

Time for Change 2015 -

Time for change - with the development of communication technology moving at a fast pace, business practices have changed: social media becoming a must have marketing tool; internet banking and accounting systems; computer and phone links enabling worldwide meetings without travel and many other electronic opportunities. As well to maintain the UK Charity status IFA needed to review, update and incorporate the structure and working methods and over a period of time changes were implemented

2015

Our 40th year, no large celebrations but some administrative changes. Early in the year the new branding with a revised logo, brochures and certificates was launched. Our Annual Magazine was re-named - Airworthiness Matters and reformatted e-newsletters were sent on a more regular basis to members.

An EC meeting was held in March at City University. Frank Turner and Emma Bossom were proposed as Trustees following the retirements of Simon Witts and Peter Harper. At the meeting it was decided to update the management structure forming an IFA Board to include the EC and Trustees into one group with Executive and Non-Executive members.

Attendance at EASA, RAeS and ICAO meetings continued and several conferences were attended by TC members. The main workshop and Forum was held in November in Hong Kong with the support of CAD Hong Kong. The title was Continuing Airworthiness - Critical Interfaces. The half day workshop was very well received.

Following the meetings in Hong Kong, Mr Jared Ajwanga was appointed as IFA VP Africa.

Alongside the Forum an EC Meeting and the AGM were held. At the AGM the proposal to re-structure the EC and Trustees into a new IFA Board was accepted by the members.

The Whittle Award was presented to Mrs Beth Gamble, Textron. Beth has worked hard and sometimes in difficult circumstances to develop a suite of maintenance programs specially engineered to ensure Cessna aircraft are damage tolerant and airworthy. The award was presented by IFA VP Americas, John Goglia at the ASIP Conference, Texas in December.

The Scholarship was awarded to Jason Digance, Airworthiness Surveyor, CAA UK who attended the European Society of Air Safety Investigators (ESASI) conference hold in Augsburg Germany in August. Jason provided a very thorough report for the members.

At the end of the year we welcomed our first Student Members, hopefully the first of many.

Discussions over the year have highlighted our need to find new people to fulfil the working roles of IFA, with the aim of increasing our technical output.

2016

John Saull, Executive Director of IFA for 21 years retired. During his tenure he applied vast experience to the benefit of IFA, his dedication to safety helped shape IFA as we know it today and to many people around the world, John Saull was IFA.

Following changes to the IFA Constitution it was decided to update some of the IFA Officer positions, they became members of the IFA Board with the titles of Chief Executive Office, Chief Finance Officer and Vice President Technical.

John Vincent, former Deputy Director for Strategic Safety and Head of the Safety Analysis and Research Department at EASA was appointed as IFA CEO.

2017

Airworthiness - 'As important today as it's always been', IFA CEO, John Vincent wrote in the Foreword for the Annual magazine, he highlighted that having achieved great improvements in the past the challenges ahead are no less daunting, continued growth in air traffic, the relentless pace of innovation not only in design, production and maintenance but in our ways and means of organising and communicating. The discipline of airworthiness needs the best people working with state-of-the-art technology and methods to keep us all safe.

The 2017 Whittle Award was presented to Mike Gamlin, Manager-Air Safety Investigation, Rolls Royce Plc in recognition of his contribution to aviation safety over more than four decades, in particular the extensive work ensuring the effectiveness of accident investigation across the globe.

Mr Kiran Srinivasan

2018

Doing it right as pressure mounts, John Vincent commented that the year had passed swiftly. 2018 will be remembered for several catastrophic accidents but it was one of the safest years on record for commercial aviation. Decades of campaigning to make Safety Management Systems work doesn't mean the job is done.

John, Cengiz and other Technical Committee members attended and contributed to global events during the year covering a range of airworthiness related issues.

- EASA CAT-CAG Meetings

- ICAO AIRP - Dave Lewis attended the October meeting

- EASA/FAA Conference held in Washington, USA was attended by John

- Aerospace Maintenance Competition - organised by John Goglia, IFA VP Americas continues to grow and is an amazing opportunity to showcase the work of engineers and technicians from across the globe.

Other events included: MRO Europe and Helitech International; Big Data London one day event; RAeS Exploitation of Electronic Data in Airworthiness and Maintenance; Aviation Festival; Aircraft Airworthiness and Sustainment Conference, Brisbane;

The Whittle Award was presented to Dr Hazel Courteney, recognising her work with the aviation community over 35 years, focusing on Safety Strategy and Safety Management. The medal and certificate were presented to Hazel at the Farnborough Air Show.

The Scholarship was awarded to Alvaro Rodriguez, MSc student in Aeronautical Engineering at Universidad Politecnica de Madrid. Alvaro chose to attend the Cranfield University Airworthiness Fundamentals course.

The IFA Conference and workshops were held in Dubai hosted by Emirates Engineering. Aviation professionals gathered to discuss 'Best Practices in Safety Risk Management'. John McColl, Head of Airworthiness at UK CAA gave the keynote address. On the second day there were 2 workshops: Steve Swift, IFA VP Australasia moderated the first session covering New structural inspection technologies - considering how do we assure safety without stifling innovation, with practical demonstration of a robot capable of climbing the walls; the second workshop presented by Cengiz Turkoglu and Jelle ?? looked at Identifying high risk areas in airworthiness focusing on causal factors, taking data from two different research projects analysing data sets from European Central Repository and accidents/serious incident investigation reports from 'Air Safety Network' & Skybrary databases.

Whilst in Dubai, IFA supported the local RAeS branch with John presenting the Sir Maurice Flanagan lecture on the subject of 'Safety related digital records in aviation - regulatory issues and vulnerabilities'.

Board meetings held in February and December, with a pre-Board meeting being held in conjunction with the Dubai technical events. Attracting new members and new revenues of sponsorship money continues to be a key issue and a high priority. It was decided to release funds to develop a new IFA Website - as a core tool it is important for IFA to improve its image and provide a better platform for the dissemination of technical information.

The Trust Fund value increased, new auditors were appointed to examine the accounts and they highlighted new Charity Commission requirements which will need to be implemented by the Trustees.