



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

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Virtual Meeting

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Activities Since the last International Council Meeting or Future Events

The ESASI seminar was held in Budapest, Hungary, 6-7 April 2022 – **‘Maintaining the Momentum’**. This was the first ESASI ‘in-person’ meeting since Derby in 2019 - originally planned and booked for Spring 2020.

The planning of the event was well supported throughout by the **Transportation Safety Bureau** (TSB) of Hungary, led by their Director, Lorand Becske. The main ESASI Seminar was preceded, 5 April, ‘back-to-back’, by the ACC/56 meeting of the ECAC ACC. This boosted attendance at both ESASI and ECAC events - as did the holding of a further meeting on 5 April, of the MASI (Military Air Safety Investigation) group.

The Seminar preparations worked well, with good IT support by the UK AAIB. Health and travel restrictions were being lifted through Europe, the hotel staff were excellent and attendance was very good, with close to capacity (110+) delegates for ESASI and a number of companions. The programme followed the established ESASI seminar format, with a day-and-a-half of technical presentations and updates – a total of 14, generally of 30 minutes duration including Q&A time. The moderators kept the presenters to time, giving excellent networking breaks for delegates between the presentations.

Details of the presentations, all received well, will be found on the ESASI website. They included an update by Airbus and EASA on 5G issues in relation to air safety; 3-D photogrammetry on helicopter sites; general aviation in Hungary; military and civil investigations in Norway; parachute accidents in Sweden; proposals for improved flight safety at GA aerodromes everywhere. Perhaps the most striking presentation was an extended session by Jurgen Whyte of the Irish AAIU on the search and recovery challenges of the S-92 Coastguard helicopter which crashed at Black Rock some years ago, and the lessons learned.

In addition, ISASI VP Rob Carter welcomed the Hungarian TSB into Corporate Membership of ISASI. It was also the opportunity for ESASI to hold its formal annual meeting (AGM), led by the President, Olivier Ferrante. For the ‘serious student’ there are extended notes on the AGM on the ESASI

website. Broadly, this Regional society is in a stable condition, in organisation and finance and with a Committee from five separate European states. ESASI is aiming to continue into the future with an annual 'in-person' ESASI seminar, a continuation of shorter on-line 'FocusOn....' sessions and, hopefully in 2024, a possible hosting of the main ISASI seminar in Lisbon, Portugal.

The post-event reviews have been very good. There seems to be a real taste for this sort of Regional event within ISASI and the financial model, where Seminar costs are kept low to allow a wide regional attendance.

In addition, since the last ICM, ESASI held its bi-annual elections in 2021, resulting in a committee of 10, which allows a wider range of activity. This included in December 2021 the second of a series of 'FocusOn....' Sessions – this one was on 'Protected information' and was successful.

Council action items/recommendation:

ESASI has no direct Recommendations to the council, other than to comment that the national and Regional level are excellent conduits for useful technical content which may then be published for all ESASI members to access.

Signed/Print:

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