is marked by, among others, operational, economic, labour related and liability questions. The most distinguished practitioners working in this field will shed an innovative light on these questions from the level of international, European and domestic policy and law.

This topical agenda should attract all those who are involved with European and international aviation, and we look forward to welcoming you in the Signet Library which is one of Edinburgh's finest Georgian buildings, offering a unique and inspiring setting for our deliberations.

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2015

18:30–20:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Parliament Hall, Parliament House, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

20:00

DINNER

Upper Library, The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

During the dinner, the president of EALA will award the EALA Life Time Achievement Award to a highly recognised aviation lawyer in recognition of that lawyer's outstanding contributions to European and international aviation law.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2015

CONFERENCE

– The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

From 08:30

REGISTRATION:

Upper Library, The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

08:45 – 09:00

General Meeting of EALA

09:00 – 09:30

WELCOME ADDRESSES:

[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), president of EALA, professor of air and space law, University of Leiden, Leiden

09:30 – 09:50

The Lockerbie case – legal and practical implications

The loss of Pan Am Flight 103 in December 1988 remains the most significant aviation case in Scottish legal history. This opening session will address the international, procedural and evidential issues that arose from the perspective of an expert closely involved in the case.

09:50 – 11:20

Accidents and incidents – crimes?

MODERATOR:

[Francis Schubert](#), chief corporate officer & deputy CEO, Skyguide, Swiss Air Navigation Services Ltd., Geneva

PANELLISTS:

[Andreas Spaeth](#), freelance aviation journalist, Hamburg
[Remy Jouty](#), director, Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses pour la Sécurité de l'Aviation Civile, Paris
[Ann Frédérique Pothier](#), head of section, CRCO, Eurocontrol, Brussels
[Christian Schroeder](#), vice president operations, Aerozon Aviation Limited, Hong Kong
[Pietro Antonio Sirena](#), president of the fourth division, Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome

11:20 – 11:45

Coffee/tea break

11:45 – 13:00

Aviation security

MODERATOR:

[Kate Staples](#), general counsel and secretary to the Civil Aviation Authority, London

PANELLISTS:

[Alexander Batalov](#), counsel, CMS Legal Russia and professor, Moscow State University, Moscow
[Marie-Caroline Laurent](#), assistant director security & travel facilitation, IATA, Brussels
[David Ryder](#), head of aviation security, ACI Europe, Brussels
[Salvatore Sciacchitano](#), executive secretary, European Civil Aviation Conference, Paris
[Ian Shaw](#), aviation security strategy, planning and regulatory transformation, UK CAA, London

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

Lower Library, The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh

14:30 – 14:45

Reducing aviation's CO2 emissions: Will 2016 mark a global breakthrough?

SPEAKER:

[Michael Gill](#), director, aviation environment, IATA, Geneva

14:45 – 16:00

Drones/RPAS

MODERATOR:

[Patrick Slomski](#), partner, Clyde & Co., London

PANELLISTS:

[Brian Havel](#), distinguished research professor of law and director of the International Aviation Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law
[Frank Manuhutu](#), chief legal adviser, the legal department of the European Aviation Safety Agency
[Alison Slater](#), legal advisor, Civil Aviation Authority, UK
[Jorrit Rijjma](#), associate professor, University of Leiden

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee/tea break

16:30 – 18:00

Airport/airline relations – Conjoint twins – how airlines and airports can improve the legal framework of their relationship

MODERATOR:

[Regula Dettling-Ott](#), VP European affairs, Lufthansa Group, Brussels

PANELLISTS:

[Laura Pierallini](#), partner, Studio Pierallini, Rome
[Margus Rahuoja](#), director for aviation, European Commission, Brussels
[Guillaume Hecketsweiler](#), general counsel of Air France-KLM, Paris
[Olivier Jancovec](#), director general, ACI Europe, Brussels

18:00 – 18:15

Announcement of the winner of the EALA Prize (best paper)

[Vincent Correia](#), chairman of EALA's Academic Committee

18:15 – 18:30

Closing remarks by the president of EALA,

[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#)

18:30 – 19:30

Drinks reception, Upper Library at the Signet Library

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE DINNER, THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2015

Delegates, moderators and panellists are invited to a welcome reception from 18:30-20:00 in Parliament Hall, Parliament House, followed by dinner to commence at 20:00 at The Signet Library, Upper Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh. If a participant wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 95 will be required.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Signet Library, Upper Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh, EH1 1RF

REGISTRATION FEE

The conference registration fee (includes attendance of sessions, conference materials, dinner, two cocktail receptions and luncheon) is EUR 700 for members and EUR 850 for non-members. The 2015 membership fee is EUR 40 for individuals and EUR 120 for companies/firms.

Reduced fees of EUR 490 for members and EUR 595 for non-members are available for delegates from the Baltic states, Eastern Europe and the Balkan states. By application to EALA's treasurer, a reduced fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

CANCELLATION/CHANGES

The closing date for reservations is 23rd October 2015, although the organisers may accept later reservations. Cancellations can be accepted up to 30th October 2015, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Thereafter, no refund can be offered. Cancellations should be notified to EALA's treasurer, Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided in the registration form. A registered delegate may be substituted at any time before commencement of the conference on request.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, EALA reserves the right to alter the content of the conference or the identity of the panellists without notice.

ENGLISH SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY CPD

The conference has been approved by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in England for the purposes of Continuous Professional Development credits under reference BXK/EALA.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Mihaela Galea, email mga@gorrissenfederspiel.com. For Dutch lawyers, please instead contact Paula van der Wulp, email p.vanderwulp@law.leidenuniv.nl

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the hotel below. Better rates may possibly be found through other sources. Reservations should be made directly with the reservation department of each hotel. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Balmoral Hotel, 1 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2EQ.

Reservations: T: +44 131 556 2414 or

Email: reservations.balmoral@roccofortehotels.com

Booking code: GRAND051115.

The price is including breakfast.

Executive Single Room	GBP 165.00
Double Room	GBP 195.00

The Apex International Hotel, 31-35, Grassmarket, Edinburgh EH1 2HS.

Reservations: T: +44 845 365 0000

Booking code: AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

The price is including breakfast.

Single Occupancy	GBP 115.00
Double Occupancy	GBP 125.00

Motel One Edinburgh-Princes, 10-15 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2AN, T: +44 131 550 9220
Rooms subject to availability.

Classic - double room (single occupancy)
GBP 69.00
GBP 78.50 incl. continental buffet breakfast

Room with a view - double room (single occupancy)
GBP 79.00
GBP 88.50 incl. continental buffet breakfast

Classic - double room (double occupancy)
GBP 84.00
GBP 103.00 incl. continental buffet breakfast

Room with a view - double room (double occupancy)
GBP 94.00
GBP 113.00 incl. continental buffet breakfast