

Atlantic Conference on EYJAFJALLAJÖKULL AND AVIATION

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Welcome to the most important Aviation Conference in 2010

Participation in the conference on the most dramatic event in recent aviation history is your best contribution to make sure it will not happen again.

Aviation leaders, experts and policy-makers from all over the world will assemble in Iceland in September to discuss the lessons learned from the Eyjafjallajökull eruption and how technology, rules, regulations and aviation training must be improved before the next volcano eruption.

- What happened at Eyjafjallajökull?
- Why was Europe's airspace closed?
- What procedures were followed?
- What has been learned?
- What are the effects of volcanic ash on airplanes and can they be reduced?
- What steps are to be taken, and by whom, to minimize the threats that volcanic ash poses to aviation?

Discover how the aviation and science communities can work together to increase safety and efficiency in dealing with future eruptions.

Among the confirmed speakers in the aviation sessions

we have: *Mr. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson* President of Iceland, *Mr. Daniel Calleja-Crespo* Director General Mobility and Transport European Commission, *Ms. Nancy Graham* Director ICAO Air Navigation Bureau, *Mr. Karsten Theil* Regional Director of ICAO's European and North Atlantic Office, *Mr. Gunther Matschnigg* Senior Vice President for IATA Safety, Operations, *Mr. Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus* Secretary General AEA, *Mr. Graham Lake* Director General, CANSO, *Mr. Bo Redeborn* Director of Corporate Network Design, EUROCONTROL, *Mr. John Vincent* Head of Safety Analysis and Research EASA, *Mr. Douglas Kihm* Boeing Technical Fellow, *Capt. M. Manfred Birnfeld* AIRBUS senior flight test engineer, *Mr. Patrick Emmott* Senior Vice President Technical Service Rolls-Royce, *Eng. Jacques Renvier* Senior Vice President SNECMA, *Mr. Padhraic Kelleher*

Head of the Airworthiness Division UKCAA, *Mr. Steve Creamer* Brussels FAA Executive, *Mr. Tom Hendricks* ATA Vice President-Operations and Safety, *Mr. David Strand*, AA airline representative ICAO working group on volcanic ash, *Captain Robert (Bob) Graves* Director of flight operations Alaska Airlines, *Mr. Birkir Holm Gudnason* CEO Icelandair, *Dr. Petur K. Maack* Director General ICAA, *Mr. Asgeir Palsson*, Director of ISAVIA ANS and Chairman NAT/SPG, *Mr. Stephen Perkins* Head of Centre Joint Transport Research Centre of the OECD and the International Transport Forum and *Dr. Thorgerir Palsson* former Director General of ICAA and ISAVIA.

Among the confirmed speakers in the science sessions

we have: *Dr. Haraldur Sigurdsson* Volcanologist and Emeritus Professor of Oceanography, *Dr. William Aspinall* Geophysicist and Professor University of Bristol, UK, *Dr. Constanza Bonadonna* Volcanologist and Prof. University of Geneva, *Dr. Fred Prata* Senior scientist, NILU, Norway, *Mr. Ian Lisk*, Meteorologist WMO Manager, Met Office, UK, *Dr. Ulrich Schumann* Director DLR, *Dr. John Eichelberger* USGS, *Dr. Evgeny Gordeev* Russian Academy of Sciences and *Dr. Arni Snorrason* Director of IMO.

The Conference on **Eyjafjallajökull and Aviation** will convene at Keflavik Airport, Iceland, on September 15-16, 2010. It is organized by the Keilir Aviation Academy, in cooperation with the *President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson*, the *Minister of Transport Kristján L. Möller*, the *US Embassy* and the *Embassy of the Russian Federations in Iceland* as well **ICAO, IATA, ATA, AEA, ICAA, ISAVIA, IMO, Icelandair, etc.**

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**An Invitation
from
the President of Iceland
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**

In the middle of the Atlantic, at the crossroads of European weather systems, the youngest country on Earth has recently reminded the world how, through a combination of a volcanic eruption and enormous quantities of glacial ice, the forces of nature can produce huge ash clouds, impacting on nations far away, even disrupting for a while the travel plans of millions in different continents. For the first time since modern aviation became the pillar of international transport, a volcanic eruption has reminded all of us that our technological and economic systems must take into account the will of nature and how the Earth is capable of ultimate surprises.

Aviation stakeholders must now understand and adapt to this kind of potential disruption. Eyjafjallajökull has become a symbol of this situation, and thus it is appropriate to invite aviation leaders, experts and policy-makers to assemble at the recently established Keilir Aviation Academy at Keflavík International Airport, to discuss the lessons learned and how technology, rules, regulations and aviation training must be improved.

For us in Iceland it is important to make a contribution of this type to the constructive international dialogue that is now needed. Therefore we invite you all to participate in the Atlantic Conference on Eyjafjallajökull and Aviation. It will certainly be a worthwhile experience.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson".