

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT PROFESSIONAL**

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**SUMMARY**

*This report covers the activities of the Executive Vice President Professional (EVP P) from the Conference in Singapore until the Executive Board Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa. It is structured in sections about Meetings Attended, Professional and Legal Committee (PLC), IFATCA Mental Wellbeing Task Force (MWTF), ICAO Mental Health Task Force, ICAO Safety Management Panel (SMP), ICAO Personnel Training and Licensing Panel (PTLP), IFATCA Training Task Force (TTF) and Other Activities.*

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This report covers the period from the Annual Conference in Singapore until the Executive Board Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1. My responsibilities as Executive Vice President Professional (EVP P) include overseeing and cooperating with the Professional and Legal Committee (PLC), ICAO Mental Health WG, EUROCAE NGAP WG-125, ICAO SMP, IFATCA Training Task Force and the newly established Mental Wellness Task Force. Any other Professional or Legal activity deemed necessary by the Executive Board.
- 2.2. I have decided to relocate to Switzerland at the end of July 2024 and could not give so much attention to my IFATCA activities due to the location process. I am settled in Switzerland, but it became clear to me that unfortunately, I would not have the spare time available to attend IFATCA activities anymore due to my new position in Skyguide. The last year has been hectic, and I would like to thank the EB for the support and their help where needed.
- 2.3. Meetings attended:
- IFATCA Annual Conference in Singapore, 15 - 19 April 2024.
  - Some of the weekly EB Zoom meetings.
  - Some of the IFATCS TTF Meetings (Zoom).
  - Some of the IFATCA MWTF Meetings (Zoom).

### Professional and Legal Committee

- 2.4. PLC again presented fantastic papers for this year's conference in Abu Dhabi.
- 2.5. The PLC Chair has done a fantastic job pulling the group together and leading the group. He has been supported by Donna Fields from Australia, and she has been a huge help with organising the PLC meeting in Osaka, Japan.
- 2.6. The first PLC meeting was held in Osaka, Japan from 7 – 9 October 2024 and it was well attended by all members.
- 2.7. The second meeting was held in Mexico City, Mexico from 14 – 16 January 2025 and it was well attended by all members.
- 2.8. Both meetings had good discussions and valuable input from all members to improve the quality of the working papers.

### IFATCA Mental Wellbeing Task Force (MWTF)

- 2.9. The IFATCA Mental Wellbeing Task Force is progressing strong under the leadership of Dr Jaco van der Westhuizen. Two members of the group attended the International Peer Assist Aviation Coalition (IPAAC) Conference in Japan.
- 2.10. The MWTF is growing well, and new members has been incorporated into the group this year.

### ICAO Safety Management Panel

- 2.11. Everything is going smoothly at the Safety Management Panel with Andy Belshaw representing IFATCA on the panel.

### ICAO Personnel Training and Licensing Panel

- 2.12. Everything is going smoothly at the Personnel Training and Licensing Panel with Ausra Straume representing IFATCA on the panel.

### IFATCA Training Task Force

- 2.13. Ben Kings is leading the TF well and there is movement on course development. He will report himself to the conference.

### Speak English Programme (SEP)

- 2.14. The IFATCA Speak English Programme is running smoothly, some administrative tasks need to be streamlined.

### Professional Financial Situation

- 2.15. The professional budget is looking good at this stage and every possible precaution is taken to minimise the expenditure.

### General

- 2.16. I would like to thank my home association (GATCSA) for their support and all the IFATCA Board Members serving on the Executive Board for their help when called upon. I believe as a board we have moved forward and not only achieved quite a significant number of goals but also developed a lasting friendship.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1. It has been quite a challenging year for the Professional domain, but with the dedication of all the hard-working volunteers, all the goals were achieved, and IFATCA, as a Professional Organisation representing Air Traffic Controllers all over the world, has made its voice clear, we have influenced the debate where possible and gave valuable opinions where necessary.
- 3.2. Thank you very much to all the dedicated volunteers spending their free time to serve the Federation, giving up valuable time mostly away from your family to better the profession we all love so dearly.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1. It is recommended that this paper be accepted as information.

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