

Atlantic Conference on Eyjafjallajökull and Aviation

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Welcome!

The April 2010 eruption in Eyjafjallajökull created stunning disruptions in aviation in Europe and had repercussions all over the globe. The consequences were felt by millions of people and the aviation industry suffered badly. With future developments in mind, it is compelling for the industry to analyze what happened and to prepare for future eruptions of this kind, wherever they will occur.

In cooperation with the **President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, the Minister of Transport Kristján L. Möller, ICAO, IATA, ATA, AEA, Icelandair, Inspired by Iceland, the US Embassy and the Embassy of the Russian Federation**, we have therefore decided to invite the leaders, experts and policy-makers from Europe and elsewhere to assemble at the recently established Keilir Aviation Academy at Keflavík International Airport, to discuss the lessons to be learned and how technology, rules, regulations and aviation training must be improved. This is a chance for European aviation stakeholders to discuss and compare aviation procedures with US, Russian and Chinese colleagues.

During the conference, there will be eight fundamental themes, covering topics such as:

- *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?*

Confirmed speakers will come from the civil aviation authorities across Europe, Russia, China, the U.S., the European Commission, ICAO, IATA, AEA, ATA, FAA, EASA, EUROCONTROL, CANSO, OECD, UNWTO, airlines, airports and air navigation service providers like AIRBUS, BOEING, ROLLS ROYCE, CFM/SNECMA, meteorological offices, VAAC, as well as personnel from research organizations directly involved in supporting the aviation business. In addition to aviation authority members, scientists from the University of Iceland, USGS, NASA NILU, DLR, etc. will also be discussing the issues of volcanic eruptions and volcanic ash detection and distribution. The President of Iceland is the Patron of the Conference and will deliver the opening address.

Participants will have numerous opportunities to meet colleagues from all parts of the world during the two conference days, including a reception by the Minister of Transport and US Embassy on Tuesday 14th Sept. and the "Viking Dinner" on Wednesday 15th Sept., hosted by ISAVIA, which will take place in the Viking Village. Singing Vikings and Valkyries will serve traditional Icelandic food in old fashioned Viking-style trays. Furthermore flight sightseeing tours to Eyjafjallajökull will be organized on the 14th and 17th September.

To find out more regarding the conference, delegate registration and to download the latest program please visit: <http://en.keilir.net/keilir/conferences/eyjafjallajokull>

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