

TOC Chair Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This year TOC undertook a diverse array of topics. Member Associations, both elected and corresponding, provided excellent resources to help tackle the workload. This report details the work which was completed this year.

2. DISCUSSION**Committee and Meetings**

- 2.1. Again, this year we had excellent levels of interest, I am grateful for the desire to participate from the Member Associations (MA). This year the following 9 MAs were elected: Canada, EGATS, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Italy, Philippines, Singapore, and USA. Many MAs stood up for the roles of Corresponding MA, and several of them took on the task of completing a research paper. Those Corresponding MAs that will be presenting their work include Malaysia, Mexico, and Romania. Additional corresponding MAs assisted with work including Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Senegal.
- 2.2. This year the committee has paid mind to the ICAO goals of the environment in the working programme planning. The committee also had the opportunity to meet with the International Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) Air Traffic Services committee there was a second focus on topics that would be of mutual interest. This allowed the unique chance to get face to face feedback from the pilots. The remainder of the programme came from ICAO Panel Representative suggestions, outstanding TOC work from previous programmes, or MA submitted job cards. All paper topics were seen to completion with the exception of ATS 3.8 Radar Monitoring Policy review which has been put on hold due to circumstances the author has been contending with.
- 2.3. TOC had two very successful meetings this year. During September 2024, TOC met alongside IFALPA in Madrid, Spain. This meeting had one full day with IFALPA, wherein each group selected topics most relevant to communicate on. The three-day meeting was generously hosted by Indra, who also provided several interesting presentations. The meeting was well attended, and there were excellent facilities provided for those that were not able to be present to join remotely. The meeting planning was greatly assisted by Ignacio Baca of Unión Sindical de Controladores Aéreos (USCA). Many thanks to USCA for their support. This meeting would not have been feasible without the excellent vision and coordination of IFALPA ATS Liaison Kimmo Koivula.
- 2.4. The second meeting of the year was a combined meeting of PLC and TOC held in Mexico City, Mexico. The meeting featured many distinctive opportunities for the group. Two days of the meeting were held at ICAO North American, Central American

and Caribbean Regional Office (NACC). This was the first chance that many members had to visit an ICAO Regional office. Many thanks to Josue Gonzalez and Christopher Barks of ICAO, for coordinating meeting space and providing refreshments. Indra provided TOC with a presentation pertaining to Mexico and Central America, as well as a generous lunch. Members of Colegio de Controladores de Tránsito Aéreo de México (COCTAM) were outstanding help, and we could not have coordinated this without them. COCTAM provided the chance for the group to visit Servicios a la Navegación en el Espacio Aéreo Mexicano (SENEAM) and see traffic management, tower, approach and ACC units. COCTAM also provided meeting space in their offices, lunch, refreshments and transportation. Specific thanks go to Danahe Lopez, Lupita Hernandez, Raquel Lopez, Hugo Barron, and Miguel Castillo.

- 2.5. I would like to thank TOC committee members themselves for the efforts they have put in this year. I would also like to thank David Perks for his outstanding assistance. His recent panel experiences have also proved specifically useful on some of the agenda. Also, our subject matter experts, our liaisons, and our proofreaders.
- 2.6. Throughout the year the team has utilized Google Drive to collaborate. The platform remains a viable methodology to collaborate. In addition to the in-person meetings virtually, TOC has utilized TEAMS for in person interim meetings and an extensive series of chat groups for each individual topic.
- 2.7. This year the committee learned there was an area it could improve when it comes to timing of meetings with regards to the feedback period. The committee will consider the timings further in advance, during next year's planning. TOC will continue trying to figure out the best methods to get team feedback, to help garner the best work.
- 2.8. At the time of the writing of this paper TOC, has reached out to potential host MAs for the 2025-26 year. This will allow for budgeting, scheduling, and for MAs to be able to make the choices necessary for their desires to run for the committee.

Budget

- 2.9. The committee came in under budget this year. This was due to multiple factors including locations, lots of shopping around, and the kindness of those worked with us. The meetings were both well attended. For Madrid the office space at Indra was kindly given to us, as well as lunches. USCA provided the buses for a meal in the heart of Madrid. In Mexico City ICAO kindly offered up meeting space as well as refreshments. Also, COCTAM provided additional meeting space, lunch, and all of the necessary transportation.

Connection

- 2.10. The Job Card form (as created by Adam Exley) has continued to provide an excellent methodology to keep the suggested topics in a centralized location. I started early and had the Communications Committee run advertisements to try to draw topics in early to best plan for the next year.
- 2.11. TOC has continued to foster a relationship with IFALPA. Kimmo Koivula has continued to be an excellent resource to TOC and connecting the jet bridge with the pilot community. Kolja Bollhorst has proven extremely helpful in providing the pilot perspective to the group. The September meeting with the IFALPA ATS committee was very well received. It had been a decade since the last one. Due to the positives in information sharing there is a desire, on both sides, to have another in a quicker

succession. The connection from the meeting also allowed for TOC to invite local Mexican captain Pascual Alvarez to attend some of the meeting in Mexico City.

- 2.12. TOC did collaborate more with PLC, Task Forces, and ICAO Panel Representatives this term, but there is still room for improvement.
- 2.13. I attended the Americas Regional Meeting in Trinidad & Tobago. The meeting allowed for me to brief the region on the workings of the committee as well as solicit feedback on select paper topics. Danahe Lopez had the opportunity to brief the group on her topic as well.
- 2.14. If your MA would like to get more involved or you have suggestions on how we can improve, please reach out.

Future

- 2.15. To help volunteers be best informed, we are working towards taking a more proactive approach on where and when the meetings will be planned and held. This will allow a more accurate timeline for preparedness of the papers and a more predictable estimate of expenses.
- 2.16. TOC will continue trying to strengthen and collaborate with the members which are serving on ICAO Panels and Task Forces to best serve the Federation's needs.

Personally

- 2.17. I would like to thank NATCA USA, for all of their support. Without their assistance I would not be able to fulfil the role. Additionally, thanks to my association for providing subject matter experts to assist whenever we sought help.
- 2.18. I would like to thank Benjamin van der Sanden for being a continual support and collaborator throughout the year. Also, for the countless WhatsApp messages and calls that were needed to produce the best work of the committee.
- 2.19. Further thanks to our ICAO Panel Representatives, IFALPA representatives, and Task Force members that stepped up to share their expertise.
- 2.20. Finally, I would like to thank the MAs that have stood up to help TOC to provide us with elected and corresponding members. They are what makes the committee run.

3. CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1. TOC has completed a well-done set of papers across a wide swath of different topics. I look forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the next year.

4. DRAFT RECCOMENDATIONS

- 4.1. It is recommended this paper is accepted as an information paper.

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